

August 2, 2023

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Tributaries

Tributary Weir Report: Current status as of August 2, 2023.

This section will provide operational status of the resistance board weirs run in Southwest WA. Additional information for these and other weirs will be available in the coming weeks.

Grays River Weir - located upstream of the Highway 4 bridge ~.3 miles. Installed and operating.

Elochoman River Weir - located upstream of the Foster Road bridge ~.5 miles. Installed and operating.

Coweeman River Weir – located at river mile 6.8 near the end of Allen Street in Kelso. Installs expected to begin the week of August 7th.

South Fork Toutle Weir - located ~ 0.25 mile from the mouth with the NF Toutle. Install expected to begin week of August 14th.

Green River Weir - located at the North Toutle Hatchery. Installed and operating.

Kalama River Weir - located at the Modrow Trap facility. Installed and operating.

Cedar Creek Weir – located 0.25 mile from the mouth with the NF Lewis. Installed and operating.

Washougal River Weir - located at the Fords Game Access Site. Installed and operating.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia River, Megler-Astoria Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam – 47 salmonid boats and 152 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (7/29) flight count.

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 59 bank anglers kept two steelhead and released one Chinook, one jack and five steelhead.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – Two bank anglers had no catch. 4 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 21 bank anglers kept two steelhead and released one steelhead. 3 boats/5 rods kept two steelhead.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 19 bank anglers released two steelhead. 5 boats/10 rods kept one steelhead.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 28 bank anglers kept one steelhead and released one Chinook and three steelhead. 3 boats/10 rods kept one steelhead and released one Chinook.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 85 bank anglers kept three steelhead and released three steelhead. 9 boats/22 rods kept one steelhead and released four steelhead.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 197 bank anglers kept 21 steelhead, one sockeye and released 21 steelhead. 15 boats/29 rods kept four steelhead and released 11 steelhead.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 29 bank anglers released four steelhead. 7 boats/23 rods kept 12 steelhead and released one Chinook and three steelhead.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Seven bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/3 rods released one Chinook and one steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 1 boat/2 rods released two sublegal sturgeon.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 5 boats/8 rods released seven sublegal sturgeon.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 1 boat/2 rods released one sublegal sturgeon.

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Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – Nine bank rods had no catch.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – 18 bank rods kept one Chinook, one jack and released one jack. 13 boats/47 rods kept 33 steelhead.

Kalama River – Six bank rods had no catch.

Lewis River – 15 bank rods had no catch. 17 boats/53 rods kept five Chinook, six steelhead and released seven Chinook and three steelhead.

Wind River – Two bank rods had no catch.

Drano Lake – 16 boats/29 rods kept two Chinook, one jack and released nine Chinook and nine steelhead.

Klickitat River below Fisher Hill Bridge – One bank rod had no catch.

Klickitat River above #5 Fishway – No report.