

March 5, 2024

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Columbia River from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam:

Buoy 10 upstream to Beacon Rock:

Effective March 1 through April 5, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead. Shad retention allowed, no min. size or daily limit.

Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam deadline:

Effective March 1 through April 5, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead. Shad retention allowed, no min. size or daily limit. Fishing from a vessel is prohibited. Bank angling with hand-cast lines only.

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

Bonneville Dam upstream to Tower Island power lines:

No emergency rules through March 31, 2024.

Effective April 1 through May 2, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead. Fishing from a vessel is prohibited. Bank angling with hand-cast lines only.

Tower Island power lines upstream to The Dalles Dam:

No emergency rules through March 31, 2024.

Effective April 1 through May 2, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery 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 March 31, 2024: Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery steelhead.

Effective April 1 through May 2, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam:

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

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Deep River:

Effective March 1 through April 5, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead.

Cowlitz River:

January 5 until further notice, the posted fishing boundary markers will be located at the 400-foot distance below the Barrier Dam.

Effective March 1, 2024 until further notice: from the mouth to the fishing boundary signs below the Barrier Dam, Salmon: Min. size 12". Daily limit 6; up to 1 adult may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook jacks, adult Chinook with both an adipose and ventral fin clip with a healed scar, hatchery coho and hatchery steelhead.

Kalama River:

Effective March 1 until further notice, from the mouth to 1,000 feet below the fishway at Kalama Falls hatchery: The daily salmon limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

Fishery Reports:

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – No report.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – No report.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – No report.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – One bank angler had no catch.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – No report.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – Two bank anglers had no catch.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – No report.

Sec 8 (Longview) – Two bank anglers kept one steelhead.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – No report.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – No report.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – 74 bank rods kept seven steelhead and released one steelhead. 1 boat/4 rods had no catch.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – 39 bank rods kept five steelhead and released one steelhead. 31 boats/107 rods kept 78 steelhead and released four steelhead.

Kalama River – No report.

Lewis River – No report.