

August 13, 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– 1 bank angler had no catch.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 1 boat/4 rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br – 31 bank rods kept 25 steelhead. 27 boats/73 rods kept 37 steelhead and released 3 steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 121 summer-run steelhead adults, 68 spring Chinook adults, one spring Chinook jack, 62 spring Chinook mini-jacks, and two 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 six spring Chinook adults and two Cutthroat trout at the Franklin Bridge release site in Packwood.

To date, Tacoma Power employees have recycled 606 summer-run steelhead to the lower Cowlitz River.

Kalama River – 23 bank anglers had no catch.

Lewis River – 26 bank anglers kept 3 steelhead and released 1 Chinook jack. 3 boats/8 rods released 4 Chinook.

Drano Lake – 5 boats/7 rods kept 1 Chinook jack and released 1 steelhead.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – No anglers sampled.

Klickitat above #5 Fishway – No anglers sampled.

Trout:

Merrill Lake – Fishing has been good for rainbow and cutthroat, some browns are being caught.

Catchable Trout Plants:

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
MAYFIELD RES (LEWIS)	August 6, 2019	Rainbow	2,680	1.34	EELLS SPRINGS
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

Warmwater:

Lacamas Lake – Bass and yellow perch fishing has been excellent.

Rowland Lake – Anglers have been catching some bluegill and pumpkinseed.

Swofford Pond – Bass and channel catfish fishing has been excellent.

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****Aug 5-11, 2019**

Station	\$500 Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	0	1,046	8.0
Willow Grove	0	639	16.0
Rainier	0	433	6.0
Kalama	0	533	19.0
Ridgefield	0	413	17.2
Gleason	0	305	12.7
Chinook Landing	0	221	4.4
Washougal	0	234	5.6
Beacon Rock	0	23	7.7
Cascade Locks	0	8	1.6
Bingen	0	2	2.0
The Dalles	0	18	0.8
Giles French	0	97	4.2
Umatilla	0	0	0.0
Columbia Point	0	117	3.3
Vernita	0	13	1.4
Lyon's Ferry	0	37	37.0
Boyer Park	1	597	8.9
Greenbelt	1	605	7.6

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

Month/Week	Salmonid										# Boats	Chinook											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Coho Kept	Rel.		Other	Boats	Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Coho Kept	Rel.	Other
Bonneville	1	14	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	[REDACTED]	9	14	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2	4	0	1	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		3	7	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0
I-5 area	3						CLOSED						13	23	1	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	23	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		13	24	4	0	1	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	50	1	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		15	25	2	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	42	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		16	24	5	0	0	0	CLOSED	10	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7						CLOSED						21	41	1	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	52	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		5	11	1	0	0	1	CLOSED	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	5	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		10	3	0	0	0	0	CLOSED				
private boats/bank charter	10	3	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		10						CLOSED				
Total		193	1	1	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	95	169	14	0	1	1	CLOSED	10	0	0	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					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	7	0	1	CLOSED
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED
Longview	8	1	0	0	0	CLOSED	3	3	1	2	1	CLOSED
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Total		1	0	0	0	CLOSED	4	5	8	2	2	CLOSED

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