

June 26, 2023

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Columbia River - Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam:

Buoy 10 upstream to Megler - Astoria Bridge:

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

Megler-Astoria Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam:

Effective June 16 through July 31, 2023: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, of which up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Salmon min. size 12". Release wild steelhead.

Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Washington/Oregon border:

Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam:

Effective June 16 through July 31, 2023: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, of which up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Salmon min. size 12". Release wild steelhead.

The Dalles Dam upstream to a line starting at a fishing boundary sign on the Washington north shore located approximately 1300' upstream of The Dalles Dam and Lock boat ramp projected easterly across the Columbia River to a boundary sign on the Washington south shore located approximately 200' above the fish ladder exit:

Immediately until further notice: Closed to fishing for and retention of salmon and steelhead.

From a line starting at a fishing boundary sign on the Washington north shore located approximately 1300' upstream of The Dalles Dam and Lock boat ramp projected easterly across the Columbia River to a boundary sign on the Washington south shore located approximately 200' above the fish ladder exit upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco:

Effective June 16 through July 31, 2023: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, of which up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Salmon min. size 12". Release wild steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam:

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

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River:

May 26, 2023 until further notice, the posted fishing boundary markers will be located at the 100-foot distance below the Barrier Dam.

Lewis River:

May 25 through July 31, 2023, from the mouth to Colvin Cr. Min size 12". Daily limit 6, up to 1 hatchery Chinook adult may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

Klickitat River: From the mouth to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon Hatchery:

Effective immediately until further notice, Salmon: Closed.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia River, Megler-Astoria Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam – 407 salmonid boats and 362 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (6/24) flight count.

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 108 bank anglers kept four Chinook, one jack, four sockeye and released two Chinook. 13 boats/25 rods kept six Chinook.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 18 boats/36 rods had no catch.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 49 bank anglers kept one steelhead, eight sockeye and released one jack. 8 boats/15 rods kept two sockeye.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 49 bank anglers kept two Chinook, three sockeye and released one steelhead. 17 boats/31 rods kept two Chinook and released two steelhead.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 118 bank anglers kept four Chinook, one sockeye and released one steelhead. 7 boats/17 rods kept four Chinook and released one Chinook.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 245 bank anglers kept 10 Chinook, one steelhead, four sockeye and released four Chinook, one steelhead and one sockeye. 29 boats/80 rods kept seven Chinook and released two Chinook.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 13 boats/52 rods kept eight Chinook, two steelhead, one sockeye and released four Chinook.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 143 bank anglers kept eight steelhead, four sockeye and released one Chinook, three steelhead and two sockeye. 76 boats/163 rods kept 11 Chinook, one jack, five steelhead, four sockeye and released four Chinook and one jack.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 30 bank anglers kept one sockeye and released two steelhead. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Nine bank anglers kept one steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 1 boat/4 rods released six sublegal and one oversize sturgeon.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 1 boat/4 rods released eight legal, four sublegal and 12 oversize sturgeon.

Shad:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 99 bank anglers kept 558 shad. 4 boats/9 rods kept 77 shad and released 15 shad.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – 49 bank rods kept two steelhead. 1 boats/2 rods kept one Chinook.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – 30 bank rods kept five Chinook, two steelhead and released one Chinook and one steelhead. 11 boats/32 rods kept 19 steelhead.

Kalama River – No report.

Lewis River – Three bank rods had no catch.

Wind River – No report.

Drano Lake – 5 boats/9 rods kept one Chinook.

Klickitat River below Fisher Hill Bridge – No report.