

March 5, 2018

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Anglers should be aware March 15 is the last day to fish for hatchery steelhead on Abernathy Creek, Cedar (Clark Co.), Mill Creek (Cowlitz County), Germany Creek (including all tributaries), Rock (Skamania Co.), Salmon (Clark Co.), and Skamokawa creeks and on the Coweeman, Elochoman, Grays, East Fork Lewis, South Fork Toutle, and Washougal rivers.**

**Cowlitz River** – From the I-5 Br downstream: 32 bank rods kept 1 steelhead. Upstream from the I-5 Br. – 53 bank rods had no catch. 96 boat rods kept 8 steelhead and released 2 steelhead and 1 cutt.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered four winter-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. All four fish were kept for hatchery needs and no other fish were released during the week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 5,120 cubic feet per second (cfs) on Monday, March 5. Water visibility is eight feet and water temperature is 42.1 degrees F. River flows could change at any time so boaters and anglers should remain alert for this possibility.

**Wind River from boundary line/markers upstream to the Hwy. 14 Bridge** – Opens to fishing for hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead March 16.

**Wind River from the Hwy. 14 Bridge upstream to 400 feet below Shipherd Falls fish ladder** – Closed to all fishing March 16-31. Opens to fishing for hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead April 1.

**Wind River** – Daily limit is 2 hatchery Chinook or 2 hatchery steelhead or one of each. Barbed hooks may be used.

**Drano Lake** – Opens to fishing for hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead March 16. Daily limit 2 hatchery Chinook or 2 hatchery steelhead, or one of each. Barbed hooks may be used.

**Expect fishing to start slowly at Wind River and Drano Lake as only 2 adult Chinook had been counted at Bonneville Dam through Feb. 27.**

**Lower Columbia mainstem from Bonneville Dam downstream** – During the first four days of March we sampled over 300 salmonid anglers (including 89 boat) with nary a spring Chinook and just a few wild steelhead released.

**Mainstem Columbia from Bonneville Dam upstream to Washington/Oregon Border** – Effective March 16 through May 7, will be open to fishing for hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead. Bank fishing only using hand-casted lines (no floating device to set lines) from Bonneville Dam to Tower Island power lines located about 6 miles below The Dalles Dam. The salmonid daily limit will be 6 fish. Up to 2 may be hatchery steelhead or 1 hatchery adult Chinook and 1 hatchery steelhead.

**Mainstem Columbia from Buoy 10 upstream to the Hwy. 395 Bridge** – Effective March 16 through May 15, the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead ONLY during days and in areas open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

**Mainstem Columbia from The Dalles Dam upstream to McNary Dam** – If open from March 16 through June 15, anglers may possess up to 4 hatchery adult Chinook salmon in fresh form. Anglers aboard a boat may only possess one daily limit of salmon in fresh form.

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary  
3/5/2018

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**Salmonid**

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Chinook			Steelhead			Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Chinook			Steelhead			Other	
			Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Kept	Rel.	Kept Adults				Released Jacks	Kept	Rel.					
Bonneville	1	6																	
Camas/Washougal	2																		
	3								5	7									
Vancouver	4	25							40	89								1	
Woodland	5	68						2	8	18									
Kalama	6	6							16	37									
Cowlitz	7								3	7									
Longview	8	13							11	20									
Cathlamet	9								2	3									
private boats/bank charter	10								4	10									
<b>Total</b>		118	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	89	191	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

**Sturgeon**

	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED						CLOSED
	3					CLOSED	1	5				CLOSED
Vancouver	4					CLOSED						CLOSED
Woodland	5					CLOSED						CLOSED
Kalama	6					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED
Longview	8					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED
	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	1	5	0	0	0	CLOSED

**Walleye**

	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Camas/Washougal	2							
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0