October 13, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem Columbia and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

- Buoy 10 upstream to Tongue Point/Rocky Point line: Immediately through December 31, 2020: Daily limit 6 salmon, up to 2 adults. Release all salmon and steelhead other than Chinook and hatchery coho. Salmon min. size 12".
 - November 1 through December 31: Daily adult bag limit may include up to 1 hatchery steelhead.
- **Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to The Dalles Dam:** Immediately through December 31, 2020: Daily limit 6 salmon, up to 2 adults. Release all salmon and steelhead other than Chinook and coho. Release wild coho downstream of the Hood River Bridge.
 - November 1 through December 31: Daily adult bag limit may include up to 1 hatchery steelhead.
- The Dalles Dam upstream to the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco: Immediately through December 31, 2020: Daily limit 6 salmon, up to 2 adults. Release all salmon and steelhead other than Chinook and coho.

Columbia River Tributaries

Due to the continued spread of COVID-19, WDFW hatchery facilities and grounds remain closed to public access.

- **Toutle River, North Fork Toutle River, and Green River:** effective October 3 through November 30, 2020, in all river areas with salmon seasons currently open as published in the 2020-2021 sport fishing rules pamphlet: the salmon daily limit is 6, up to 2 adult salmon may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery Coho. All "Closed Waters" rules remain in effect.
- Washougal River: effective October 3 through December 31, 2020, from the mouth to bridge at Salmon Falls: the salmon daily limit is 6, up to 2 adult salmon may be retained, of which 1 may be a coho. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho. All "Closed Waters" rules remain in effect.
- **Drano Lake:** effective October 3 through October 31, 2020, 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: the salmon and hatchery steelhead daily limit is 6, up to 1 adult salmon or 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 47 bank anglers kept three Chinook, two Chinook jacks and released one Chinook jack. 16 boats/33 rods kept 15 Chinook, three Chinook jacks, three coho and two coho jacks.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 52 boats/92 rods kept 17 Chinook, four Chinook jacks, eight coho, three coho jacks and released two Chinook jacks.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 15 bank anglers had no catch. 17 boats/33 rods kept two Chinook, one Chinook jack, one coho and released one Chinook jack and one coho.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – Nine bank anglers had no catch. 6 boats/12 rods kept four Chinook, one coho and released one Chinook jack.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 5 boats/11 rods kept one Chinook, one coho and released one Chinook jack.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 6 boats/13 rods kept four Chinook.

Sec 8 (Longview) – One bank angler had no catch. 6 boats/11 rods had no catch.

Walleye:

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 2 boats/2 rod kept one walleye.

Salmon/Steelhead:

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Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 30 bank rods kept two coho and two coho jacks. 16 boats/47 rods kept seven coho, six coho jacks and released 35 Chinook, eight Chinook jacks, three coho and one steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br – 59 bank rods kept one coho and one coho jack and released eight Chinook and three coho jacks. 6 boats/16 rods kept three coho jacks and released one Chinook jack.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 3,341 coho adults, 3,093 coho jacks, 703 fall Chinook adults, 12 fall Chinook jacks, 340 cutthroat trout, and 16 summer-run steelhead during seven days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

Tacoma Power released 303 coho adults and 413 coho jacks at Franklin Bridge in Packwood and they released 280 coho adults and 460 coho jacks into the Cispus River by Yellow Jacket Creek near Randle.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released 1,421 coho adults, 903 coho jacks, and nine cutthroat trout into Lake Scanewa and they released 1,093 coho adults, 1,275 coho jacks, 324 fall Chinook adults, eight fall Chinook jacks, and six cutthroat trout into the Tilton River.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,610 cubic feet per second on Monday, October 12, 2020. Water visibility is 10 feet and the water temperature is 53.6 F.

Kalama River – 31 bank anglers kept eight coho and released one Chinook.

Lewis River – 99 bank anglers kept 18 coho, nine coho jacks and released four Chinook, nine coho and one steelhead. 14 boats/38 rods kept 13 Chinook, four Chinook jacks, eight coho, nine coho jacks and released one coho and three coho jacks.