

# Creel Survey

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – No report on angling success.

Last week, Tacoma Power recovered 761 summer-run steelhead, 72 spring Chinook adults, 21 jacks, 60 mini-jacks, two sockeye salmon and six sea-run cutthroat trout during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

Tacoma Power employees released 40 spring Chinook adults and three jacks into the upper Cowlitz River at the Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood, 35 spring Chinook adults and 12 jacks into the Cispus River, and 37 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park during the week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,420 cubic feet per second on Monday August 9. Water visibility is eleven feet.

**Wind River** – Light effort and no catch was observed.

**Drano Lake** – Effort has increased with around 100 boats there last Saturday (Aug. 7) morning. Including steelhead released, boat anglers averaged close to a fish per rod. About 60% of the steelhead caught were kept.

**White Salmon River** – Effort has increased here too with about 50 watercraft observed last Saturday morning. Bank anglers are catching some steelhead. Only a few boat anglers were sampled and they had no catch.

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – We sampled 1,332 salmonid bank anglers from Bonneville Dam downstream with 4 adult and 2 jack fall Chinook and 391 steelhead, an average of a salmonid kept/released per every 3.4 rods based on mainly incomplete trips. In addition, we sampled 285 salmonid boat anglers (137 boats) with 3 adult fall Chinook and 100 steelhead, an average of a salmonid kept/released per every 2.8 rods based on mainly completed trips. Overall, 68% of the steelhead caught were kept. A few wild Chinook were released (anglers may have been confused with the recently concluded summer Chinook fishery that was hatchery fish only. During the fall season, any Chinook adipose fin clipped or not may be retained). We did not sample any coho.

Just over 300 boats and 535 bank anglers were counted during the Saturday August 7 flight from Cathlamet to Bonneville Dam.

**In case you missed it, the highest steelhead daily count to date (9,337 fish) was tallied at Bonneville Dam yesterday. Last year the daily counts reached 34,000 fish on August 13.**

**Bonneville Pool** – Windy with just a handful of boats found at the mouth of Drano Lake and the White Salmon River last Saturday. Anglers are catching some steelhead.

**The Dalles Pool** – Light bank effort below the dam and no fish were found in the sample.

## **Sturgeon**

**Lower Columbia from the mouth to Marker 82** – A few legals were released by bank anglers in the Woodland and Longview areas.

Effort was light in the catch-and-release only fishery with 15 boats and 4 bank anglers counted from Cathlamet to Marker 82 last Saturday.

## **Walleye**

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal areas averaged a walleye per rod. Some walleye were also caught in the Kalama area.

18 boats fishing for walleye were counted from Camas/Washougal and the gorge last Saturday.

## **Trout**

**In Skamania County, Taklakh and Council lakes** were planted with 5,038 and 4,503 catchable size rainbows, respectively, last week.

3:00 PM

Month/Week	Salmonid											# Boats	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Released		Steelhead		Other
	Bank	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			
Aug. 2-8	Sec.																				
Bonneville	1	210	2	0	0	0	0	67	52												
Camas/Washougal	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1												
	3																				
Vancouver	4	155	0	1	0	0	0	52	11	1 legal stg. rel.											
Woodland	5	280	1	0	0	0	0	35	27												
Kalama	6	219	1	0	0	0	0	53	15												
Cowlitz	7																				
Longview	8	318	0	0	0	0	0	49	14												
Cathlamet	9	110	0	0	0	0	0	10	2												
Rocky Point-Cathlamet	10	30	0	0	0	0	0	2	1												
<b>Total</b>		1332	4	1	0	0	0	268	123	1 legal stg. rel.											

Month/Week	Sturgeon											# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
	Bank	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept						
Bonneville	1	CLOSED															
Camas/Washougal	2				CLOSED		4	13	15			0		6	CLOSED		
	3				CLOSED										CLOSED		
Vancouver	4				CLOSED		3	7	18			0		0	CLOSED		
Woodland	5	4	0	2	0	CLOSED									CLOSED		
Kalama	6	1	0	0	0	CLOSED	1	1	0			0		0	CLOSED		
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED									CLOSED		
Longview	8	4	0	1	0	CLOSED									CLOSED		
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED									CLOSED		
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED									CLOSED		
Knappton/Deep River ramps	10					CLOSED									CLOSED		
Chinook-Knappton	10					CLOSED									CLOSED		
<b>Total</b>		9	0	3	0	CLOSED	8	21	33			0		6	CLOSED		

Month/Week	Walleye				# Boats	Boat		Kept	Rel.
	Bank	Kept	Rel.	Boats		Boat Anglers			
Bonneville	1								
Camas/Washougal	2	1	0	0	12	16	16	1	
	3								
	4								
Vancouver	5								
Woodland	6				1	2	1	0	
Kalama	7								
Cowlitz	8								
Longview	9								
Cathlamet	10								
Chinook/Elochoman	10								
<b>Total</b>		1	0	0	13	18	17	1	