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Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Report

The Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Report is a creel summary of angler effort and catch rates for the Columbia River and its tributaries in southwest Washington. This report also includes information about <u>Columbia River tributary weirs</u> and other fishing related information. Information varies by season, run timing, and fishery status.

Mainstem Columbia River

• Lower Columbia River, Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam — 654 salmonid boats and 542 Washington bank rods were tallied on the flight count Saturday 5/10.

Salmon/Steelhead

- Section 1 (Bonneville) 204 bank anglers kept 84 Chinook, one jack, and released eight Chinook. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.
- Section 2 (Camas/Washougal) No bank effort reported. 4 boats/11 rods kept three Chinook.
- Section 3 (I-5 Area) No effort reported.
- Section 4 (Vancouver) No bank effort reported. 17 boats/32 rods kept two Chinook, two
 jacks, and released one Chinook and one jack.
- Section 5 (Woodland) Seven bank anglers had no catch. 18 boats/33 rods kept six Chinook and one steelhead.
- Section 6 (Kalama) 19 bank anglers released one Chinook. 9 boats/19 rods kept four Chinook and one jack.
- Section 7 (Cowlitz) No bank effort reported. 9 boats/27 rods kept two Chinook, and released one Chinook and one steelhead.
- Section 8 (Longview) Nine bank anglers had no catch. 38 boats/81 rods kept 10 Chinook, one
 jack, and released one Chinook.
- Section 9 (Cathlamet) 16 bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/5 rods had no catch.
- Section 10 (Cathlamet) No bank effort reported. 16 boats/37 rods kept one Chinook.

Sturgeon

No effort reported.

Shad

• Section 1 (Bonneville) — No effort reported.

Walleye

• Section 2 (Camas/Washougal) — 1 boat/1 rod kept four walleye.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead

- Cowlitz River (I-5 Bridge downstream) 54 bank anglers kept two Chinook and one jack. 4 boats/5 rods had no catch.
- Cowlitz River (I-5 Bridge upstream) 27 bank anglers kept five Chinook and two jacks. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.
- **Kalama River** 33 bank anglers kept seven Chinook and one jack. 34 boats/80 rods kept 44 Chinook, three jacks, and released two Chinook and two steelhead.
- Lewis River Five bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/4 rods had no catch.
- **Wind River** Two bank anglers kept one Chinook. 169 boats/552 rods kept 266 Chinook, eight jacks, and released nine Chinook.
- **Drano Lake** 23 bank anglers kept 10 Chinook. 42 boats/115 rods kept 118 Chinook and released two Chinook.
- Klickitat River (below Fisher Hill Bridge) Six bank anglers kept one Chinook.

Tributary Weir Report

This section provides operational status of resistance board weirs in southwest Washington. Weir status reports are updated mid-July and available on the Southwest Washington fishing reports webpage.

No weirs are installed at this time.

Additional Resources

For more information, refer to these webpages:

- Northern pikeminnow
- White sturgeon
- Columbia River smelt
- Columbia River recreational fishing
- Columbia River Compact
- Creel and catch reports

Regulations: Anglers should review the <u>Washington Sport Fishing rules pamphlet</u> or <u>Fish Washington®</u> <u>mobile app</u> for all permanent rules, as well as check for any <u>emergency rule changes</u> before fishing. To receive regulation updates and fishery notices via email, subscribe to <u>WDFW's mailing lists</u>.