

September 18, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates:

SALMON & STEELHEAD

Columbia River Mainstem

- **Warrior Rock to Bonneville Dam**, Effective September 6 until further notice. Release all Chinook, 2 hatchery adult coho may be retained.

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.
- **North Fork Toutle River:** Until further notice: Daily salmon limit 6, up to 4 adults may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery coho.
- **Wind River:** Effective September 1 – September 30, 2019, from the mouth to 400 feet downstream of Shipherd Falls fish ladder: release all steelhead.
- **White Salmon River:** Effective September 1 – September 30, 2019, from the mouth to the county road bridge below the former location of the power house: release all steelhead.
- **Klickitat River:** Effective through September 30, 2019, from the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: 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

Elochoman River – 2 bank anglers had no catch.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 46 bank rods kept 1 coho, 2 coho jacks and released 1 Chinook jack. 33 boats/86 rods kept 8 coho, 3 coho jacks and released 83 Chinook, 23 Chinook jacks, 12 coho, 14 coho jacks and 3 steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br – 19 bank rods released 2 Chinook. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 102 coho adults, 31 coho jacks, 96 fall Chinook adults, six fall Chinook jacks, 48 summer-run steelhead adults, one summer-run steelhead jack, 11 cutthroat trout, 10 spring Chinook adults and four spring Chinook mini-jacks during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released nine coho adults, three coho jacks, and three spring Chinook adults into the Cispus River located near Randle and they released three spring Chinook adults, 12 coho adults, two coho jacks, and two cutthroat trout at the Franklin Bridge release site in Packwood.

Tacoma Power also released 43 fall Chinook adults, 30 coho adults, 20 coho jacks, and one cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

To date, Tacoma Power employees have recycled 644 summer-run steelhead to the lower Cowlitz River.

Lewis River – 45 bank anglers kept 1 Chinook, 2 coho, 3 coho jacks and 1 steelhead. 2 boats/4 rods kept 2 coho, 1 coho jack and released 1 Chinook.

Wind River – 2 bank anglers had no catch. 5 boats/6 rods kept 2 Chinook, 1 coho and released 2 coho.

Drano Lake – 15 boats/33 rods kept 18 Chinook and 1 coho.

Klickitat River – 6 bank anglers kept 1 coho and released 1 Chinook.

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

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 9-15, 2019			
Station	\$500 Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	1	1,741	12.7
Willow Grove	0	948	24.3
Rainier	0	440	12.2
Kalama	0	11	1.8
Ridgefield	0	608	21.0
Gleason	1	787	18.7
Chinook Landing	0	234	8.4
Washougal	0	531	12.1
Beacon Rock	0	135	33.8
Cascade Locks	0	185	14.2
Bingen	0	0	0.0
The Dalles	0	1	0.2
Giles French	0	95	4.8
Umatilla	0	20	10.0
Columbia Point	0	34	2.8
Vernita	1	88	3.6
Lyon's Ferry	0	7	3.5
Boyer Park	0	886	10.1
Greenbelt	0	808	11.2

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

Month/Week	Salmonid										Chinook												
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Coho Kept	Coho Rel.	Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Kept Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Coho Kept	Coho Rel.	Other	
Sept 9-15, 2019	1		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED																
Bonneville	2		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED				11	22	CLOSED	CLOSED	26	0	CLOSED	0	2	8	0		
Camas/Washougal	3		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED				1	2	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		
I-5 area	4	10	CLOSED	CLOSED	1	0	CLOSED	1	0	0	6	16	CLOSED	CLOSED	6	0	CLOSED	0	0	3	0		
Vancouver	5	1	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	2	5	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		
Woodland	6	13	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	5	8	CLOSED	CLOSED	4	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		
Kalama	7		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED				9	24	CLOSED	CLOSED	14	0	CLOSED	0	6	4	0		
Cowlitz	8	4	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	1	1	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0		
Longview	9	2	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0			CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED						
Cathlamet	10		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED						CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED						
private boats/bank charter	10		CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED						CLOSED	CLOSED			CLOSED						
Total		30	CLOSED	CLOSED	1	0	CLOSED	1	0	0	35	78	CLOSED	CLOSED	50	0	CLOSED	0	8	15	0		

	Sturgeon											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Bonneville	1					CLOSED						CLOSED
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED						CLOSED
I-5 area	3					CLOSED						CLOSED
Vancouver	4					CLOSED						CLOSED
Woodland	5					CLOSED						CLOSED
Kalama	6					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED
Longview	8					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Total		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	CLOSED

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