

June 26, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

- **Buoy 10 upstream to Chief Joseph Dam:** Effective June 1, 2019 until further notice, barbless hooks are now voluntary for salmon and steelhead directed fisheries.
- **Megler-Astoria Bridge upstream to Hwy 395 Bridge at Pasco:** Effective June 16 through June 30, 2019, the daily limit is 2 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon. Effective July 1 through July 31, 2019, the daily limit is 1 hatchery steelhead. Salmon and steelhead night fishing closure. Release all salmon.
- **Hwy 395 Bridge at Pasco upstream to Priest Rapids Dam:** Effective June 16 through August 15, 2019, salmon and steelhead closed.

SALMON & STEELHEAD

Columbia River Tributaries

- Effective June 1, barbless hooks are voluntary for salmon and steelhead directed fisheries in some tributaries to the Columbia River from Buoy 10 to McNary Dam. For a complete list of rivers and areas where barbed hooks are allowed please visit the Emergency Rules section of the WDFW website.
- **Kalama River:** 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.
- **Lewis River:** Until further notice, from the mouth to Merwin dam: Closed to salmon retention.
- **Wind River:** Effective June 22nd, 2019, retention will reopen for salmon and steelhead from the mouth to 800 yards below Carson National Fish Hatchery. The daily limit for hatchery salmon and hatchery steelhead will be 6 fish. No more than 1 adult hatchery salmon, or 2 hatchery steelhead, or one of each may be retained.
- **Drano Lake:** Effective June 22nd, 2019, retention will reopen for salmon and steelhead in the area downstream of the markers on point of land downstream and across from Little White Salmon National fish hatchery and upstream of Highway 14 bridge. The daily limit will be 2 hatchery steelhead, or 2 hatchery Chinook, or one of each.

- **Klickitat River:** Until further notice, from the mouth to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery: closed to salmon retention.

Sturgeon:

- Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries: Closed to retention of white sturgeon but remains open for catch and release fishing only.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River mainstem

During Saturday's flight 121 salmonid boats and 203 Washington bank anglers were counted from Cathlamet upstream to Bonneville Dam.

Shad:

Just over 150 shad anglers were counted on the Washington shore just below Bonneville Dam during Saturday's flight (6/22). Yesterday's dam count was just over 133,000 fish, which pushes the season total over 6.5 million to date.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 5 bank rods kept 2 steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br: 10 bank rods had no catch. 38 boats/110 rods kept 42 steelhead and released 1 Chinook and 3 jacks.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 17 spring Chinook adults, one spring Chinook jack, 40 spring Chinook mini jacks, 19 summer-run steelhead adults and one winter-run steelhead adult during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released five spring Chinook adults and one spring Chinook jack into Lake Scanewa located in Randle.

To date, Tacoma Power employees have recycled 130 summer-run steelhead to the lower Cowlitz River.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,970 cubic feet per second on Monday, June 24. Water visibility is 10 feet and the water temperature is 50.7 F.

Kalama River – 15 bank anglers had no catch.

Lewis River – 14 bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/2 rods had no catch.

Wind River – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Drano Lake – 3 boats/9 rods had no catch.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – 2 bank anglers had no catch.

Klickitat above #5 Fishway – 3 bank anglers had no catch. 3 boats/3 rods had no catch.

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

Pikeminnow Sport – Reward Fishery Program:

The program operates from May 1 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 2019			
<u>Weekly Catch</u>			
June 17-23, 2019			
Station	\$500 Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	2	1,881	11.7
Willow Grove	0	245	3.9
Rainier	2	547	6.9
Kalama	0	247	7.7
Ridgefield	0	802	15.4
Gleason	0	121	4.0
Chinook Landing	0	341	6.4
Washougal	0	376	7.0
Beacon Rock	0	1	0.1
Cascade Locks	1	392	21.7
Bingen	0	4	0.8
The Dalles	2	868	7.5
Giles French	0	8	0.3
Umatilla	0	6	0.8
Columbia Point	0	396	4.7
Vernita	1	5	0.6
Lyon's Ferry	1	154	12.8
Boyer Park	2	2,021	10.9
Greenbelt	0	427	4.6

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

Month/Week	Salmonid			Chinook								#	Boat		Chinook			Steelhead		Sockeye			
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Other		Boats	Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Other
June 17-23, 2019																							
Bonneville	1	21	Closed	Closed	1	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	3	5	Closed	Closed	1	0	0	2	Closed	0	0	
Camas/Washougal	2		Closed	Closed					Closed			2	5	Closed	Closed	1	0	1	0	Closed	0	0	
I-5 area	3	7	Closed	Closed	1	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	1	3	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	
Vancouver	4	34	Closed	Closed	1	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	2	6	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	
Woodland	5	39	Closed	Closed	1	0	0	1	Closed	1	0	4	5	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	
Kalama	6	33	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	3	6	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	
Cowlitz	7		Closed	Closed					Closed					Closed	Closed					Closed			
Longview	8	161	Closed	Closed	0	0	12	2	Closed	0	0	28	72	Closed	Closed	0	1	23	7	Closed	6	0	
Cathlamet	9	68	Closed	Closed	0	0	5	3	Closed	1	0	8	11	Closed	Closed	0	0	4	4	Closed	0	0	
private boats/bank charter	10	7	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	4	8	Closed	Closed	0	0	2	0	Closed	0	0	
Total	10	370	Closed	Closed	4	0	17	6	Closed	2	0	55	121	Closed	Closed	2	1	30	13	Closed	6	0	

	Sturgeon											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Bonneville	1											
Camas/Washougal	2						1	2	0	2	0	
I-5 area	3						1	3	1	1	1	
Vancouver	4											
Woodland	5											
Kalama	6						4	9	43	2	3	
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8						1	3	0	12	1	
Cathlamet	9											
Chinook/Elochoman	10											
Ilwaco	10											
charter/Ilwaco	10											
Total	10	0	0	0	0	Closed	7	17	44	17	5	Closed

	Shad				#	Boat		
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.		Boats	Anglers	Kept
Bonneville	1	244	1136	57	4	10	68	0
Camas/Washougal	2				1	2	0	0
I-5 area	3							
Vancouver	4				1	3	0	0
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6				1	2	0	0
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total	10	244	1136	57	7	17	68	0

	Walleye				#	Boat		
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.		Boats	Anglers	Kept
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2				1	2	0	0
I-5 area	3							
Vancouver	4				1	4	4	2
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total	10	0	0	0	2	6	4	2