March 27, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Warrior Rock line to Bonneville Dam—128 salmonid boats and 52 Washington bank rods were tallied during last Saturdays flight count.

Sturgeon:

Bonneville Pool-2 bank anglers had no catch. 14 boats/39 rods kept 9 legal sturgeon, released 5 legal sturgeon and 107 sublegal sturgeon.

The Dalles Pool-Closed for retention. No report.

John Day Pool-52 bank anglers kept 2 legal sturgeon, released 5 sublegal and 6 oversize sturgeon. 8 boats/10 rods released 1 sublegal sturgeon.

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool-17 boats/32 rods kept 14 walleye and released 6 walleye.

John Day Pool-47 boats/96 rods kept 93 walleye and released 28 walleye.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

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1 Due to the short season in Bonneville Pool, we will be providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis.
2 The Dalles pool closed to retention effective January 7.

The Dalles and John Day harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:

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Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.
**Bass:**

- **Bonneville Pool**: 1 boat/2 rods released 1 bass.

- **John Day Pool**: 5 boats/10 rods kept 1 bass and released 17 bass.

**Salmon/Steelhead:**

**Columbia River Tributaries**

- **Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream**: 64 bank rods kept 8 steelhead.

- **Above the I-5 Br**: 34 bank rods kept 20 steelhead and released 2 steelhead. 61 boats/181 rods kept 101 steelhead and released 10 steelhead.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 91 winter-run steelhead adults, one winter-run steelhead jack and one spring Chinook adult during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

Tacoma Power employees released 21 winter-run steelhead adults and one winter-run steelhead jack into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released three winter-run steelhead adults into the Cispus River near Randle.

Tacoma Power released four winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa located in Randle.

The remainder of the fish are being held at the hatchery for broodstock needs.

- **Kalama River**: 28 bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/3 rods had no catch.

- **Lewis River**: 17 bank anglers released 1 steelhead.

- **Wind River**: 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

❖ **Tributaries not listed**: Creel checks not conducted.

**Catchable Trout Plants:**

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<th>Lake/Pond</th>
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