

March 20, 2023

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Columbia River from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam:

Buoy 10 upstream to Beacon Rock:

Immediately through April 7, 2023: Open to boat and bank angling. Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Shad retention allowed. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam deadline:

Immediately through April 7, 2023: Bank angling with hand-cast lines only. Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Shad retention allowed. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge in Pasco:

Bonneville Dam upstream to Tower Island power lines:

Immediately through March 31, 2023: Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead.

Effective March 16 through May 6, 2023: Fishing from a vessel is prohibited; bank angling with hand-cast lines only.

Effective April 1 through May 6, 2023: 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.

Tower Island power lines upstream to The Dalles Dam:

Immediately through March 31, 2023: Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead.

Effective April 1 through May 6, 2023: 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.

From a line starting from a fishing boundary sign on the Washington north shore located approx. 1300' upstream of the Dalles Dam and Lock boat ramp projected easterly across the

Columbia River to a boundary sign on the Washington southern shore located approx. 200' above the fish ladder exit upstream to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon border:

Immediately through March 31, 2023: Closed to angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead.

Effective April 1 through May 6, 2023: 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.

Sturgeon and Smelt:

Columbia River, Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam:

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

Eulachon:

All areas: Closed to fishing and harvest.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Deep River:

Immediately through April 7, 2023: 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.

Cowlitz River:

Effective January 12, the posted fishing boundary markers will be located at the 400 foot distance below the Barrier Dam.

Fishery Reports:

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 32 bank anglers had no catch.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 3 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 4 boats/7 rods kept two Chinook.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 19 bank anglers had no catch. 39 boats/70 rods kept two Chinook and released one Chinook.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 35 bank anglers had no catch. 15 boats/30 rods released one Chinook.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 23 bank anglers had no catch. 26 boats/59 rods kept one Chinook.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 14 boats/34 rods had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 97 bank anglers kept three steelhead and released three steelhead. 102 boats/216 rods kept two Chinook and released one Chinook.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – Three bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Two bank angler had no catch. 4 boats/8 rods had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 1 boat/4 rods had no catch.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – 104 bank rods kept one Chinook, 11 steelhead and released two steelhead. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – Six bank rods kept one steelhead. 7 boats/31 rods kept 18 steelhead and released four steelhead.

Kalama River – No report.

Lewis River – Two bank rods had no catch. 1 boat/1 rod kept one steelhead and released one steelhead.

Wind River – No report.

Drano Lake – No report.