February 22, 2021

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Salmon/Steelhead:

Buoy 10 upstream to the I-5 Bridge: Effective through March 31, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adult salmon or 2 hatchery steelhead or 1 of each may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

I-5 Bridge upstream to The Dalles Dam: Effective through March 31, 2021: Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

The Dalles Dam upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco: Effective through March 31, 2021: Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, from Buoy 10 upstream to John Day Dam including adjacent tributaries: Catch and release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River, John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam: White Sturgeon open for retention fishing until annual quota is met. Minimum size 43" fork length, maximum size 54" fork length. Daily limit 1, annual limit 2 fish. Catch and release allowed when closed to retention. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Bonneville to Astoria – 21 salmonid boats and 28 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (2/20) effort count.

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – One bank angler had no catch.

Sec 5 (Woodland) - Nine bank anglers had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – Four bank anglers had no catch.

The Dalles Pool – 1 boat/1 rod released one steelhead.

Sturgeon:

John Day Pool – Three bank anglers had no catch. 5 boats/17 rods had no catch.

Walleye:

The Dalles Pool – Two bank anglers kept two walleye. 3 boats/9 rods had no catch.

John Day Pool – 14 boats/38 rods kept 47 walleye and released five walleye.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 108 bank rods kept five steelhead. 5 boats/8 rods kept one steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br – 32 bank rods kept four steelhead and released two steelhead. 69 boats/224 rods kept 79 steelhead, two cutthroat and released five steelhead.

Kalama River – 2 boats/5 rods had no catch.