

May 26, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to I-5 Bridge: Effective May 21 through June 15, 2020: Open 7 days per week.

Daily limit is 6 salmonids, no more than 2 adults may be retained. Release all adult Chinook, wild Chinook jacks and wild steelhead. Sockeye count towards adult daily limit. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches. Barbless hooks are required.

I-5 Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam: Effective May 21 through June 15, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead. Shad will remain open 7 days per week.

Bonneville Dam upstream to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon Border: Effective May 21 through June 15, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River: Effective May 5, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth upstream to Forest Road 1270, the Cispus River, and Lake Scanewa: Closed to Chinook salmon retention. Until further notice, the closed waters section below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery Barrier Dam is 400', at the posted markers.

Kalama River: Effective May 5, 2020 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. Release all salmon other than hatchery chinook and hatchery coho.

Lewis River: Effective May 5 until further notice, from the mouth to Merwin dam: Closed to salmon retention.

Wind River: Effective May 5 until further notice, from the mouth to 400 feet downstream of Shipherd Falls fish ladder: salmon and steelhead daily limit is 6; no more than 2 hatchery steelhead, **or** 1 hatchery adult salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Effective May 5, 2020 until further notice, from 100' above Shipherd Falls to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: the salmon and steelhead daily limit is 6; no more than 2 hatchery steelhead, **or** 1 adult salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained. The Closed Waters area around the coffer dam remains in effect.

Drano Lake: Effective May 5, 2020 until further notice, in the waters downstream of markers on point of land downstream and across from Little White Salmon National Fish hatchery and upstream of Highway

14 Bridge; Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 2, no more than 1 may be an adult salmon. Only hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead may be retained.

Klickitat River: Effective May 5, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: the adult salmon daily limit is one fish. Effective May 23, 2020 until further notice, from 400 feet upstream from #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery: the daily salmon limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult.

Sturgeon:

From the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries:
Effective immediately until further notice: White Sturgeon is open for catch-and-release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 157 bank anglers kept 14 Chinook and released 11 Chinook. 6 boats/11 rods kept 2 Chinook.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 14 boats/34 rods released three Chinook.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 12 boats/26 rods kept one Chinook.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 51 bank anglers kept one Chinook. 19 boats/37 rods kept one Chinook.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 24 bank anglers had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 47 bank anglers kept one steelhead and released one steelhead. 3 boats/5 rods had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 42 bank anglers kept two steelhead and released one steelhead. 9 boats/26 rods kept one Chinook jack and four steelhead.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – Seven bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/2 rods kept one steelhead.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Shad:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 16 bank anglers kept 13 shad.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – Two bank anglers kept six shad. 5 boats/11 rods kept nine shad.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 5 boats/12 rods kept 42 shad.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 9 boats/21 rods kept 115 shad.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 1 boat/2 rods kept 25 shad.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 41 bank rods had no catch. 2 boats/6 rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br: 33 bank rods had no catch. 3 boats/9 rods had no catch.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 50 winter-run steelhead adults, 25 spring Chinook adults, 23 spring Chinook jacks, and 17 summer-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released 13 spring Chinook adults, one spring Chinook jack, and nine winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa in Randle and they released one winter-run steelhead adult into the Cispus River near Yellowjacket Creek in Randle.

Tacoma Power released four winter-run steelhead adults into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

Tacoma Power also released 3,600 rainbow trout into South Lewis County Park Ponds in Toledo and 720 rainbow trout into Swofford Pond near Mossyrock last week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 5,060 cubic feet per second on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Water visibility is 12 feet and the water temperature is 47.7 F.

Kalama River – 69 bank anglers released one steelhead. 12 boats/25 rods kept two Chinook, one jack and released one steelhead.

Lewis River – Nine bank anglers had no catch. 3 boats/5 rods released three Chinook.

Wind River Mouth – Eight bank rods had no catch. 20 boats/41 rods kept 12 Chinook.

Wind River above Shipherd Falls – Three bank rods had no catch.

Drano Lake – 27 boats/49 rods kept nine Chinook.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – 13 bank anglers kept two jacks and released one jack.

Klickitat above #5 Fishway – 3 bank anglers had no catch.

Trout:

Anglers are having good success catching some nice trout and kokanee in local lakes and ponds.

Catchable Trout Plants:

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
Goose LK (SKAM)	May 21, 2020	Cutthroat	6,000	2.26	Skamania
Lewis CO PRK PD-S (LEW)	May 21, 2020	Rainbow	3,600	1.80	MossyRock
Swofford PD (LEW)	May 21, 2020	Rainbow	720	1.80	MossyRock

Pikeminnow Sport – Reward Fishery Program:

The 2020 program will operate from May 11 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 2020			
<u>Weekly Catch</u>			
May 18-24, 2020			
Station	Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	0	654	3.9
Willow Grove	1	171	2.3
Rainier	0	71	1.7
Kalama	0	267	10.3
Ridgefield	0	239	3.1
Gleason	0	7	0.2
Chinook Landing	1	225	2.4
Washougal	1	401	6.6
Cascade Locks-closed	0	0	0.0
Bingen	0	11	2.8
The Dalles	0	339	2.1
Giles French	0	171	4.8
Umatilla	0	143	2.5
Columbia Point	0	558	4.4
Vernita	0	13	2.6
Lyon's Ferry	0	10	5.0
Boyer Park	0	117	2.2
Greenbelt	0	77	2.3