May 9, 2022

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Columbia River from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam:

Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam:

Immediately until further notice: Closed to fishing for and retention of salmon, steelhead and shad.

Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco:

Bonneville Dam upstream to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon border:

Effective May 4, 2022 until further notice: Closed to fishing for and retention of salmon, steelhead and shad.

Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon border upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco:

No emergency regulations at this time.

Sturgeon:

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

Effective only Wednesdays and Saturdays, May 11 - June 4, 2022, plus Monday, May 30, 2022:

Open for retention of white sturgeon until 2pm and closes to all sturgeon fishing after 2pm, including catch and release fishing.

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

All other dates: Catch and release fishing only.

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

Catch and release fishing only.
Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River: Effective until further notice: Salmon closed.

Kalama River:
Immediately until further notice, from the mouth to 1,000 feet below the fishway at Kalama Falls hatchery: The daily salmon limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

Wind River:
Effective immediately until further notice, from the mouth to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: Salmon and hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 1 adult salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead or up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

Drano Lake:
Effective May 6, 2022: Permanent rules in effective as listed in the 2021-22 Washington Sport Fishing pamphlet.

Klickitat River:
From the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: Effective April 1 through May 27, 2022: Salmon and hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 2, of which up to 1 may be an adult salmon. Release wild Chinook. Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

• Beginning May 28, 2022 until further notice: Salmon: Daily limit 6, of which up to 1 may be an adult. Release wild Chinook.

Klickitat River:
From 400 feet upstream of #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon Hatchery: Effective May 28, 2022 until further notice: Salmon: Daily limit 6, of which up to 1 may be an adult. Release wild Chinook.

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Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – 22 bank rods released one Chinook.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – 14 bank rods released one Chinook.

Kalama River – 47 bank rods kept two Chinook. 24 boats/59 rods kept 19 Chinook and released four Chinook and two steelhead.

Lewis River – Two bank rods had no catch.

Wind River – 59 bank rods kept 11 Chinook and released two Chinook. 339 boats/1,156 rods kept 426 Chinook, six jacks and released 23 Chinook and three jacks.
Drano Lake – 72 bank rods kept 19 Chinook and two jacks. 357 boats/1,189 rods kept 462 Chinook, six jacks and released 29 Chinook and one jack.

Klickitat River below Fisher Hill Bridge – 24 bank rods kept four Chinook and released one steelhead.