

August 7, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates:

SALMON & STEELHEAD

Columbia River Tributaries

- **Lewis River:** Effective August 1, 2019 until further notice, from Johnson Creek to the power lines below Merwin Dam: release all salmon other than hatchery coho.
- **North Fork Toutle River:** Effective August 1, 2019 until further notice: Daily salmon limit 6, up to 4 adults may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery coho.

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 Tributaries

Elochoman River:

July 29-31– No anglers sampled.

Aug 1-4 – 8 bank anglers had no catch.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream:

July 29-31– No anglers sampled.

Aug 1-4 – 1 bank angler had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br:

July 29-31– 7 bank rods kept 1 Chinook jack and 1 steelhead. 11 boats/25 rods kept 15 steelhead.

Aug 1-4 – 32 bank rods kept 2 steelhead and released 8 jack Chinook. 27 boats/79 rods kept 35 steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 228 summer-run steelhead adults, 67 spring Chinook adults, six spring Chinook jacks, 84 spring Chinook mini-jacks, one fall chinook adult, and one cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released nine spring Chinook adults 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. They also released one fall Chinook adult at Gus Backstrom Park in Morton.

To date, Tacoma Power employees have recycled 579 summer-run steelhead to the lower Cowlitz River.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,110 cubic feet per second on Monday, Aug. 5. Water visibility is 15 feet and the water temperature is 45.9 F.

Kalama River:

July 29-31– No anglers sampled.

Aug 1-4 – 2 bank angler had no catch. 2 boats/3 rods had no catch.

Lewis River:

July 29-31– 5 bank rods had no catch. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Aug 1-4 – 7 bank rods kept 2 steelhead and released 1 Chinook. 1 boat/2 rods released 1 steelhead.

Drano Lake:

July 29-31– 10 bank rods had no catch. 30 boats/62 rods kept 11 steelhead and released 55 steelhead.

Aug 1-4 – 6 boats/14 rods kept 2 Chinook, 2 Chinook jacks, released 3 Chinook jacks and 4 steelhead.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – No anglers sampled.

Klickitat above #5 Fishway – No anglers sampled.

Catchable Trout Plants:

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
LK MERWIN (COWL)	July 14, 2019	Rainbow	1,142	0.80	MERWIN
MAYFIELD RES (LEWIS)	July 28, 2019	Rainbow	2,648	1.32	EELLS SPRINGS
MAYFIELD RES (LEWIS)	July 24, 2019	Rainbow	2,786	1.39	EELLS SPRINGS
GOOSE LK (SKAM)	July 18, 2019	Rainbow	1,644	2.30	GOLDENDALE

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**Weekly Catch****July 29-Aug 4, 2019**

Station	\$500 Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	0	1,014	6.9
Willow Grove	1	772	13.3
Rainier	1	310	4.7
Kalama	0	234	6.3
Ridgefield	1	394	17.9
Gleason	0	358	22.4
Chinook Landing	0	270	8.2
Washougal	0	239	5.8
Beacon Rock	0	48	24.0
Cascade Locks	0	13	1.9
Bingen	1	16	2.5
The Dalles	0	24	1.0
Giles French	0	199	7.4
Umatilla	0	19	1.0
Columbia Point	0	132	3.7
Vernita	0	16	2.3
Lyon's Ferry	0	26	26.0
Boyer Park	0	951	7.1
Greenbelt	0	770	8.1

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

Month/Week	Salmonid									# Boats	Boat Anglers	Chinook						
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Other			Kept Adults	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Other	
July 29-Aug 4, 2019																		
Bonneville	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	5	0									
Camas/Washougal	2																	
I-5 area	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	59	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	9	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Woodland	5	30	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kalama	6	58	1	0	0	1	3	8	0	7	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7									7	10	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Longview	8	87	0	0	0	0	4	8	0	13	27	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Cathlamet	9	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
private boats/bank charter	10									5	10	0	0	0	0	2	7	0
Total		267	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	48	91	0	0	0	1	4	13	0

* Steelhead retention closed July 31, 2019

* Chinook retention opened August 1, 2019

	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					Closed						Closed	
Camas/Washougal	2					Closed						Closed	
I-5 area	3					Closed						Closed	
Vancouver	4					Closed						Closed	
Woodland	5					Closed						Closed	
Kalama	6					Closed	1	2	36	0	4	Closed	
Cowlitz	7					Closed						Closed	
Longview	8	3	0	1	0	Closed						Closed	
Cathlamet	9					Closed						Closed	
Chinook/Elochoman	10					Closed						Closed	
Ilwaco	10					Closed						Closed	
charter/Ilwaco	10					Closed						Closed	
Total		3	0	1	0	Closed	1	2	36	0	4	Closed	

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