

June 4, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Free Fishing Weekend: June 8-9, 2019

"Free Fishing Weekend" is June 8-9, 2019, when fishing licenses are not required of anyone to fish in Washington. Free Fishing Weekend in Washington is always the first weekend after the first Monday in June.

Remember - all other rules still apply. While no licenses are required on Free Fishing Weekend, it's still important to check the regulations for other rules such as size limits, bag limits, catch record card requirements and area closures that will still be in effect.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

- **Buoy 10 upstream to Chief Joseph Dam:** Effective June 1, 2019 until further notice, barbless hooks are now voluntary for salmon and steelhead directed fisheries.

SALMON & STEELHEAD

Columbia River Tributaries

- Effective June 1, barbless hooks are voluntary for salmon and steelhead directed fisheries in some tributaries to the Columbia River from Buoy 10 to McNary Dam. For a complete list of rivers and areas where barbed hooks are allowed please visit the Emergency Rules section of the WDFW website.
- **Kalama River:** until further notice, from the mouth upstream to the 6600 Road Bridge immediately downstream of Jacks Creek: Use of barbless hooks is voluntary until further notice, from the mouth to 1,000 feet below the fishway at the upper salmon hatchery: the daily salmon limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult.
- **Lewis River:** Until further notice, from the mouth to Merwin dam: Closed to salmon retention.
- **Wind River:** Until further notice, from the mouth to 800 yards below Carson National Fish Hatchery: Closed to salmon and steelhead angling.
- **Drano Lake:** Until further notice, downstream of the markers on point of land downstream and across from Little White Salmon National fish hatchery and upstream of Highway 14 bridge: Closed to salmon and steelhead angling.
- **Klickitat River:** Effective June 5 until further notice, from the mouth to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery: closed to salmon retention.

Sturgeon:

- **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.
- Wauna powerlines upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries: Closed to retention of white sturgeon but remains open for catch and release fishing only.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Elochoman River— 3 bank anglers had no catch.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 9 bank rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br: 6 bank rods had no catch. 4 boats/10 rods kept 3 steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 81 spring Chinook adults, eight spring Chinook jacks, 20 summer-run steelhead adults, six winter-run steelhead adults, and one cutthroat trout adult during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released eight spring Chinook adults, one spring Chinook jack, and one cutthroat trout adult into Lake Scanewa located in Randle.

Tacoma Power employees recycled 22 summer-run steelhead this week to the lower river.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,940 cubic feet per second on Tuesday, May 28. Water visibility is 9 feet and the water temperature is 48.4 F.

Kalama River – 12 bank anglers released 2 Chinook jacks.

Lewis River – 5 bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/5 rods had no catch.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – 12 bank anglers kept 1 Chinook jack, 2 steelhead and released 1 steelhead.

Klickitat above #5 Fishway – 7 bank anglers released 1 steelhead. 2 boats/5 rods kept 1 steelhead and released 2 steelhead.

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

Trout: No report on angling success.

Catchable Trout Plants:

Lake/Pond	Date	Species	Number	Fish/lb	Hatchery
Klineline (CLARK)	May 29, 2019	Rainbow	1,500	2.60	Goldendale
Goose Lake (SKAMANIA)	May 28, 2019	Rainbow	1,500	2.52	Goldendale
Rowland (KLICKITAT)	May 28, 2019	Rainbow	1,562	2.52	Goldendale
Spearfish (KLICKITAT)	May 29, 2019	Rainbow	2,028	2.60	Goldendale

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/>

Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery 2019			
<u>Weekly Catch</u>			
May 27-June 2, 2019			
Station	\$500 Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	0	685	6.0
Willow Grove	0	198	3.6
Rainier	0	310	3.5
Kalama	0	126	3.5
Ridgefield	0	336	7.5
Gleason	1	259	3.9
Chinook Landing	1	501	6.1
Washougal	0	531	7.2
Beacon Rock	0	87	6.7
Cascade Locks	0	156	7.4
Bingen	1	85	3.7
The Dalles	1	1,032	4.7
Giles French	0	299	3.4
Umatilla	0	229	3.6
Columbia Point	0	335	2.5
Vernita	0	15	1.4
Lyon's Ferry	0	4	0.8
Boyer Park	0	488	5.5
Greenbelt	1	128	1.9

