

March 9, 2020

## Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

### Updates: Mainstem and tributary

#### Salmon/Steelhead:

##### *Columbia River Mainstem*

**Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice:** Mainstem Columbia River waters downstream of the Warrior Rock line are closed to salmon, steelhead and shad fishing.

**Warrior Rock line upstream to Bonneville Dam:** Effective March 1 through March 31, 2020 open 7 days per week. Closed April 1, 2020. Starting April 2, 2020 until further notice open 3 days per week; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open for boat and bank fishing from the Warrior Rock line upstream to the Beacon Rock line, plus bank angling only from the Beacon Rock line upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline. Release all wild Chinook, coho and steelhead.

**Bonneville Dam upstream to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon Border:** Effective April 1 through May 5, 2020 open 7 days per week. Open to bank angling only from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Tower Island power lines (except for those waters closed under permanent regulations). Only hand-cast lines may be used. Open for boat and bank angling from the Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to the Oregon/Washington border. Release all wild Chinook, coho and steelhead.

**McNary Dam upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA:** Effective through March 31, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of steelhead.

**Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA upstream to Old Hanford townsite powerline crossing:** Effective through April 15, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of steelhead.

#### Salmon/Steelhead

##### *Columbia River Tributaries*

**Cowlitz River:** Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth upstream to Forest Road 1270, the Cispus River, and Lake Scanewa: Closed to salmon retention. Until further notice, the closed waters section below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery Barrier Dam is 400', at the posted markers.

**Kalama River:** Effective March 1, 2020 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. Release all salmon other than hatchery chinook and hatchery coho.

**Lewis River:** Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to Merwin dam: Closed to salmon retention.

### **Sturgeon:**

**From the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to John Day Dam including adjacent tributaries —** Effective until further notice: White Sturgeon is open for catch-and-release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

**John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries —** Effective March 11, 2020 retention of white sturgeon is prohibited. Catch-and-release allowed when closed to retention. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

## **Fishery Reports:**

### **Salmon/Steelhead:**

#### ***Mainstem Lower Columbia River***

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 2 bank anglers had no catch.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 1 bank angler had no catch. 2 boats/3 rods had no catch.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 10 bank anglers had no catch. 27 boats/47 rods had no catch.

### **Salmon/Steelhead:**

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

**Grays River** – 3 bank anglers released two steelhead.

**Elochoman River** – 16 bank anglers kept one steelhead and released three steelhead. 2 boats/6 rods released 16 steelhead.

**Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream** – 92 bank rods kept 13 steelhead and released two steelhead. 2 boats/6 rods had no catch.

**Cowlitz River above the I-5 Br** – 48 bank rods kept five steelhead. 98 boats/331 rods kept 188 steelhead and released 19 steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 211 winter-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released six winter-run steelhead adults into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released 35 winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa in Randle.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,390 cubic feet per second on Monday, March 9, 2020. Water visibility is 5 feet and the water temperature is 42.8 F.

**Kalama River** – 5 bank anglers released one steelhead. 2 boats/3 rods kept one steelhead and released one steelhead.

**Lewis River** – 4 bank anglers had no catch.

**Salmon/Steelhead:**

**John Day Pool** – No report.

**Sturgeon:**

**John Day Pool** – 18 bank anglers had no catch. 9 boats/24 rods kept three legal sturgeon and released 4 sublegal sturgeon.

**Walleye:**

**John Day Pool** – 5 bank anglers kept three walleye. 43 boats/92 rods kept 94 walleye and released 26 walleye.

**Bass:**

**John Day Pool** – One bank angler had no catch. 2 boats/5 rods kept four bass.

**Catchable Trout Plants:**

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
Klineline PD (CLARK)	Mar 3, 2020	Rainbow	1,500	2.00	Vancouver
Lacamas LK (CLARK)	Mar 2, 2020	Rainbow	4,000	2.30	Vancouver