

April 3, 2023

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:

Immediately through April 7, 2023: Open to boat and bank angling. Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Shad retention allowed. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam deadline:

Immediately through April 7, 2023: Bank angling with hand-cast lines only. Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Shad retention allowed. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

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

Bonneville Dam upstream to Tower Island power lines:

Effective March 16 through May 6, 2023: Fishing from a vessel is prohibited; bank angling with hand-cast lines only.

Effective April 1 through May 6, 2023: 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.

Tower Island power lines upstream to The Dalles Dam:

Effective April 1 through May 6, 2023: 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.

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:

Effective April 1 through May 6, 2023: 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.

Sturgeon and Smelt:

Columbia River, Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam:

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

Eulachon:

All areas: Closed to fishing and harvest.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River:

Effective January 12, the posted fishing boundary markers will be located at the 400 foot distance below the Barrier Dam.

Wind River:

Effective March 16, 2023 until further notice, from the mouth to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: Salmon and hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 1 adult salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead or up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

Klickitat River:

From the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: effective April 1 through May 26, 2023: Salmon and hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 2, of which up to 1 may be an adult salmon. Release wild Chinook. Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

- Beginning May 27, 2023 until further notice: Salmon: Daily limit 6, of which up to 1 may be an adult. Release wild Chinook.

Klickitat River:

From 400 feet upstream of #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon Hatchery: Effective May 27, 2023 until further notice, Salmon: Closed.

Fishery Reports:

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 134 bank anglers kept 8 Chinook and released two Chinook and one steelhead.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – Three bank anglers had no catch. 6 boats/11 rods had no catch.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 28 boats/48 rods had no catch.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – Eight bank anglers had no catch. 73 boats/143 rods kept one Chinook.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 22 bank anglers had no catch. 41 boats/94 rods had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 18 bank anglers had no catch. 65 boats/189 rods kept had no catch.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 17 boats/48 rods had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 47 bank anglers kept one steelhead and released one steelhead. 146 boats/319 rods kept 16 Chinook and 1 jack.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 22 bank anglers had no catch. 43 boats/101 rods kept 5 Chinook and released one Chinook.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – One bank angler no catch. 53 boats/129 rods kept 21 Chinook and released two Chinook.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – 24 bank rods kept two steelhead.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – Six bank rods had no catch. 5 boats/19 rods kept 15 steelhead.

Kalama River – No report.

Lewis River – No report.

Wind River – No report.

Drano Lake – 2 boats/2 rods had no catch.