

Columbia River

Below are highlights of the major Columbia River salmon fisheries this year. More details will be in the 2019-20 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet, which will be available in June.

Summer salmon fishery

The summer season on the mainstem Columbia River will be closed to summer chinook (including jacks) and sockeye retention.

Fall fisheries

During fall fisheries, anglers fishing from the same boat may continue fishing for salmon until all anglers have reached their daily limits in the areas listed below. The areas are closed to steelhead retention in August.

- **Buoy 10 salmon fishery** will be open from Aug. 1 through Aug. 20 for adult chinook and hatchery coho retention. The daily adult limit is two salmonids (salmon or steelhead) but only one may be a chinook and one steelhead. From Aug. 21 through Dec. 31, the daily adult limit is two salmonids, but chinook and wild coho must be released. Only one hatchery steelhead may be retained.
- **Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to West Puget Island line** (west end of Puget Island extending from green navigation marker #39 on the Washington shore to green navigation marker #41, then to red navigation marker #42, and terminating at red navigation marker #44A on the Oregon shore) will be open from Aug. 1 through Aug. 20 for adult chinook and hatchery coho retention. The daily adult limit is one salmonid. From Aug. 21 through Dec. 31, the adult daily limit is two salmonids, but chinook and wild coho must be released. Only one hatchery steelhead may be retained.
- **West Puget Island line upstream to the Lewis River** will be open from Aug. 1 through Aug. 27 for adult chinook and hatchery coho retention. The daily adult limit is one salmonid. From Aug. 28 through Dec. 31, the adult daily limit is two salmonids, but chinook and wild coho must be released. Only one hatchery steelhead may be retained.
- **Lewis River upstream to Bonneville Dam** will be open Aug. 1 through Sept. 8 for adult chinook and hatchery coho retention. The daily adult limit is one salmonid. During Sept. 9 through Dec. 31, anglers will have a daily adult limit of two salmonids, but chinook and wild coho must be released. Only one hatchery steelhead may be retained.

- **Bonneville Dam upstream to the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco** will be open Aug. 1 through Dec. 31 with a daily adult limit of two salmonids with no more than one chinook. Downstream of the Hood River Bridge, wild coho must be released. Steelhead daily limit is one hatchery fish when open as part of the adult limit, as described in the following section. Only one hatchery steelhead may be retained.

Steelhead

Within the mainstem Columbia River from Buoy 10 to the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco, the daily limit for hatchery steelhead is one fish and the area is closed to salmon or steelhead fishing at night from July 1 through Dec. 31. The following areas are closed during the time periods listed below.

August

- Columbia River from the mouth upstream to The Dalles Dam
- Cowlitz River downstream of the Lexington Drive/Sparks Road bridge
- Lewis River downstream of the confluence with the East Fork
- Wind River downstream of Shipherd Falls
- Drano Lake
- White Salmon River downstream of the county road bridge
- Klickitat River downstream of the Fisher Hill Bridge

September

- Columbia River from The Dalles Dam to McNary Dam
- Drano Lake

October-November

- Columbia River from John Day Dam to Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco

The section from Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco upstream to Hanford will be managed in-season, but start with a limit of two hatchery steelhead limit. The area will be closed at night to salmon/steelhead fishing. The Snake River will be managed in-season as well with a one hatchery fish limit and from the mouth upstream to Couse Creek boat ramp, only steelhead that are less than 28 inches in size may be retained.