

Creel Survey

July 13, 2010

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – No report on angling success.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 714 summer-run steelhead, 222 spring Chinook adults, 43 jacks and 179 mini-jacks during four days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. Tacoma Power employees released 58 spring Chinook adults and 44 jacks into the upper Cowlitz River at the Day Use Park in Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam during the week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 5,930 cubic feet per second on Monday July 12. Water visibility is 13 feet.

Drano Lake – 13 boats observed there last Saturday (July 10) morning. No reports on angling success.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - Last week we sampled 1,142 salmonid bank anglers below Bonneville Dam with 42 adult and 2 jack summer Chinook, 227 steelhead, and 12 sockeye. In addition, we sampled 351 salmonid boat anglers (171 boats) with 12 adult and 1 jack summer Chinook, 95 steelhead, and 1 sockeye. Overall, 46% of the adult Chinook and 54% of the steelhead caught were kept. Ten of the 13 sockeye (77%) were kept.

Approximately 300 salmonid boats and 700 bank anglers were counted from Bonneville Dam downstream during last Saturday's (July 10) flight.

At Bonneville Dam, daily steelhead counts reached 7,182 fish on July 11. It was the highest daily count for the year (at least so far).

Bonneville Pool – Fifteen boats were observed off the mouth of the White Salmon River and 2 outside Drano Lake last Saturday (July 10) morning. No report on angling success.

The Dalles Pool – Catch has switched over from summer chinook to steelhead though most of the steelhead were wild fish that had to be released.

John Day Pool – Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist in Pasco, reports very little effort for salmonids last week and no catch was reported.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna powerlines downstream – Sturgeon angling success improved as measured at the Deep River and Knappton ramps. Boat anglers there averaged 1.3 legals kept per boat. Bank anglers sampled in the estuary did not catch any fish. The ports of Chinook and Ilwaco data is being picked up later today.

About 240 private and 9 charter boats were observed fishing for sturgeon below Wauna (though no flight past Chinook) during last Saturday's flight count.

The 2010 catch guideline for this fishery is 9,600 white sturgeon (60% of recent years).

Catch estimates through July 5 total 3,500 sturgeon kept from 25,769 angler trips. Projections through July 11 total 28,300 angler trips with 3,900 sturgeon kept, or 41% of the 2010 adjusted harvest guideline.

White sturgeon may be retained daily in the estuary from July 15 through August 1.

The estimated kept catch for the July 15-August 1 extension is 1,500-2,700 fish resulting in a season total projected kept catch of 5,400-6,600 fish (56%-69% of 2010 adjusted quota).

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on July 29 in Cathlamet Washington to consider fall season commercial fishing periods. Given the date, this hearing will also provide a timely opportunity to review the estuary sturgeon fishery

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Marker 82 – Boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal and Kalama areas kept some legals. About 100 boats from Wauna upstream and a dozen bank rods were counted during last Saturday's flight.

Walleye and Bass

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Some walleye are being caught by boaters in the Camas/Washougal area.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers averaged a walleye and 4 bass kept/released per rod.

John Day Pool – Paul Hoffarth reports walleye fishing was excellent with a fish per every 2.7 hours fished. Boat anglers also caught some bass.

Shad

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - Boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal area are still catching some shad. Effort and catch is light on the rest of the river.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are still catching a few fish.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers kept nearly 4 shad per rod. Light effort and catch from the bank.

Lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary
07/13/2010

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Month/Week	Salmonid											#	Chinook										
	Sec.	Bank	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Sockeye Rel.	Other		Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Kept Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Sockeye Rel.	Other
July 5-11	1	243	12	2	11	0	24	51	1	3	0	14	42	2	0	1	0	8	15	0	0	0	
Bonneville	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	36	0	0	2	0	3	5	0	0	0	
Camas/Washougal	3											1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Vancouver	4	92	1	0	4	0	7	8	0	0	0	21	41	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Woodland	5	136	0	0	0	0	10	3	0	0	0	9	17	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kalama	6	226	4	0	7	0	23	24	1	0	0	43	95	0	0	2	0	12	14	0	0	0	
Cowlitz	7																						
Longview	8	358	2	0	1	0	54	14	6	0	0	58	115	0	0	0	0	26	11	1	0	0	
Cathlamet	9	44	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Megler-Astoria-Cathlamet	10	25	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0												
Total		1142	19	2	23	0	125	102	9	3	0	171	351	6	1	6	0	49	46	1	0	1 legal sturgeon kept	

	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	CLOSED										
Camas/Washougal	2	3	3	0	0	0	14	30	81	0	1	1
Vancouver	4						5	9	17	0	0	0
Woodland	5	5	10	0	0	0						
Kalama	6	1	0	0	0	0	17	47	69	0	1	4
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8	8	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9											
Cathlamet	10	4	0	0	0	0						
Knappton/Deep River ramps	10						66	183	112	3	11	84
Chinook-Knappton	10	35	0	0	0	0						
Total		56	13	0	0	0	104	273	279	3	13	89

	Shad							
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1	3	1	0				
Camas/Washougal	2				2	3	4	25
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		3	1	0	2	3	4	25

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

Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

July 5-11, 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	2			CLOSED		1	2	6		CLOSED	
John Day Pool	2	1		CLOSED		3	8	9	1	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	17			1							
Chinook											
Steelhead				1							
The Dalles Pool	52		17	2		3	6				Jacks kept
Chinook			3	1							
Steelhead			14	1							
John Day Pool	1					1	2				
Chinook											
Steelhead											

Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool							
The Dalles Pool				7	15	7	9
John Day Pool				34	63	58	81

Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool							
The Dalles Pool				3	6	19	5
John Day Pool							

Shad	Bank Anglers	Rel	Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Kept
Bonneville Pool	1						
The Dalles Pool	5		4	3	6	19	5
John Day Pool	2			9	23		88