

May 19, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

See emergency sport fishing regulations for the mainstem Columbia River and tributaries downstream of McNary Dam. For permanent rules, see the 2019/2020 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River: Effective May 5, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth upstream to Forest Road 1270, the Cispus River, and Lake Scanewa: Closed to Chinook 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 May 5, 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 May 5 until further notice, from the mouth to Merwin dam: Closed to salmon retention.

Salmon Creek: Effective May 5 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 May 5 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 adult salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Effective May 5, 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 adult salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained. The Closed Waters area around the coffer dam remains in effect.

Drano Lake: Effective May 5, 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 May 5, 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 May 5 until further notice: White Sturgeon is open for catch-and-release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Tongue Point-Rocky Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam – 338
salmonid boats and 285 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (5/16) flight count.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 598 bank anglers kept 49 Chinook, 11 jacks and released 21 Chinook. 15 boats/29 rods kept 5 Chinook, two jacks and released one Chinook.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 63 boats/126 rods kept four Chinook and released one Chinook.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 55 boats/116 rods kept three Chinook and released one Chinook and one jack.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 85 bank anglers kept one Chinook and released two Chinook and one jack. 121 boats/269 rods kept 20 Chinook, one jack and released four Chinook and one steelhead.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – Four bank anglers had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – Eight bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/5 rods had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 28 bank anglers released one Chinook. 2 boats/2 rods had no catch.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 19 bank anglers kept one steelhead. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Five bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 3 boats/12 rods released 11 sublegal and two legal sturgeon.

Shad:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 31 bank anglers kept 16 shad.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 3 boats/12 rods kept five shad.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon Creek – One bank angler had no catch.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: Nine bank rods had no catch. 2 boats/6 rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br: Nine bank rods released one steelhead. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 146 winter-run steelhead adults, 30 spring Chinook adults, 30 spring Chinook jacks, and 11 summer-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released 18 spring Chinook adults, one spring Chinook jack, and 13 winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa near Randle and they released 15 winter-run steelhead adults into the Cispus River near Yellowjacket Creek in Randle.

Tacoma Power released eight winter-run steelhead adults into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,340 cubic feet per second on Monday, May 18, 2020. Water visibility is 12 feet and the water temperature is 47.1 F.

Kalama River – 32 bank anglers kept one Chinook. 5 boats/10 rods kept three Chinook.

Lewis River – No report.

Wind River Mouth – Four bank rods had no catch. 55 boats/110 rods kept 19 Chinook, two jacks and released one Chinook.

Wind River above Shipherd Falls – Three bank rods released one Chinook.

Drano Lake – Eight bank rods had no catch. 52 boats/94 rods kept 18 Chinook and released one Chinook.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – 14 bank anglers kept one Chinook and released two Chinook.

Pikeminnow Sport – Reward Fishery Program:

The 2020 program will operate from May 11 to September 30 in the lower Columbia River (mouth to Priest Rapids Dam) and the Snake River (mouth to Hells Canyon Dam). <http://www.pikeminnow.org/>

Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery 2020			
<u>Weekly Catch</u>			
May 11-17, 2020			
Station	Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	0	430	3.1
Willow Grove	0	189	2.5
Rainier	0	89	1.5
Kalama	0	20	0.5
Ridgefield	0	529	5.5
Gleason	0	96	1.2
Chinook Landing	0	261	1.9
Washougal	1	428	5.3
Cascade Locks-closed	0	0	0.0
Bingen	0	15	0.9
The Dalles	1	1,662	5.4
Giles French	0	180	3.8
Umatilla	0	928	8.1
Columbia Point	0	1,439	8.7
Vernita	0	26	2.9
Lyon's Ferry	0	0	0.0
Boyer Park	0	188	3.0
Greenbelt	0	139	2.4