

# Creel Survey

December 6, 2010

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Anglers are primarily catching coho at the salmon hatchery and steelhead and sea run cutthroats at the trout hatchery.

Last week, Tacoma Power recovered 1,248 coho adults, 67 jacks, five fall Chinook adults, 248 winter-run steelhead, ten summer-run steelhead and eight sea-run cutthroat trout during seven days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 316 coho adults, 31 jacks, two fall Chinook adults and four winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa, 31 coho adults, four jacks, one cutthroat trout and three winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 8,680 cubic feet per second on Monday, December 6. Water visibility is nine feet.

**Kalama River** – Anglers are catching coho and steelhead. Most of the coho were dark and released. The steelhead were a mix of summer and winter run fish.

**Lewis River** – Anglers are primarily catching coho (most of which were dark and released) and winter run steelhead.

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – We sampled 13 bank anglers with no catch.

**Hanford Reach** – From Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist in Pasco - An estimated 507 steelhead were caught in November. Anglers are averaging 1 steelhead for each 11 hours of fishing. A total of 621 hatchery steelhead have been harvested this season in the lower Hanford Reach (Hwy 395 to Hanford town site). Catch and harvest is well below the 2008 and 2009 November fisheries but slightly better than catch and harvest in 2004-07.

On December 7, WDFW will open the Columbia River from the Hwy 24 Bridge (Vernita Bridge) to Priest Rapids Dam for the retention of hatchery steelhead. See the WDFW website for more details.

## Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam** – Slow, cold, and windy. We sampled 38 bank anglers from Longview to Bonneville Dam with no catch - not even a sublegal released. One of the seven boat anglers (4 boats) had at least released a sublegal.

Lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary  
12/06/2010

10:00 AM

Month/Week	Salmonid											# Boats	Boat Anglers	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Released		Steelhead		Other	
	Sec.	Bank	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Kept			Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.			
Dec. 1-5	1																						
Bonneville	1																						
Camas/Washougal	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Vancouver	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodland	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kalama	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cowlitz	7																						
Longview	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cathlamet	9																						
Rocky Point-Cathlamet	10																						
<b>Total</b>		13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Sturgeon													
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept		
Bonneville	1	13	0	0	0	0								
Camas/Washougal	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0		
	3	10	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0		
Vancouver	4						1	2	1	0	0	0		
Woodland	5	3	0	0	0	0								
Kalama	6													
Cowlitz	7													
Longview	8	11	0	0	0	0								
Cathlamet	9													
Cathlamet	10												CLOSED	
Knappton/Deep River ramps	10												CLOSED	
Chinook-Knappton	10												CLOSED	
<b>Total</b>		38	0	0	0	0	4	7	1	0	0	0		

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

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - November 29-Dec. 5.

Area	Bank <u>Anglers</u>	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat <u>Anglers</u>	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other
		<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>			<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	
Cowlitz River	91	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	10	0	4 cutts kept	69	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	17	1	0
Kalama River	27	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	3	1 cutt rel.	8	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Lewis River mainstem	16	CLOSED	CLOSED	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0		CLOSED	CLOSED									
North Fork	70	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	1	0	11	0	4	0	0	11	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0

Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - November 29-Dec. 5.

Area

Anglers

Catch

No report.