

February 24, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Sturgeon:

From the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to John Day Dam including adjacent tributaries —

Effective until further notice: White Sturgeon is open for catch-and-release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries —

Effective until further notice: 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. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 11 bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River above the I-5 Br – 26 bank rods kept one steelhead and released one steelhead. 55 boats/179 rods kept 70 steelhead and released 18 steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 24 winter-run steelhead adults during three days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released one winter-run steelhead adult into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released three winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa in Randle.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 14,300 cubic feet per second on Monday, February 24, 2020. Water visibility is 3 feet and the water temperature is 42.6 F.

Salmon/Steelhead:

John Day Pool – 3 bank anglers kept one steelhead.

Sturgeon:

The Dalles Pool – 5 bank anglers released six sublegal sturgeon. 4 boats/8 rods kept two legal sturgeon and released five legal, 31 sublegal and six oversize sturgeon.

John Day Pool – 25 bank anglers had no catch. 28 boats/71 rods released one sublegal and one oversize sturgeon.

Walleye:

John Day Pool – One bank angler had no catch. 26 boats/51 rods kept 23 walleye and released eight walleye.

Bass:

John Day Pool – 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Catchable Trout Plants:

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
Battle Ground LK (CLARK)	Feb 18, 2020	Rainbow	1,700	2.30	Vancouver
Klinline PD (CLARK)	Feb 18, 2020	Rainbow	2,300	2.30	Vancouver