

## Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – Region 5

### North of Falcon – 2024 Tributary Salmon and Steelhead Proposals

**Tributary Salmon Rule Change Proposals:** Based upon anticipated Chinook and coho returns, expected sport harvest, and broodstock collection goals, WDFW staff propose the following salmon rule change. Current and recommended rules are described below:

- **Green River (Cowlitz County) – Salmon**  
Current – Aug 1- Nov. 30. From the mouth up to 400 feet below the hatchery rack: Daily limit 6, up to 3 adults may be retained of which 1 may be a Chinook (hatchery Chinook/coho only).  
Recommendation – Aug 1- Nov. 30. From the mouth up to 400 feet below the hatchery rack: Daily limit 6, up to 3 adults may be retained (hatchery coho only).

#### **Tributaries With No Salmon Rule Changes Proposed**

Based upon anticipated Chinook and coho salmon returns, expected sport harvest, and broodstock collection goals, no changes are proposed to salmon rules in the following rivers. Current rules are summarized below:

- **Elochoman River – Salmon:** Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained (hatchery Chinook/hatchery coho only).
- **Cowlitz River – Salmon:** Daily limit 6, up to 3 adults may be retained (hatchery coho only).
- **Toutle/NF Toutle Rivers – Salmon:** Daily limit 6, up to 3 adults may be retained of which 1 may be a Chinook (hatchery Chinook/hatchery coho only)
- **SF Toutle River – Salmon:** Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained (hatchery Chinook/hatchery coho only).
- **Kalama River – Salmon:** Daily limit 6, up to 3 adults may be retained (hatchery Chinook/hatchery coho only).
- **Lewis River – Salmon:**
  - Aug. 1-Sept. 30 - Daily limit 6, up to 3 adults may be retained (hatchery Chinook/hatchery coho only).
  - Oct. 1- Dec. 31 – Daily limit 6, up to 3 adults including no more than 1 Chinook (any Chinook/hatchery coho only).
- **Washougal River – Salmon:** Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained, of which up to 2 may be Chinook (hatchery Chinook/hatchery coho only).
- **Wind River (mouth to Hwy. 14 Bridge) – Salmon:**
  - July – September: Daily limit 6; up to 2 adults may be retained (hatchery Chinook/hatchery coho only).
  - October: Daily limit 6; up to 2 adult salmon may be retained. (any Chinook/hatchery coho only).

- **Drano Lake** – Salmon: Daily limit 6; up to 1 adult salmon may be retained (any Chinook/any coho).
- **Klickitat River** – Salmon: Daily limit 6; up to 2 adults may be retained (any Chinook/any coho).

**Tributary ‘Dip-In’ Steelhead Conservation Strategy Continuation**

Maintain current steelhead fishing and retention rules in the lowest reaches of Washington tributaries in Bonneville Pool to provide conservation for steelhead stocks forecasted to return to the Columbia Basin during periods of low abundances.

- a) Tributaries and reaches above Bonneville Dam
  - a. Wind River – waters downstream of Shipherd Falls, including area outside of the Highway 14 bridge
  - b. Drano Lake
  - c. White Salmon River – downstream of the county road bridge
  - d. Klickitat River – waters downstream of Fisher Hill Bridge

**Conservation strategies:**

- i. Night closure for salmon and steelhead from July 1 through October 31
- ii. Steelhead fishing closure from July 1 through October 31