

June 20, 2023

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Columbia River - Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam:

Buoy 10 upstream to Megler - Astoria Bridge:

Immediately through July 31, 2023: Closed to angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead.

Megler-Astoria Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam:

Effective June 16 through July 31, 2023: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, of which up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Salmon min. size 12". Release wild steelhead.

Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Washington/Oregon border:

Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam:

Effective June 16 through July 31, 2023: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, of which up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Salmon min. size 12". Release wild steelhead.

The Dalles Dam upstream to a line starting at a fishing boundary sign on the Washington north shore located approximately 1300' upstream of The Dalles Dam and Lock boat ramp projected easterly across the Columbia River to a boundary sign on the Washington south shore located approximately 200' above the fish ladder exit:

Immediately until further notice: Closed to fishing for and retention of salmon and steelhead.

From a line starting at a fishing boundary sign on the Washington north shore located approximately 1300' upstream of The Dalles Dam and Lock boat ramp projected easterly across the Columbia River to a boundary sign on the Washington south shore located approximately 200' above the fish ladder exit upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco:

Effective June 16 through July 31, 2023: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, of which up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Salmon min. size 12". Release wild steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam:

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

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River:

May 26, 2023 until further notice, the posted fishing boundary markers will be located at the 100-foot distance below the Barrier Dam.

Lewis River:

May 25 through July 31, 2023, from the mouth to Colvin Cr. Min size 12". Daily limit 6, up to 1 hatchery Chinook adult may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

Klickitat River: From the mouth to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon Hatchery:

Effective immediately until further notice, Salmon: Closed.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia River, Megler-Astoria Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam – 539 salmonid boats and 392 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (6/17) flight count.

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 189 bank anglers kept 14 Chinook, one jack, one steelhead and released one Chinook. 2 boats/5 rods had no catch.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 7 boats/19 rods kept three Chinook.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 15 bank anglers kept three sockeye and released one steelhead. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 59 bank anglers kept three Chinook, one jack, four steelhead and five sockeye. 18 boats/36 rods kept one Chinook, one sockeye and released two Chinook.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 30 bank anglers kept one sockeye. 6 boats/11 rods kept one steelhead and released two Chinook.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 118 bank anglers kept six Chinook, one jack, one steelhead and eight sockeye. 39 boats/113 rods kept 15 Chinook, one jack, one steelhead, six sockeye and released two Chinook, one jack and one steelhead.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 6 boats/19 rods kept five Chinook.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 11 bank anglers had no catch. 16 boats/45 rods kept three Chinook and one steelhead.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – No report.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Two bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/4 rods kept one Chinook.

Sturgeon:

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 1 boat/4 rods released two legal, six sublegal and two oversize sturgeon.

Shad:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 93 bank anglers kept 413 shad and released 13 shad. 3 boats/13 rods kept 40 shad.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – 88 bank rods kept one Chinook, one jack and 11 steelhead. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – 14 bank rods kept one Chinook and released one steelhead. 9 boats/33 rods kept 14 steelhead.

Kalama River – 33 bank rods kept one jack. 2 boats/4 rods kept three Chinook.

Lewis River – 15 bank rods had no catch. 4 boats/10 rods kept one steelhead.

Wind River – No report.

Drano Lake – No report.

Klickitat River below Fisher Hill Bridge – No report.