

March 17, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice: Mainstem Columbia River waters downstream of the Warrior Rock line are closed to salmon, steelhead and shad fishing.

Warrior Rock line upstream to Bonneville Dam: Effective March 1 through March 31, 2020 open 7 days per week. Closed April 1, 2020. Starting April 2, 2020 until further notice open 3 days per week; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open for boat and bank fishing from the Warrior Rock line upstream to the Beacon Rock line, plus bank angling only from the Beacon Rock line upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline. Release all wild Chinook, coho and steelhead.

Bonneville Dam upstream to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon Border: Effective April 1 through May 5, 2020 open 7 days per week. Open to bank angling only from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Tower Island power lines (except for those waters closed under permanent regulations). Only hand-cast lines may be used. Open for boat and bank angling from the Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to the Oregon/Washington border. Release all wild Chinook, coho and steelhead.

McNary Dam upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA: Effective through March 31, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of steelhead.

Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA upstream to Old Hanford townsite powerline crossing: Effective through April 15, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of steelhead.

Salmon/Steelhead

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River: Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth upstream to Forest Road 1270, the Cispus River, and Lake Scanewa: Closed to salmon retention. Until further notice, the closed waters section below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery Barrier Dam is 400', at the posted markers.

Kalama River: Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to 1,000 feet below the fishway at the upper salmon 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.

Lewis River: Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to Merwin dam: Closed to salmon retention.

Salmon Creek: Effective March 16 through May 22, 2020, From the mouth to the 182nd Avenue Bridge: steelhead: Minimum size 20", daily limit 3. Selective gear rules, except barbed hooks are allowed.

Wind River: Effective March 16, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to 400 feet downstream of Shipherd Falls fish ladder: salmon and steelhead daily limit is 6; no more than 2 hatchery steelhead, **or** 1 hatchery salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Effective May 1, 2020 until further notice, from 100' above Shipherd Falls to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: the salmon and steelhead daily limit is 6; no more than 2 hatchery steelhead, **or** 1 salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained. The Closed Waters area around the coffer dam remains in effect.

Drano Lake: Effective March 16, 2020 until further notice, in the waters downstream of markers on point of land downstream and across from Little White Salmon National Fish hatchery and upstream of Highway 14 Bridge; Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 2, no more than 1 may be an adult salmon. Only hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead may be retained.

Klickitat River: Effective April 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: the adult salmon daily limit is one fish. Effective May 23, 2020 until further notice, from 400 feet upstream from #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery: the daily salmon limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult.

Sturgeon:

From the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries — Effective until further notice: White Sturgeon is open for catch-and-release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 9 bank anglers had no catch.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 2 boats/3 rods kept one steelhead.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 3 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 31 bank anglers released one steelhead. 41 boats/76 rods kept two Chinook.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Elochoman River – 5 bank anglers kept one steelhead. 2 boats/5 rods released 3 steelhead.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 170 bank rods kept 18 steelhead and released 10 steelhead. 2 boats/4 rods kept one steelhead.

Cowlitz River above the I-5 Br – 59 bank rods kept nine steelhead and released one steelhead. 135 boats/437 rods kept 161 steelhead and released 17 steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 279 winter-run steelhead adults and one spring Chinook adult during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released 10 winter-run steelhead adults into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released 23 winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa in Randle.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,430 cubic feet per second on Monday, March 16, 2020. Water visibility is 6 feet and the water temperature is 43.2 F.

Kalama River – 2 bank anglers had no catch. 3 boats/7 rods kept five steelhead.

Lewis River – 5 bank anglers had no catch.

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 (CLARK)	Mar 9, 2020	Rainbow	2,000	1.80	Vancouver
Kliline PD (CLARK)	Mar 3, 2020	Rainbow	1,500	2.00	Vancouver
Lacamas LK (CLARK)	Mar 2, 2020	Rainbow	4,000	2.30	Vancouver