

March 13, 2024

## 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:**

Effective March 1 through April 5, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead. Shad retention allowed, no min. size or daily limit.

##### **Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam deadline:**

Effective March 1 through April 5, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead. Shad retention allowed, no min. size or daily limit. Fishing from a vessel is prohibited. Bank angling with hand-cast lines only.

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

##### **Bonneville Dam upstream to Tower Island power lines:**

No emergency rules through March 31, 2024.

Effective April 1 through May 2, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead. Fishing from a vessel is prohibited. Bank angling with hand-cast lines only.

##### **Tower Island power lines upstream to The Dalles Dam:**

No emergency rules through March 31, 2024.

Effective April 1 through May 2, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery 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:**

Immediately through March 31, 2024: Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery steelhead.

Effective April 1 through May 2, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead.

### **Sturgeon:**

#### **Columbia River, Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam:**

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

#### ***Columbia River Tributaries***

### **Salmon/Steelhead:**

#### **Deep River:**

Effective March 1 through April 5, 2024: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead.

#### **Cowlitz River:**

January 5 until further notice, the posted fishing boundary markers will be located at the 400-foot distance below the Barrier Dam.

Effective March 1, 2024 until further notice: from the mouth to the fishing boundary signs below the Barrier Dam, Salmon: Min. size 12". Daily limit 6; up to 1 adult may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook jacks, adult Chinook with both an adipose and ventral fin clip with a healed scar, hatchery coho and hatchery steelhead.

#### **Kalama River:**

Effective March 1 until further notice, from the mouth to 1,000 feet below the fishway at Kalama Falls 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.

### **Fishery Reports:**

#### ***Mainstem Columbia River***

### **Salmon/Steelhead:**

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

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

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

**Sec 4 (Vancouver)** – Five bank anglers had no catch. 9 boats/12 rods had no catch.

**Sec 5 (Woodland)** – Nine bank anglers had no catch. 6 boats/10 rods had no catch.

**Sec 6 (Kalama)** – 11 bank anglers had no catch.

**Sec 7 (Cowlitz)** – No report.

**Sec 8 (Longview)** – 38 bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/2 rods had no catch.

**Sec 9 (Cathlamet)** – 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

**Sec 10 (Cathlamet)** – 2 boats/5 rods had no catch.

### ***Columbia River Tributaries***

#### **Salmon/Steelhead:**

**Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream** – 68 bank rods kept four steelhead and released two steelhead.

**Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br** – Four bank rods had no catch. 6 boats/17 rods kept eight steelhead.

**Kalama River** – No report.

**Lewis River** – Four bank rods had no catch.