

July 21, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem Columbia

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco: Effective July 16 through July 31, 2020: Open to hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead retention with a daily limit of 6; up to 2 hatchery adults may be retained, only 1 may be a steelhead. Release all wild Chinook, wild steelhead and sockeye. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 39 bank anglers kept one Chinook, two steelhead and released two Chinook, seven steelhead and eight sockeye. 2 boats/3 rods kept two Chinook, one steelhead and released two steelhead.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – Six bank anglers had no catch. 8 boats/13 rods kept one Chinook.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 11 bank anglers released two Chinook, one steelhead and one sockeye. 3 boats/4 rods released one Chinook.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 91 bank anglers kept five Chinook, two steelhead and released 11 steelhead and one sockeye. 23 boats/47 rods kept one Chinook and released 19 steelhead.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 72 bank anglers kept four steelhead and released one Chinook, three steelhead and one sockeye. 12 boats/26 rods kept one Chinook and two steelhead.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 136 bank anglers kept five Chinook, five steelhead and released eight Chinook and eight steelhead. 17 boats/36 rods released one Chinook and three jacks.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 12 boats/27 rods kept one Chinook, one steelhead and released four Chinook and two sockeye.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 176 bank anglers kept 14 steelhead and released two Chinook and four steelhead. 51 boats/114 rods kept one Chinook, two jacks, 10 steelhead and released two Chinook and seven steelhead.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 13 bank anglers had no catch. 17 boats/44 rods kept one Chinook, six steelhead and released four steelhead.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Five bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 1 boat/3 rods released four sublegal and one legal sturgeon.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – Two bank anglers released one sublegal sturgeon. 1 boat/4 rods released four sublegal, one legal and one oversize sturgeon.

Sec 8 (Longview) – One bank angler had no catch. 2 boats/5 rods released one sublegal, one legal and one oversize sturgeon.

Walleye:

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 2 boats/4 rods kept one walleye.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 5 bank rods kept two steelhead. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br – 24 bank rods kept seven steelhead. 20 boats/73 rods kept 75 steelhead and released two steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 656 summer-run steelhead adults, 30 spring Chinook adults, 18 spring Chinook jacks, 111 spring Chinook mini-jacks, and four cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released 11 spring Chinook adults, one spring Chinook jack, and four cutthroat trout into the Cispus River near Yellowjacket Creek in Randle and they released one cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

Tacoma Power recycled 539 summer-run steelhead adults to the I-5 launch and they released 14 spring Chinook jacks and 90 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake. Last week 2,740 rainbow trout were released into Mayfield Lake.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 5,100 cubic feet per second on Monday, July 20, 2020. Water visibility is 11 feet and the water temperature is 55.4 F.

Kalama River – Six bank anglers kept one steelhead.

Lewis River – 11 bank anglers kept one steelhead. 8 boats/15 rods released two steelhead.

Wind River – One bank angler had no catch.

Drano Lake – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Catchable Trout Plants:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/reports/stocking/trout-plants>