

April 17, 2023

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge in Pasco:

Bonneville Dam upstream to Tower Island power lines:

Immediately through May 6, 2023: Fishing from a vessel is prohibited; bank angling with hand-cast lines only. Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Tower Island power lines upstream to The Dalles Dam:

Immediately through May 6, 2023: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

From a line starting from a fishing boundary sign on the Washington north shore located approx. 1300' upstream of the Dalles Dam and Lock boat ramp projected easterly across the Columbia River to a boundary sign on the Washington southern shore located approx. 200' above the fish ladder exit upstream to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon border:

Immediately through May 6, 2023: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam:

Catch and release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River:

Until further notice, the posted fishing boundary markers will be located at the 400-foot distance below the Barrier Dam.

Wind River:

Effective March 16, 2023 until further notice, from the mouth to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: Salmon and hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 1 adult salmon and 1

hatchery steelhead or up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

Klickitat River:

From the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: Effective April 1 through May 26, 2023: Salmon and hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 2, of which up to 1 may be an adult salmon. Release wild Chinook. Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

- Beginning May 27, 2023 until further notice: Salmon: Daily limit 6, of which up to 1 may be an adult. Release wild Chinook.

Klickitat River:

From 400 feet upstream of #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon Hatchery: Effective May 27, 2023 until further notice, Salmon: Closed.

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Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – 40 bank rods had no catch. 5 boats/7 rods had no catch.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – 46 bank rods kept 10 steelhead. 10 boats/28 rods kept 13 steelhead and released two steelhead.

Kalama River – 19 bank rods had no catch. 7 boats/19 rods kept one Chinook and released one steelhead.

Lewis River – 33 bank rods released one steelhead. 11 boats/20 rods kept two Chinook.

Wind River – 11 bank rods had no catch. 16 boats/30 rods kept one Chinook and released two Chinook.

Drano Lake – Four bank rods had no catch. 60 boats/137 rods kept four Chinook and released one Chinook.

Klickitat River below Fisher Hill Bridge – One bank rod had no catch.