

August 18, 2021

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, Buoy 10 upstream to the Wauna Powerlines near Cathlamet WA including adjacent tributaries:

Catch and release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River, from Wauna Powerlines near Cathlamet WA upstream to Bonneville Dam including the Cowlitz River:

Effective Saturdays, September 11 and September 18, 2021 only: Daily limit 1, annual limit 2.

Retained fish must measure between 44-inches and 50- inches fork length.

Reminder to anglers: Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned under the fish.

Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Columbia River, from Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries:

Catch and release fishing only, except closed within spawning sanctuaries as specified in permanent regulations. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River Tributaries

Tributary Weir Report: Current status as of August 16, 2021.

This section will provide operational status of the resistance board weirs run in Southwest WA. Additional information for these and other weirs will be available in the coming weeks.

Grays River Weir - located upstream of the Highway 4 bridge ~.3 miles. **Installed** and operating.

Kalama River Weir - located at the Modrow Trap facility. **Installed** and operating.

Elochoman River Weir - located upstream of the Foster Road bridge ~.5 miles. **Installed** and operating.

Washougal River Weir - located at the Fords Game Access Site. **Installed** and operating.

Green River Weir - located at the North Toutle Hatchery. **Installed** and operating.

Coweeman River Weir – located at river mile 6.8 near the end of Allen Street in Kelso. **Installed** and operating.

Cedar Creek Weir – located 0.25 mile from the mouth with the NF Lewis. **Installed** and not operating as of August 16th.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia mainstem Tongue Point/Rocky Point upstream to Bonneville Dam – 228 salmonid boats and 71 Washington bank rods were tallied during Sunday's (8/15) flight count.

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – Three bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/3 rods had no catch.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 16 boats/32 rods kept two Chinook and released one steelhead.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – Seven bank anglers had no catch. 3 boats/7 rods had no catch.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – Eight bank anglers had no catch. 9 boats/16 rods had no catch.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 24 bank anglers had no catch. 4 boats/9 rods released one steelhead.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 21 bank anglers had no catch. 5 boats/12 rods had no catch.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 28 boats/64 rods kept five Chinook and released one Chinook.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 22 bank anglers released three steelhead. 24 boats/50 rods released four steelhead.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – Two bank anglers had no catch.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – No report.

Sturgeon:

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – Two bank anglers had no catch.

Walleye:

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 2 boats/5 rods kept three walleye.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – No report.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – No report.

Kalama River – No report.

Lewis River – 11 bank rods had no catch. 6 boats/13 rods kept one steelhead.

Drano Lake – Four bank rods had no catch. 25 boats/51 rods kept five Chinook, one jack and released one jack and 31 steelhead.

Klickitat River below Fisher Hill Bridge – No report.

Klickitat River above #5 Fishway – 1 boat/3 rods had no catch.