

## Creel Survey

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### Salmon/Steelhead

About the same report as the previous week – boat anglers are catching some steelhead on the Cowlitz and Washougal rivers while North Fork Lewis boaters are still catching some fall Chinook.

Under permanent rules, Dec. 31 is the last day to fish for steelhead in Mill Creek (Cowlitz River tributary) and salmon in the Elochoman, Grays (including West Fork), Tilton, Washougal rivers, the mainstem Columbia from the I-5 Bridge upstream to the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco, and Drano and Mayfield lakes.

Effective Jan. 1, any Chinook kept must be adipose fin clipped on Deep, Lewis (including North Fork) rivers and the mainstem Columbia from the I-5 Bridge downstream. In addition, only 2 adult hatchery salmon may be retained daily on the lower Cowlitz and the adult daily limit is only 1 hatchery Chinook on the Kalama and Lewis rivers. Also, anglers are limited to one pole in Camas Slough and Drano Lake.

### Sturgeon

**Mainstem Columbia and its tributaries from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam and all adjacent Washington tributaries** – Until further notice, catch-and-release fishing is permitted; all sturgeon must be released.

**Bonneville Dam to The Dalles Dam including adjoining tributaries** – Effective Jan. 1 through Jan. 19, sturgeon may be retained 7 days per week. The daily limit will be 1 fish, min. size 38" fork length and max. 54" fork length. Harvest in the fishery will be monitored with a check-in planned for mid-January to consider whether the season should be modified consistent with balancing harvest between winter and summer seasons. Fishery managers will meet again in March or April to set dates for the summer retention season and consider a proposal to establish a May-July spawning sanctuary downstream of The Dalles Dam.

Catch-and-release fishing for sturgeon will still be allowed between Bonneville and The Dalles dams when retention is not allowed

**The Dalles Dam to McNary Dam including adjoining tributaries** – Effective Jan. 1 until respective harvest guidelines for each reservoir are reached, the daily limit will be 1 fish, min. size 43" fork length and max. 54" fork length.

### Trout

**Recent plants of rainbows (no report on angling success):**

**Fort Borst Park Pond in Centralia** – 1,500 almost half-pounders Dec. 15.

**Silver Lake near Castle Rock** – 4,000 catchable size Dec. 22.

**Kress Lake near Kalama** – 2,000 catchable size Dec. 14.

**Horseshoe Lake in Woodland** – 2,400 catchable and 42 five pounders Dec. 21.

**Klineline Pond** – Almost 2,000 catchable size and 148 five-pounders Dec. 18. .

