

March 2, 2021

## Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

### Updates: Mainstem and tributary

#### *Columbia River Mainstem*

##### Salmon/Steelhead:

##### **Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam, including Deep River:**

Effective through April 4: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches.

Fishing for salmon or steelhead from a vessel is prohibited in the area adjacent to the Cowlitz River mouth and includes all of Carrolls Channel. To see full details of the boat-fishing closure area, view the emergency rule at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/>.

Bank angling with hand-cast lines only from Beacon Rock to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

##### **Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam:**

Effective through March 15, 2021: Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

March 16 through May 5, 2021: Daily limit 6, no more than 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead. Bank angling with hand-cast lines only between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island powerlines.

##### **The Dalles Dam upstream to the Washington/Oregon border:**

Effective through March 15, 2021: Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

March 16 through May 5, 2021: Daily limit 6, no more than 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

##### **Washington/Oregon border upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco:**

Effective through March 31, 2021: Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

**Sturgeon:**

**Columbia River, from Buoy 10 upstream to John Day Dam including adjacent tributaries:** Catch and release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

**Columbia River, John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam:** White Sturgeon open for retention fishing until annual quota is met. Minimum size 43” fork length, maximum size 54” fork length. Daily limit 1, annual limit 2 fish. Catch and release allowed when closed to retention. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

***Columbia River Tributaries***

**Salmon/Steelhead:**

**Cowlitz River:** from the mouth to posted markers below the Barrier Dam:

Effective March 5 through July 31, 2021: Daily limit 3 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

Effective March 5, the fishing boundary markers will be moved downstream to 400 feet below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery ladder at the Barrier Dam.

**Fishery Reports:**

**Lower Columbia mainstem from Bonneville to Astoria** – 31 salmonid boats and 36 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday’s (2/27) effort count.

***Mainstem Columbia River***

**Salmon/Steelhead:**

**Sec 4 (Vancouver)** – 2 boats/3 rods had no catch.

**Sec 5 (Woodland)** – Six bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

**The Dalles Pool** – 1 boat/3 rods released two steelhead.

**Sturgeon:**

Pool	Month	Est. harvest	% of guideline	Guideline
John Day	Jan	50	48	
	Feb	3	3	105

**Walleye:**

**Bonneville Pool** – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

**The Dalles Pool** – Six bank anglers kept one walleye. 7 boats/12 rods kept 11 walleye and released two walleye.

**John Day Pool** – 22 boats/46 rods kept 18 walleye and released five walleye.

***Columbia River Tributaries***

**Salmon/Steelhead:**

**Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream** – 114 bank rods kept eight steelhead. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

**Above the I-5 Br** – 72 bank rods kept seven steelhead and released one steelhead. 78 boats/265 rods kept 40 steelhead and released two steelhead.