

August 24, 2021

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, Buoy 10 upstream to the Wauna Powerlines near Cathlamet WA including adjacent tributaries:

Catch and release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River, from Wauna Powerlines near Cathlamet WA upstream to Bonneville Dam including the Cowlitz River:

Effective Saturdays, September 11 and September 18, 2021 only: Daily limit 1, annual limit 2.

Retained fish must measure between 44-inches and 50- inches fork length.

Reminder to anglers: Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned under the fish.

Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Columbia River, from Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries:

Catch and release fishing only, except closed within spawning sanctuaries as specified in permanent regulations. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River Tributaries

Drano Lake: Effective August 25 through October 31, 2021, in the waters of Drano Lake located between a line projected through shoreline markers (located on north and west shores) approximately 2,000' downstream of the Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery, upstream to the deadline markers at the mouth of the Little White Salmon River immediately below the fish hatchery: Bank fishing only. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Only hand-cast lines may be used.

Tributary Weir Report: Current status as of August 16, 2021.

This section will provide operational status of the resistance board weirs run in Southwest WA. Additional information for these and other weirs will be available in the coming weeks.

Grays River Weir - located upstream of the Highway 4 bridge ~.3 miles. **Installed** and operating.

Kalama River Weir - located at the Modrow Trap facility. **Installed** and operating.

Elochoman River Weir - located upstream of the Foster Road bridge ~.5 miles. **Installed** and operating.

Washougal River Weir - located at the Fords Game Access Site. **Installed** and operating.

Green River Weir - located at the North Toutle Hatchery. **Installed** and operating.

Coweeman River Weir – located at river mile 6.8 near the end of Allen Street in Kelso. **Installed** and operating.

Cedar Creek Weir – located 0.25 mile from the mouth with the NF Lewis. **Installed** and not operating as of August 16th.

Fishery Reports:

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – Seven bank anglers kept one Chinook. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 17 boats/32 rods kept four Chinook.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – Six bank anglers released two steelhead. 1 boat/2 rods kept one Chinook.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 72 bank anglers kept five Chinook. 34 boats/62 rods kept six Chinook, one coho, three jacks and released two steelhead.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 79 bank anglers kept four Chinook. 16 boats/30 rods kept six Chinook.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 217 bank anglers kept 35 Chinook and released one coho. 48 boats/125 rods kept 14 Chinook and released one Chinook.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 66 boats/177 rods kept 34 Chinook, two jacks and released one Chinook and one coho.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 50 bank anglers kept one Chinook and released three steelhead. 62 boats/145 rods kept 19 Chinook and one coho.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – Two bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – No report.

Sturgeon:

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 1 boat/2 rods released one oversize sturgeon.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 1 boat/2 rods released one legal sturgeon.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 2 boats/7 rods released five legal and one oversize sturgeon.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Walleye:

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 2 boats/3 rods had no catch.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – No report.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – No report.

Kalama River – No report.

Lewis River – Seven bank rods kept two steelhead. 1 boat/2 rods kept one Chinook.

Drano Lake – 10 boats/19 rods kept five Chinook and released one Chinook and eight steelhead.

Klickitat River below Fisher Hill Bridge – No report.

Klickitat River above #5 Fishway – No report.