

April 30, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Salmon/Steelhead:

- **Above Bonneville Dam: Effective April 1 through May 5;** Open for bank fishing with hand casted lines only from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) plus boat and bank fishing from the Tower Island power lines upstream to the Oregon/Washington border.
 - Daily limit is 6 adipose fin-clipped salmonids, including no more than 2 adults of which no more than 1 may be an adult chinook. Release all wild chinook and wild steelhead.
- **Wind River:** Effective April 1, 2019 until further notice, from the mouth to 400 feet downstream of Shipherd Falls fish ladder: The adult daily limit is 1 hatchery spring Chinook or 2 hatchery steelhead or 1 of each.
- **Wind River:** Effective May 1, 2019 until further notice, from 100' above Shipherd Falls to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: The adult daily limit is 1 spring Chinook or 2 hatchery steelhead or 1 of each.
- **Drano Lake:** Daily limit 2 hatchery spring Chinook or 2 hatchery steelhead or 1 of each. Release all wild chinook and wild steelhead. Closed to angling on Wednesdays beginning April 10, 2019.
- **Klickitat River:** Effective April 1, 2019 until further notice, from the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: the adult salmon daily limit is one fish.
- **Klickitat River:** Effective May 25, 2019 until further notice, from 400 feet upstream from #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery: the daily salmon limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult.

Sturgeon:

- Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries: Closed to retention of white sturgeon but remains open for catch and release fishing only.
- **Beginning Monday, May 13, from the mouth of the Columbia at Buoy 10, upstream to Wauna powerlines, Including adjacent Washington tributaries** — White Sturgeon open for retention fishing Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only through June 5. Minimum size 44" fork length, maximum size 50" fork length. Daily limit 1. The fishery closes at 2PM each of those days, including catch and release.

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Salmon/Steelhead:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Warrior Rock line to Bonneville Dam— 48 salmonid boats and 89 Washington bank rods were tallied during last Saturday's flight count. Despite the not so perfect conditions over the weekend, some fish were caught with most of the catch being on the Washington bank in the Gorge.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 22 bank rods kept 1 steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br: 11 bank rods had no catch. 13 boats/34 rods released 1 Chinook.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 302 winter-run steelhead adults, 19 spring Chinook adults, one spring Chinook jack and two cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 19 winter-run steelhead adults and two cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released 14 winter-run steelhead adults and three spring Chinook adults into Lake Scanewa located in Randle.

Tacoma Power tagged and recycled 26 winter-run steelhead adults to the lower river.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,960 cubic feet per second on Monday, April 29. Water visibility is 11 feet and the water temperature is 49.5 F.

Kalama River – 32 bank anglers had no catch. 13 boats/26 rods released 1 steelhead. 15 adult Chinook have returned to the hatchery as of April 29th.

Lewis River – Little to no effort during the current steelhead season. 1 bank angler had no catch.

Wind River— Light effort due to the mud line from the Columbia pushing its way into the normal trolling areas. 18 boats/31 rods kept 6 Chinook and released 1 Chinook.

Drano Lake – Effort has been ramping up each week along with the catch. Creel samplers still have not checked a Chinook off the bank this season but the boats have been producing some fish. 80 boats/174 rods kept 40 Chinook.

Klickitat River- 4 bank anglers kept 1 steelhead.

Trout:

Klickitat County:

Horsethief Lake- 15 anglers kept 30 Rainbow trout and released 4.

Rowland Lake- 37 anglers kept 108 Rainbow trout and released 68.

Spearfish Lake- 8 anglers kept 22 Rainbow trout and released 3.

Lewis County:

Carlise Lake- 55 anglers kept 34 Rainbow trout and released 224.

Mineral Lake- 88 anglers kept 189 Rainbow trout and released 239.

Catchable Trout Plants:

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
Battle Ground (CLARK)	April 24, 2019	Cutthroat	3,000	2.50	Skamania
Klinline (CLARK)	April 24, 2019	Cutthroat	2,110	2.50	Skamania
Horseshoe (COWLITZ)	April 22, 2019	Rainbow	3,000	2.13	Goldendale
Sacajawea (COWLITZ)	April 26, 2019	Rainbow	3,360	2.80	Mossyrock
Carlise (LEWIS)	April 16, 2019	Rainbow	10,000	2.00	
Mineral (LEWIS)	April 23, 2019	Rainbow	2,875	2.50	Mossyrock

