Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to I-5 Bridge: Effective immediately through June 15, 2020: Open 7 days per week.

Daily limit is 6 salmonids, no more than 2 adults may be retained. Release all adult Chinook, wild Chinook jacks and wild steelhead. Sockeye count towards adult daily limit. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches. Barbless hooks are required.

I-5 Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam: Effective immediately through June 15, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead. Shad will remain open 7 days per week.

Bonneville Dam upstream to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon Border: Effective immediately through June 15, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River: Effective immediately until further notice, from the mouth upstream to Forest Road 1270, the Cispus River, and Lake Scanewa: Closed to Chinook salmon retention. Until further notice, the closed waters section below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery Barrier Dam is 400', at the posted markers.

Kalama River: Effective immediately until further notice, from the mouth to 1,000 feet below the fishway at the upper salmon 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.

Lewis River: Effective immediately until further notice, from the mouth to Merwin dam: Closed to salmon retention.

Wind River: Effective June 1 until further notice, from the mouth to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: salmon and steelhead fishing is closed.

Drano Lake: Effective June 1 until further notice, in the waters downstream of markers on point of land downstream and across from Little White Salmon National Fish hatchery and upstream of Highway 14 Bridge; Salmon and steelhead fishing is closed.

Klickitat River: Effective immediately until further notice, from the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: the adult salmon daily limit is one fish. Effective May 23, 2020 until further notice, from 400 feet upstream from

#5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery: the daily salmon limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult.

Sturgeon:

From the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries: Effective immediately until further notice: White Sturgeon is open for catch-and-release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to I-5 Bridge – 42 salmonid boats and 185 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (6/6) flight count.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 36 bank anglers kept one Chinook jack and released one Chinook and one steelhead. 10 boats/16 rods had no catch.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 28 bank anglers kept one sockeye and released two Chinook. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 44 bank anglers had no catch. 11 boats/19 rods kept two steelhead.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 157 bank anglers kept one Chinook jack, 10 sockeye, eight steelhead and released three Chinook and two steelhead. 13 boats/41 rods kept four sockeye, nine steelhead and released four Chinook and one sockeye.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 20 bank anglers kept one steelhead and released one Chinook. 7 boats/26 rods kept one sockeye, seven steelhead and released one Chinook, one Chinook jack and one steelhead.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – 12 bank anglers kept three steelhead. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 1 bank angler had no catch. 5 boats/12 rods released three legal sturgeon, eight sublegal and one oversize sturgeon.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 1 boat/4 rods released one legal sturgeon and seven sublegal sturgeon.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 2 boats/8 rods released four sublegal sturgeon.

Shad:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 26 bank anglers kept 226 shad and released 31 shad.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – one bank angler released two shad. 3 boats/7 rods kept 26 shad.

Sec 5 (Woodland) -1 boat/2 rods kept one shad.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 18 boats/37 rods kept 198 shad and released 50 shad.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 6 boats/11 rods kept 64 shad.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 8 bank rods kept two steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br – 14 bank rods released four Chinook jacks. 9 boats/31 rods kept 11 steelhead and released one Chinook.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 26 winter-run steelhead adults, 21 summer-run steelhead adults, 14 spring Chinook adults, and 28 spring Chinook jacks during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released 11 spring Chinook adults, one spring Chinook jack, and three winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa in Randle and they released one winter-run steelhead adult into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton

Tacoma Power also released 3,800 rainbow trout into Mayfield Lake last week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 5,100 cubic feet per second on Monday, June 8, 2020. Water visibility is 11 feet and the water temperature is 48.2 F.

Kalama River – 52 bank anglers kept one Chinook, one Chinook jack and released one Chinook and a steelhead. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – 19 bank anglers kept one Chinook.

Klickitat above #5 Fishway – Two bank anglers had no catch.

Catchable Trout Plants:

| Lake/Pond | Date | Species | Number | Fish/lb | Hatchery |
|----------------------|--------------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|
| Mayfield Res (LEW) | June 3, 2020 | Rainbow | 3,800 | 1.90 | Eells Springs |
| Klineline PD (Clark) | June 1, 2020 | Rainbow | 1,500 | 2.36 | Goldendale |
| Klineline PD (Clark) | June 1, 2020 | Rainbow | 75 | 0.33 | Goldendale |

<u>Pikeminnow Sport – Reward Fishery Program:</u>

The 2020 program will operate from May 11 to September 30 in the lower Columbia River (mouth to Priest Rapids Dam) and the Snake River (mouth to Hells Canyon Dam). http://www.pikeminnow.org/

| Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery 2020 | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-----------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Weekly Catch | | | | | | | |
| June 1-7, 2020 | | | | | | | |
| Station | Tags | Total NPM | CPUE | | | | |
| Cathlamet | 1 | 971 | 8.2 | | | | |
| Willow Grove | 0 | 265 | 6.0 | | | | |
| Rainier | 0 | 97 | 4.6 | | | | |
| Kalama | 0 | 124 | 3.3 | | | | |
| Ridgefield | 1 | 313 | 11.6 | | | | |
| Gleason | 0 | 90 | 5.0 | | | | |
| Chinook Landing | 3 | 345 | 4.3 | | | | |
| Washougal | 2 | 1,268 | 13.2 | | | | |
| Cascade Locks-closed | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | |
| Bingen | 0 | 47 | 3.6 | | | | |
| The Dalles | 1 | 461 | 3.5 | | | | |
| Giles French | 0 | 100 | 2.8 | | | | |
| Umatilla | 0 | 94 | 1.8 | | | | |
| Columbia Point | 0 | 555 | 5.3 | | | | |
| Vernita | 0 | 4 | 1.0 | | | | |
| Lyon's Ferry | 0 | 9 | 1.8 | | | | |
| Boyer Park | 0 | 523 | 5.4 | | | | |
| Greenbelt | 0 | 96 | 2.0 | | | | |