

February 19, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Salmon/Steelhead:

There is a Compact Hearing scheduled at 10:00 AM on February 19 at the Shilo Inn near the Portland Airport, 11707 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR that will consider mainstem recreational spring season fisheries.

Sturgeon:

- Buoy 10 upstream to John Day Dam including adjacent tributaries — Closed to White Sturgeon retention but remains open for catch-and-release fishing only.
- The John Day pool is open to the retention of white sturgeon until the quota is met. See 2019/2020 <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/> for retention details.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 5 (Woodland) – Six bank anglers kept one steelhead.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – One bank angler had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – One bank angler had no catch.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Grays River – Eight bank anglers had no catch.

Elochoman River – 12 bank anglers released two steelhead. 1 boat/2 rods released two steelhead.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – Four bank rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br – 10 bank rods had no catch. 5 boats/20 rods kept eleven steelhead and released one steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 48 winter-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released one winter-run steelhead adult into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released seven winter-run steelhead adults into the Cispus River near Yellow Jacket Creek.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 17,700 cubic feet per second on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Water visibility is 3 feet and the water temperature is 42.4 F.

Sturgeon:

Bonneville Pool – Six bank anglers had no catch. 8 boats/24 rods kept six legal sturgeon and released six legal, 63 sublegal and one oversize sturgeon.

The Dalles Pool – 15 bank anglers had no catch. 13 boats/30 rods kept 10 legal sturgeon and released three legal, 35 sublegal and one oversize sturgeon.

John Day Pool – 52 bank anglers released one sublegal sturgeon. 8 boats/21 rods kept two legal sturgeon and released eight sublegal and two oversize sturgeon.

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool – 2 boats/2 rods had no catch.

The Dalles Pool – 8 boats/20 rods had no catch.

John Day Pool – Two bank anglers had no catch. 4 boats/9 rods released three walleye.

Catchable Trout Plants:

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
Battle Ground LK (CLARK)	Feb 3, 2019	Rainbow	1,500	2.30	Vancouver
Klinline PD (CLARK)	Feb 3, 2019	Rainbow	1,500	2.30	Vancouver