

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.

Lewis River – Boat anglers on the mainstem Lewis are catching some steelhead.

Wind River – Boat and bank anglers near the mouth of the river are catching some steelhead.

Drano Lake – About three-quarters of the boat anglers sampled had kept/released a steelhead. Over half the fish were kept. We also sampled a coho there.

White Salmon River – Boat and bank anglers are catching some steelhead. Bank anglers are also catching a few fall chinook.

Buoy 10 – Effort and catch has picked up significantly. Just over 500 boats were counted in the Buoy 10 area during the Saturday Aug. 14 flight count. Oregon had checked a salmon per every 4 rods yesterday; Washington about one for every 6 rods.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - We sampled 1,557 salmonid bank anglers from Bonneville Dam downstream with 7 adult fall Chinook and 331 steelhead, an average of a salmonid kept/released per every 4.6 rods based on mainly incomplete trips. In addition, we sampled 637 salmonid boat anglers (298 boats) with 17 adult fall Chinook and 127 steelhead, an average of a salmonid kept/released per every 4.4 rods based on mainly completed trips. Overall, two-thirds of the steelhead caught were kept. We again did not sample any coho.

Nearly 400 boats and 654 bank anglers were counted during the Saturday August 14 flight from Cathlamet to Bonneville. Over three-quarters of the bank anglers were counted on the Washington side. In addition, over one-third of the boats were found around the mouth of the Cowlitz.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers averaged a fish per rod when including fish released. Catch was mainly steelhead though a few fall chinook are being caught.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - Light effort and catch during the current catch-and-release fishery. No legals were found in the few boats sampled from Camas/Washougal upstream. Just 14 boats and no bank anglers were counted from the mouth to Marker 82 last Saturday.

Walleye

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - Boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal and gorge areas averaged a walleye or more per rod. 15 boats fishing for walleye were counted from Camas/Washougal and the gorge last Saturday.

Lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

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noon

Month/Week	Salmonid											#	Boat		Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Released		Steelhead		Other
	Sec.	Bank	Chinook Kept	Jacks	Coho Kept	Jacks	Coho Released	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Boats		Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.		
Aug. 9-15	1	174	0	0	0	0	0	41	22	0	5	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	0		
Bonneville	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	69	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0		
Camas/Washougal	3																						
Vancouver	4	129	1	0	0	0	0	20	14	0	29	58	1	0	0	0	0	10	0	0			
Woodland	5	286	1	0	0	0	0	28	20	0	27	57	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0			
Kalama	6	347	3	0	0	0	0	30	17	0	54	124	5	0	0	0	0	8	8	0			
Cowlitz	7										23	53	6	0	0	0	0	5	1	0			
Longview	8	375	0	0	0	0	0	53	22	0	90	186	2	0	0	0	0	25	15	0			
Cathlamet	9	179	2	0	0	0	0	35	16	0	33	71	0	0	0	0	0	18	4	0			
Rocky Point-Cathlamet	10	63	0	0	0	0	0	10	3	0	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	10	0	0			
Total		1557	7	0	0	0	0	217	114	0	298	637	17	0	0	0	0	89	38	0			

	Sturgeon											#	Boat		Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals
	Sec.	Bank	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	Boats	Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.		Legals Kept					
Bonneville	1	CLOSED					1	3	0	0	2	CLOSED						
Camas/Washougal	2				CLOSED		5	13	17	0	0	CLOSED						
	3				CLOSED							CLOSED						
Vancouver	4				CLOSED							CLOSED						
Woodland	5				CLOSED							CLOSED						
Kalama	6				CLOSED							CLOSED						
Cowlitz	7				CLOSED							CLOSED						
Longview	8				CLOSED							CLOSED						
Cathlamet	9				CLOSED							CLOSED						
Cathlamet	10				CLOSED							CLOSED						
Knappton/Deep River ramps	10				CLOSED							CLOSED						
Chinook-Knappton	10				CLOSED							CLOSED						
Total		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	6	16	17	0	2	CLOSED						

	Walleye				#	Boat		Rel.
	Sec.	Bank	Kept	Rel.		Boats	Anglers	
Bonneville	1				2	3	2	0
Camas/Washougal	2				16	29	37	0
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		0	0	0	18	32	39	0

Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

Aug. 9-15, 2010

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

Sturgeon

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size
Bonneville Pool				CLOSED						CLOSED	
The Dalles Pool				CLOSED						CLOSED	
John Day Pool				CLOSED						CLOSED	

Total

Salmonids	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel
Bonneville Pool						12	29	2	8	21	
Chinook								2			
Steelhead									8	21	

The Dalles Pool	10			1							Jacks kept	Jacks rel.
Chinook												
Steelhead				1								

John Day Pool												
Chinook												
Steelhead												

Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool							
The Dalles Pool							
John Day Pool							

Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool							
The Dalles Pool							
John Day Pool							

Shad	Bank Anglers	Rel	Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Kept
Bonneville Pool							
The Dalles Pool							
John Day Pool							

Washington lower Columbia tributaries salmonid sport sampling summaries - Aug. 9-15.

Area	Bank Anglers	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat Anglers	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other
		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Kept	Rel.	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Lewis River											6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Wind River	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Drano Lake	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	175	0	0	1	0	0	0	72	61	1 sturg. rel.
White Salmon River	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0

Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - Aug. 9-15.

Area

Anglers

Catch

No report.