

July 16, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

- **Megler-Astoria Bridge upstream to Hwy 395 Bridge at Pasco:** Effective July 1 through July 31, 2019, the daily limit is one hatchery steelhead. Salmon and steelhead night fishing closure. Release all salmon.

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 six fish. No more than one 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:** Effective July 12 through July 31, 2019, retention will reopen for salmon from the mouth (Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge) to Fisher Hill Bridge. See 2019/2020 Washington sport fishing pamphlet for current regulations.

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, 79 salmonid boats and 213 Washington bank anglers were counted from Cathlamet upstream to Bonneville Dam.

Shad:

Monday's (7/15) count was just over 5,910 fish, which pushes the season total to 7.4 million shad passing Bonneville Dam.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 8 bank rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br – 30 bank rods kept 14 steelhead. 32 boats/93 rods kept 71 steelhead.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 20 spring Chinook adults, five spring Chinook jacks, 155 spring Chinook mini jacks, and 172 summer-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released three spring Chinook adults and one spring Chinook jack into the Cispus River located near Randle and they released one spring Chinook adult, and one spring Chinook jack at the Franklin Bridge release site in Packwood.

To date, Tacoma Power employees have recycled 220 summer-run steelhead to the lower Cowlitz River.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,430 cubic feet per second on Monday, July 15. Water visibility is 15 feet and the water temperature is 52.5 F.

Kalama River – 8 bank anglers had no catch.

Lewis River – 9 bank anglers kept 2 steelhead and released 1 steelhead. 3 boats/7 rods kept 4 steelhead.

Drano Lake – 3 boats/5 rods kept 1 steelhead and released 1 steelhead.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – No anglers sampled.

Klickitat above #5 Fishway- No anglers sampled.

❖ **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>			
July 8-14, 2019			
Station	\$500 Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	0	1,557	10.9
Willow Grove	0	410	7.6
Rainier	0	575	5.4
Kalama	0	509	11.3
Ridgefield	0	257	7.3
Gleason	0	108	2.3
Chinook Landing	0	300	7.9
Washougal	1	565	11.5
Beacon Rock	0	1	0.5
Cascade Locks	0	124	8.9
Bingen	0	60	6.0
The Dalles	0	250	4.5
Giles French	0	359	9.4
Umatilla	0	80	3.5
Columbia Point	0	253	4.1
Vernita	0	10	0.7
Lyon's Ferry	0	0	0.0
Boyer Park	1	1,945	11.1
Greenbelt	1	820	10.6

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

Month/Week	Salmonid											Chinook											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Rel.	Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Rel.	Other	
July 8-14, 2019																							
Bonneville	1	40	Closed	Closed	1	1	0	9	Closed	0	3												
Camas/Washougal	2		Closed	Closed					Closed			2	3	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	
I-5 area	3	2	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0												
Vancouver	4	20	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	4	Closed	2	0	6	9	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	1	Closed	0	0	
Woodland	5	46	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	1	Closed	0	0	2	4	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	
Kalama	6	42	Closed	Closed	2	0	1	4	Closed	1	0	2	4	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	
Cowlitz	7		Closed	Closed					Closed			3	7	Closed	Closed	0	1	0	1	Closed	0	5	
Longview	8	166	Closed	Closed	0	1	11	12	Closed	0	0	19	38	Closed	Closed	1	0	13	6	Closed	0	0	
Cathlamet	9	16	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	25	47	Closed	Closed	0	0	16	6	Closed	1	0	
private boats/bank charter	10	5	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	1	4	Closed	Closed	0	0	0	0	Closed	0	0	
Total		337	Closed	Closed	3	2	12	30	Closed	3	3	60	116	Closed	Closed	1	1	29	14	Closed	1	5	

Month/Week	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											
I-5 area	3											
Vancouver	4											
Woodland	5											
Kalama	6						2	9	14	0	0	
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8	2	2	1	0		1	2	0	0	0	
Cathlamet	9											
Chinook/Elochoman	10											
Ilwaco	10											
charter/Ilwaco	10											
Total		2	2	1	0	Closed	3	11	14	0	0	Closed

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

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