

March 15, 2021

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Salmon/Steelhead:

Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam, including Deep River:

Effective through April 4: Salmon and steelhead: 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. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches.

Fishing for salmon or steelhead from a vessel is prohibited in the area adjacent to the Cowlitz River mouth and includes all of Carrolls Channel. To see full details of the boat-fishing closure area, view the emergency rule at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/>.

Bank angling with hand-cast lines only from Beacon Rock to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam:

Effective through March 15, 2021: Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

March 16 through May 5, 2021: Daily limit 6, no more than 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. Bank angling with hand-cast lines only between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island powerlines.

The Dalles Dam upstream to the Washington/Oregon border:

Effective through March 15, 2021: Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

March 16 through May 5, 2021: Daily limit 6, no more than 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.

Washington/Oregon border upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco:

Effective through March 31, 2021: Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, from Buoy 10 upstream to John Day Dam including adjacent tributaries: Catch and release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River, John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam: White Sturgeon open for retention fishing until annual quota is met. Minimum size 43" fork length, maximum size 54" fork length. Daily limit 1, annual limit 2 fish. Catch and release allowed when closed to retention. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cispus River: Effective March 5, 2021 until further notice: Closed to salmon fishing.

Cowlitz River: Effective March 5, 2021 until further notice: Closed to salmon fishing. Effective March 5, the fishing boundary markers will be moved downstream to 400 feet below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery ladder at the Barrier Dam.

Lake Scanewa: Effective March 5, 2021 until further notice: Closed to salmon fishing.

Kalama River: Effective March 5, 2021 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.

Salmon Creek: effective March 16 through May 28, 2021, From the mouth to the 182nd Avenue Bridge: steelhead: daily limit 3. Selective gear rules, except barbed hooks are allowed.

Wind River: Effective March 16, 2021 until further notice, from the mouth to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: angling for salmon and steelhead is closed.

Drano Lake: Effective March 16 through May 5, 2021, 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.

Effective May 6, 2021 until further notice, salmon and steelhead fishing is closed in Drano Lake.

Klickitat River: Effective April 1, 2021 until further notice, from the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: the adult salmon daily limit is one fish. Effective May 29, 2021 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.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Bonneville to Astoria – 219 salmonid boats and 119 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (3/13) effort count.

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

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

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – No report.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 2 boats/3 rods had no catch.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 32 bank anglers had no catch. 51 boats/102 rods had no catch.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 23 bank anglers had no catch. 27 boats/72 rods had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 24 bank anglers kept one Chinook. 32 boats/80 rods kept two Chinook.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 3 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 39 bank anglers had no catch. 22 boats/41 rods kept one Chinook.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – Three bank anglers had no catch. 8 boats/21 rods kept one Chinook.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – 25 boats/56 rods kept one Chinook.

Bonneville Pool – No report.

The Dalles Pool – Three bank anglers kept one steelhead and released one steelhead.

John Day Pool – No report.

Sturgeon:

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 1 boat/3 rods had no catch.

Bonneville Pool – No report.

The Dalles Pool – 1 boat/4 rods released five sublegal and one oversize sturgeon.

John Day Pool – 18 bank anglers had no catch. 31 boats/80 rods kept seven legal and released three sublegal and two oversize sturgeon.

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool – No report.

The Dalles Pool – Seven bank anglers kept five walleye. 27 boats/58 rods kept 51 walleye, one bass and released eight walleye and one bass.

John Day Pool – Five bank anglers had no catch. 103 boats/234 rods kept 134 walleye, 10 bass and released 77 walleye and 47 bass.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 76 bank rods kept four steelhead and released one steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br – 54 bank rods kept 10 steelhead. 90 boats/325 rods kept 110 steelhead and released three steelhead and two cutthroat.

Kalama River – Nine bank anglers had no catch. 4 boats/9 rods had no catch.

Lewis River – No report.

Catchable Trout Plants:

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
Klinline PD (Clark)	March 10, 2021	Rainbow	2,560	2.50	Vancouver
LK Sacajawea (Cow)	March 10, 2021	Rainbow	3,159	2.43	Goldendale
Lacamas LK (Clark)	March 8, 2021	Rainbow	4,000	2.50	Vancouver