

June 16, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

Megler/Astoria Bridge upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco: Effective June 16 through July 31, 2020:

Open 7 days per week.

Daily limit is 2, up to 2 sockeye or 1 sockeye and 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained. (No more than 1 steelhead may be retained.) Release all Chinook and wild steelhead. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches. Barbless hooks are required.

I-182 Bridge upstream to Priest Rapids Dam: Effective June 16 through July 31, 2020:

Daily limit is 2 sockeye. Release all other salmon and steelhead. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches.

Salmon/Steelhead:

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Cowlitz River: Effective immediately until further notice, from the mouth upstream to Forest Road 1270, the Cispus River, and Lake Scanewa: Closed to Chinook 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 immediately 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.

Wind River: Effective immediately until further notice, from the mouth to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: salmon and steelhead fishing is closed.

Drano Lake: Effective immediately until further notice, in the waters downstream of markers on point of land downstream and across from Little White Salmon National Fish hatchery and upstream of Highway 14 Bridge; Salmon and steelhead fishing is closed.

Sturgeon:

From the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries:

Effective immediately until further notice: White Sturgeon is open for catch-and-release fishing only.

Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to I-5 Bridge – 86 salmonid boats and 178 Washington bank rods were tallied during Sunday's (6/14) flight count.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 64 bank anglers kept three sockeye and released three Chinook. 9 boats/20 rods had no catch.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 110 bank anglers kept eight sockeye, one steelhead and released three Chinook. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 53 bank anglers kept two sockeye, one steelhead and released four Chinook. 17 boats/45 rods kept twelve sockeye, one steelhead and released one Chinook and one jack.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 471 bank anglers kept two Chinook jacks, 41 sockeye, 20 steelhead and released 16 Chinook, two jacks and six steelhead. 24 boats/61 rods kept one jack, nine sockeye, 16 steelhead and released four Chinook and two steelhead.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 102 bank anglers kept four sockeye, 12 steelhead and released six Chinook. 15 boats/50 rods kept 14 sockeye, 27 steelhead and released one Chinook and six steelhead.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – 15 bank anglers kept three steelhead and released one steelhead. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 2 boats/6 rods released three legal sturgeon and one sublegal sturgeon.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 1 boat/4 rods released one legal sturgeon and 14 sublegal sturgeon.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 1 boats/3 rods released two sublegal sturgeon.

Shad:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 17 bank anglers kept 265 shad and released 11 shad.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 2 boats/3 rods kept three shad.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – One bank angler had no catch. 2 boats/5 rods kept 15 shad.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 7 boats/14 rods kept 59 shad.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 1 boat/3 rods kept two shad.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

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

Above the I-5 Br – Nine bank rods had no catch. 2 boats/6 rods kept three steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 72 spring Chinook adults, 76 spring Chinook jacks, two spring Chinook mini-jacks, 43 summer-run steelhead adults, and two winter-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released 33 spring Chinook adults, seven spring Chinook jacks, and one winter-run steelhead adult into Lake Scanewa in Randle.

Tacoma Power also released 3,640 rainbow trout into Mayfield Lake last week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 8,560 cubic feet per second on Monday, June 15, 2020. Water visibility is 10 feet and the water temperature is 49.5 F.

Kalama River – 28 bank anglers had no catch. 4 boats/9 rods had no catch.

Lewis River – Four bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/3 rods had no catch.

Klickitat below Fisher Hill Bridge – Two bank anglers had no catch.

Klickitat above #5 Fishway – 14 bank anglers released one Chinook jack.