November 25, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem Columbia and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Buoy 10 upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco:

o Immediately through December 31, 2020: Daily limit 6 salmon, up to 2 adults. Of which, 1 may be a hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon other than Chinook and coho. Release wild coho downstream of the Hood River Bridge. Salmon min. size 12 inches.

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• Cowlitz River: from the mouth to posted markers below the Barrier Dam: November 19 through December 31, 2020: the salmon daily limit is 6, up to 3 adult salmon may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery Coho. All “Closed Waters” rules remain in effect.

• Toutle River, North Fork Toutle River, and Green River: effective 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.

• Kalama River: from the mouth to 1,000 feet below fishway at Kalama Falls Hatchery: effective November 19 through December 31, 2020, the salmon daily limit is 6, up to 3 adults may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery Coho.

• Lewis River: From the mouth to Colvin Creek: November 19 through December 31, 2020, the salmon daily limit is 6, up to 3 adults may be retained, of which no more than 2 may be Chinook. Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery Coho.

• Lewis River: From Colvin Creek to the overhead powerlines below Merwin Dam, December 16 through December 31, 2020: the salmon daily limit is 6, up to 3 adult salmon may be retained, of which no more than 2 may be Chinook. Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery Coho.

• Washougal River: from the mouth to the bridge at Salmon Falls: effective November 19 through December 31, 2020, the salmon daily limit is 6, up to 3 adults may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.
• Drano Lake: effective through December 31, 2020, the salmon and hatchery steelhead daily limit is 6, up to 2 adults may be retained, of which no more than 1 may be a hatchery steelhead.

• Klickitat River: from the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: effective November 19 through January 31, 2021, the salmon daily limit is 6, up to 3 adults may be retained.

• Klickitat River: from 400 feet upstream of #5 Fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery, effective November 19 through November 30, 2020: the salmon daily limit is 6, up to 3 adults may be retained.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

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

Above the I-5 Br – 29 bank rods kept 18 coho, four coho jacks, one steelhead, two cutthroat and released 23 coho. 3 boats/7 rods kept five coho and one cutthroat.

Kalama River – 12 bank anglers kept one coho and released two coho.

Lewis River – 44 bank rods kept one Chinook jack, three coho and released four coho. 3 boats/8 rods kept eight Chinook, one Chinook jack and released 12 Chinook.

Washougal River – Three bank anglers released two Chinook.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – 25 bank anglers kept seven coho.