

January 8, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Salmon/Steelhead:

- **McNary Dam upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA:** Effective January 1 through March 31, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of steelhead.
- **Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA upstream to Old Hanford townsite powerline crossing:** Effective January 1 through April 15, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of steelhead.

Salmon/Steelhead:

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- There are no emergency rules at this time.

Sturgeon:

- **January 1, 2020, from the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to Bonneville Dam including adjacent tributaries** — White Sturgeon open for catch-and-release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.
- **January 1, 2020, from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam including adjacent tributaries** — White Sturgeon open for retention fishing until further notice. Minimum size 38" fork length, maximum size 54" fork length. Daily limit 1. Catch-and-release allowed when closed to retention.
- **January 1, 2020, from The Dalles Dam upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries** — White Sturgeon open for retention fishing until annual quota is met. Minimum size 43" fork length, maximum size 54" fork length. Daily limit 1. Catch-and-release allowed when closed to retention.

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Salmon/Steelhead:

John Day Pool – 15 bank anglers released 15 steelhead. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest and Trip Summary

Pool	Month	Estimated total harvest	% of guideline	Guideline	Estimated trips	Avg. hours per fish	# Kept in sample	Avg. size kept (inches)
Bonneville	Jan	95	19.0	500	680.0	39.48768	29	42.7
The Dalles	Jan	50	37.0	135	671.0	62.09388	19	48.1
John Day	Jan	15	14.3	105	348.0	79.40800	4	45.8

Data through 01/06/20

Estimates are preliminary and subject to change

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

The Dalles Pool – 2 boats/3 rods released two walleye.

John Day Pool – 1 bank angler had no catch. 6 boats/12 rods kept 13 walleye.

Bass:

John Day Pool – 1 boat/3 rods kept six bass.

Salmon/Steelhead:

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Grays River – 2 bank anglers had no catch.

Elochoman River – 22 bank anglers kept 12 steelhead. 3 boats/4 rods kept one steelhead and released one steelhead and one coho.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 9 bank rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br – 11 bank rods had no catch. 1 boat/3 rods had no catch.