

March 9, 2021

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Salmon/Steelhead:

Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam, including Deep River:

Effective through April 4: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches.

Fishing for salmon or steelhead from a vessel is prohibited in the area adjacent to the Cowlitz River mouth and includes all of Carrolls Channel. To see full details of the boat-fishing closure area, view the emergency rule at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/>.

Bank angling with hand-cast lines only from Beacon Rock to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam:

Effective through March 15, 2021: Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

March 16 through May 5, 2021: Daily limit 6, no more than 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead. Bank angling with hand-cast lines only between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island powerlines.

The Dalles Dam upstream to the Washington/Oregon border:

Effective through March 15, 2021: Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

March 16 through May 5, 2021: Daily limit 6, no more than 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Washington/Oregon border upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco:

Effective through March 31, 2021: Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, from Buoy 10 upstream to John Day Dam including adjacent tributaries: Catch and release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River, John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam: White Sturgeon open for retention fishing until annual quota is met. Minimum size 43" fork length, maximum size 54" fork length. Daily limit 1, annual limit 2 fish. Catch and release allowed when closed to retention. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River: from the mouth to posted markers below the Barrier Dam:

Effective March 5 through July 31, 2021: Daily limit 3 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

Effective March 5, the fishing boundary markers will be moved downstream to 400 feet below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery ladder at the Barrier Dam.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Bonneville to Astoria – 143 salmonid boats and 78 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (3/6) effort count.

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – No report.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – No report.

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

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 12 bank anglers had no catch. 18 boats/32 rods had no catch.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 59 bank anglers released two steelhead. 9 boats/18 rods had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 11 bank anglers had no catch. 18 boats/41 rods had no catch.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 2 boats/6 rods had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 62 bank anglers kept two steelhead and released one Chinook and three steelhead. 16 boats/33 rods had no catch.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – Three bank anglers had no catch. 3 boats/7 rods had no catch.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Three bank anglers had no catch. 7 boats/18 rods had no catch.

Bonneville Pool – Three bank anglers had no catch.

Sturgeon:

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

Bonneville Pool – Seven bank anglers released two sublegal sturgeon. 1 boat/2 rods released two legal and two sublegal sturgeon.

The Dalles Pool – Three bank anglers had no catch.

John Day Pool – 11 bank anglers kept one legal sturgeon. 16 boats/40 rods released three sublegal sturgeon.

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool – 6 boats/12 rods kept four walleye and released one walleye.

The Dalles Pool – Five bank anglers kept three walleye and released one walleye. 6 boats/12 rods kept six walleye.

John Day Pool – Two bank anglers had no catch. 41 boats/90 rods kept 57 walleye and released 18 walleye and 16 bass.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 33 bank rods kept one steelhead. 1 boat/4 rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br – 56 bank rods kept five steelhead and released one steelhead. 33 boats/111 rods kept 52 steelhead.

Lewis River – Five bank anglers had no catch.