

September 25, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates:

SALMON & STEELHEAD

Columbia River Mainstem

- **Buoy 10 upstream to Rocky Point/Tongue Point**, September 25, 2019 through September 30, 2019: Release all steelhead.
- **Rocky Point/Tongue Point upstream to The Dalles Dam**, Effective through September 25, 2019: Release all steelhead.
- **Rocky Point/Tongue Point upstream to Bonneville Dam**, Effective September 26, 2019 through October 31, 2019: Closed to angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead.
- **Bonneville Dam upstream to Hwy 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA**, Effective September 26, 2019 through December 31, 2019: Closed to angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead.

Columbia River Tributaries

- **Cowlitz River**: Until further notice, the closed waters section below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery Barrier Dam is 400 feet, at the posted markers.
- **Green River**: from the mouth to Miner's Creek, effective through November 30, 2019: the salmon daily limit is 6 hatchery fish; up to 4 hatchery adults may be retained, of which only 1 may be a hatchery Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho. The area from 400 feet below to 400 feet above the water intake at the upper end of the hatchery is closed waters.
- **Toutle and NF Toutle Rivers**: from the mouth of the Toutle River upstream to the posted markers below the fish collection facility, effective through November 30, 2019: the salmon daily limit is 6 hatchery fish; up to 4 hatchery adults may be retained, of which only 1 may be a hatchery Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.
- **Washougal River**: from the mouth to the bridge at Salmon Falls, effective through December 31, 2019: the salmon daily limit is 6 hatchery fish; up to 3 hatchery adults may be retained, of which only 1 may be a hatchery Chinook. The hatchery steelhead daily limit is 3 fish. The area from 1,000 feet below, or posted markers, to 200 feet above the temporary weir located at the County Line Access site is 'Closed Waters' when the weir is installed.

- **Wind River:** From the mouth to 400 feet downstream of Shipherd Falls fish ladder, effective through September 30, 2019: release all steelhead. From 100 feet above Shipherd Falls to Moore Bridge, effective through November 30, 2019: closed to all fishing.
- **White Salmon River:** From the mouth to the county road bridge below the former location of the power house: Effective through September 30, 2019: release all steelhead.
- **Klickitat River:** From the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge, effective through September 30, 2019: release all steelhead.

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.
- **Columbia River from Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, and the Cowlitz River** — White Sturgeon is open for retention on Saturday, September 21 and Saturday September 28, 2019, only. Minimum size 44" fork length, maximum size 50" fork length. Daily limit 1. Catch-and-release fishing for sturgeon will continue to be allowed on all non-retention days.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 27 bank rods kept 1 coho and 1 coho jack. 32 boats/72 rods kept 11 coho, 3 coho jacks and released 62 Chinook, 53 Chinook jacks, 15 coho and 8 coho jacks.

Above the I-5 Br – 8 bank rods released 3 Chinook and 2 Chinook jacks.

Lewis River – 36 bank anglers kept 7 coho and released 3 Chinook and 2 coho. 6 boats/18 rods released 1 coho jack.

Wind River – 2 boats/6 rods kept 5 Chinook, 1 coho and released 2 Chinook and 3 coho.

Drano Lake – 17 bank anglers kept 1 coho and released 1 coho jack and 1 steelhead. 20 boats/45 rods kept 18 Chinook, 1 Chinook jack and released 1 Chinook.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – 32 bank anglers kept 5 Chinook and 2 Chinook jacks.

Klickitat above #5 Fishway – 3 bank anglers had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 29 bank rods released 3 sublegal sturgeon. 11 boats/37 rods kept 7 legal sturgeon and released 33 sublegal sturgeon.

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>			
Sept 16-22, 2019			
Station	\$500 Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	0	1,825	17.7
Willow Grove	0	504	16.3
Rainier	0	264	10.2
Kalama	0	146	16.2
Ridgefield	0	399	22.2
Gleason	0	521	15.3
Chinook Landing	1	261	17.3
Washougal	1	854	18.5
Beacon Rock	0	272	45.3
Cascade Locks	0	93	9.3
Bingen	0	0	0.0
The Dalles	0	0	0.0
Giles French	0	45	4.5
Umatilla	0	0	0.0
Columbia Point	0	63	4.8
Vernita	0	53	3.3
Lyon's Ferry	0	0	0.0
Boyer Park	0	736	8.8
Greenbelt	0	645	9.3

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

Month/Week	Salmonid										Chinook											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Coho Kept	Rel.	Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Coho Kept	Rel.	Other
Sept 16-22, 2019	1	21	CLOSED	CLOSED	7	0	CLOSED	0	1	0	0	4	12	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	3
Bonneville	2		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED					45	88	CLOSED	CLOSED	56	0	CLOSED	0	4	11	3
Camas/Washougal	3		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED							CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED				
I-5 area	4	7	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	14	29	CLOSED	CLOSED	7	0	CLOSED	0	1	3	3
Vancouver	5		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED					23	55	CLOSED	CLOSED	64	0	CLOSED	0	8	6	0
Woodland	6	20	CLOSED	CLOSED	5	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	25	57	CLOSED	CLOSED	28	2	CLOSED	0	2	5	7
Kalama	7		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED					2	6	CLOSED	CLOSED	2	0	CLOSED	0	6	4	0
Cowlitz	8	6	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	6	12	CLOSED	CLOSED	13	0	CLOSED	0	0	3	0
Longview	9	1	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0			CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED				
Cathlamet	10	1	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0			CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED				
private boats/bank charter	10		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED							CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED				
Total		56	CLOSED	CLOSED	12	0	CLOSED	0	1	0	0	119	259	CLOSED	CLOSED	170	2	CLOSED	0	21	32	16

	Sturgeon						# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals Kept
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept						
Bonneville	1	97	4	0	0	0	18	52	12	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2						31	82	63	0	0	9
I-5 area	3											
Vancouver	4	12	0	0	0	0	59	162	46	0	39	22
Woodland	5	36	1	0	0	1	24	59	11	0	4	4
Kalama	6	40	0	0	0	0	50	161	38	0	7	22
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8	38	0	0	0	1	102	255	18	0	4	16
Cathlamet	9											
Deep River + Knappton boats	10											
Total		223	5	0	0	2	284	771	188	0	54	73

	Walleye				# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.				
Bonneville	1	11	1	0				
Camas/Washougal	2							
I-5 area	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		11	1	0	0	0	0	0