

March 13, 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:**

**Lower Columbia River Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam** – 123 salmonid boats and 73 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (3/11) flight count.

***Mainstem Columbia River***

**Salmon/Steelhead:**

**Sec 1 (Bonneville)** – 15 bank anglers had no catch.

**Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal)** – No report.

**Sec 3 (I-5 area)** – No report.

**Sec 4 (Vancouver)** – 19 bank anglers had no catch. 10 boats/19 rods had no catch.

**Sec 5 (Woodland)** – 15 bank anglers had no catch. 7 boats/11 rods had no catch.

**Sec 6 (Kalama)** – 10 bank anglers had no catch. 7 boats/22 rods had no catch.

**Sec 7 (Cowlitz)** – 5 boats/10 rods had no catch.

**Sec 8 (Longview)** – 60 bank anglers kept three steelhead and released three steelhead. 50 boats/102 rods kept five Chinook and released one Chinook.

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

**Sec 10 (Cathlamet)** – One bank angler had no catch. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

### ***Columbia River Tributaries***

#### **Salmon/Steelhead:**

**Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream** – 21 bank rods kept three steelhead and released four steelhead.

**Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br** – 49 bank rods kept three steelhead and released one steelhead. 9 boats/28 rods kept 22 steelhead and released one steelhead.

**Kalama River** – 10 bank rods kept one steelhead. 2 boats/4 rods released two steelhead.

**Lewis River** – 13 bank rods had no catch. 1 boat/1 rod released one steelhead.