

August 4, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem Columbia and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem and Tributaries

Effective August 1, 2020: The permanent rules listed by stream and section in the 2020-21 Washington Sport Fishing pamphlet are current.

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. All sanctuary areas are in effect May 1 through August 31. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 79 bank anglers kept eight steelhead and released one Chinook and 18 steelhead.
1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 7 boats/13 rods kept one Chinook and released two Chinook and one steelhead.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 20 bank anglers kept two steelhead and released three steelhead. 3 boats/5 rods had no catch.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 28 bank anglers kept eight steelhead and released one steelhead. 3 boats/5 rods had no catch.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 52 bank anglers released six steelhead. 7 boats/15 rods had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 182 bank anglers kept three Chinook, three steelhead and released one Chinook and nine steelhead. 17 boats/34 rods released one Chinook and one steelhead.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 6 boats/9 rods kept one Chinook.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 127 bank anglers kept 7 steelhead and released two steelhead. 11 boats/21 rods kept one Chinook, four steelhead and released one jack.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 16 bank anglers had no catch. 3 boats/10 rods kept six steelhead.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Two bank anglers had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 1 boat/3 rods had no catch.

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

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 1 boat/1 rod released eight sublegal sturgeon.

Sec 8 (Longview) – One bank angler had no catch. 2 boats/3 rods released one sublegal and two legal sturgeon.

Walleye:

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 1 boat/2 rods kept two walleye.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 52 bank rods kept six steelhead. 1 boat/2 rods kept one steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br – 48 bank rods kept 21 steelhead and released one steelhead. 40 boats/120 rods kept 63 steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 764 summer-run steelhead adults, 30 spring Chinook adults, 29 spring Chinook jacks, 195 spring Chinook mini-jacks, and 30 cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released 11 spring Chinook adults, five spring Chinook jacks, and 15 cutthroat trout into the Cowlitz River in Packwood.

Tacoma Power recycled 662 summer-run steelhead adults to the I-5 launch and they released 14 spring Chinook jacks and 100 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake. Last week, 2,620 rainbow trout were released into Mayfield Lake.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,450 cubic feet per second on Monday, July 31, 2020. Water visibility is 11 feet and the water temperature is 55.0 F.

Kalama River – One bank angler had no catch.

Lewis River – Eight bank anglers kept three steelhead.

Drano Lake – 2 boats/3 rods released two steelhead.

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

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>			
July 27 - Aug 2, 2020			
Station	Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	0	527	6.8
Willow Grove	1	263	6.7
Rainier	0	280	6.5
Kalama	0	140	6.1
Ridgefield	0	87	4.8
Gleason	0	99	6.2
Chinook Landing	0	113	3.2
Washougal	3	325	6.3
Cascade Locks	0	100	14.3
Bingen	0	0	0.0
The Dalles	0	93	1.6
Giles French	0	101	7.8
Umatilla	0	19	1.0
Columbia Point	1	108	4.0
Vernita	0	0	0.0
Lyon's Ferry	0	15	5.0
Boyer Park	0	532	5.2
Greenbelt	0	372	5.4