

May 7, 2019

## Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

### Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

#### Salmon/Steelhead:

- **Lewis River:** Effective May 1-31, 2019, Anglers should be aware the river section from Johnson Creek to the overhead power lines below Merwin Dam is closed to fishing.
- **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:**

#### ***Columbia River Tributaries***

**Elochoman River**– 1 bank angler released 1 steelhead.

**Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream:** 26 bank rods kept 3 steelhead. 1 boat/ 4 rods released 1 Chinook.

**Above the I-5 Br:** 14 bank rods had no catch. 5 boats/13 rods had no catch.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 161 winter-run steelhead adults, two winter-run steelhead jacks, 118 spring Chinook adults, five spring Chinook jacks and one cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 17 winter-run steelhead adults and one cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released 22 winter-run steelhead adults, 17 spring Chinook adults and one spring Chinook jack into Lake Scanewa located in Randle.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,990 cubic feet per second on Monday, May 6. Water visibility is 10 feet and the water temperature is 50.0 F.

**Kalama River** – 67 bank anglers released 4 Chinook and 3 steelhead. 13 boats/23 rods kept 1 Chinook jack and released 7 steelhead.

**Lewis River** – 8 bank anglers had no catch.

**Wind River**– 65 boats/172 rods kept 46 Chinook and released 2 Chinook.

**Drano Lake** – 20 bank rods had no catch. 215 boats/594 rods kept 148 Chinook and released 12 Chinook.

**Klickitat** – No report.

❖ **Tributaries not listed: Creel checks not conducted.**

**Trout:** No report on angling success.

### **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        |
| Klineline (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       |

### **Pikeminnow Sport – Reward Fishery Program:**

The program operates from May 1 to September 30 in the lower Columbia River (mouth to Priest Rapids Dam) and the Snake River (mouth to Hells Canyon Dam). <http://www.pikeminnow.org/>

| <b>Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery 2019</b> |                   |                  |             |
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| <b><u>Weekly Catch</u></b>                           |                   |                  |             |
| <b>May 1 - May 5, 2019</b>                           |                   |                  |             |
| <b>Station</b>                                       | <b>\$500 Tags</b> | <b>Total NPM</b> | <b>CPUE</b> |
| <b>Cathlamet</b>                                     | 0                 | 322              | 4.0         |
| <b>Willow Grove</b>                                  | 0                 | 171              | 2.4         |
| <b>Rainier</b>                                       | 1                 | 397              | 8.3         |
| <b>Kalama</b>  | 0                 | 52               | 1.4         |
| <b>Ridgefield</b>                                    | 0                 | 301              | 4.9         |
| <b>Gleason</b>                                       | 2                 | 253              | 3.3         |
| <b>Chinook Landing</b>                               | 0                 | 101              | 2.1         |
| <b>Washougal</b>                                     | 2                 | 863              | 13.2        |
| <b>Beacon Rock</b>                                   | 0                 | 0                | 0.0         |
| <b>Cascade Locks</b>                                 | 1                 | 274              | 8.3         |
| <b>Bingen</b>  | 0                 | 39               | 2.0         |
| <b>The Dalles</b>                                    | 1                 | 690              | 2.9         |
| <b>Giles French</b>                                  | 0                 | 194              | 2.5         |
| <b>Umatilla</b>                                      | 0                 | 33               | 1.0         |
| <b>Columbia Point</b>                                | 0                 | 317              | 1.9         |
| <b>Vernita</b>                                       | 0                 | 15               | 1.4         |
| <b>Lyon's Ferry</b>                                  | 0                 | 0                | 0.0         |
| <b>Boyer Park</b>                                    | 0                 | 86               | 2.5         |
| <b>Greenbelt</b>                                     | 0                 | 117              | 1.6         |