

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Some spring Chinook are being caught at the barrier dam.

Last week, Tacoma Power recovered 206 spring Chinook adults, 32 jacks, 169 summer-run steelhead and four late winter-run steelhead during four days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. Tacoma Power employees released 59 spring Chinook adults and 11 jacks into the upper Cowlitz River at Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood and 65 spring Chinook adults and 14 jacks into Lake Scanewa at the Day Use Park above Cowlitz Falls Dam during the week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,560 cubic feet per second on Monday, June 7. Water visibility is eight feet.

Lewis River – Effort and catch is light though some steelhead are being caught by bank anglers at the salmon hatchery. Flows below Merwin Dam are a high 8,800 cfs this morning but down from the nearly 12,000 cfs last week. Long term mean is about half of today's flows.

Wind River – Still some spring Chinook being caught at the mouth though most of the catch was from the coffer dam upstream to the hatchery. River was high and turbid at times last week.

Drano Lake – Light effort and catch. Zero to 9 boats were observed on the lake.

Klickitat River – When the lower river was in shape, it was good for bright spring Chinook and steelhead. Flows at Pitt are 3,150 cfs today which is 40% higher than the long term mean for this date. Flows are projected to be above the long term mean for the next several days.

Lower Columbia from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to the I-5 Bridge – Steelhead catch has improved the past couple days. Overall boat anglers averaged a steelhead kept or released per every 3 rods while bank anglers averaged one per every 5.6 rods based on mainly completed and incomplete trips, respectively. Bank anglers are also catching a few hatchery spring Chinook jacks.

Flows on the mainstem Columbia as measured at Bonneville Dam are twice what they were in the spring. Yesterday, the average discharge at Bonneville Dam was 343,000 cfs.

Megler-Astoria Bridge to the I-5 Bridge – Effective June 16 through July 31, hatchery adult Chinook may be retained.

I-5 Bridge to the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco – Effective June 16, open to fishing for hatchery Chinook (adults and jacks) and hatchery steelhead.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem downstream from the Wauna powerlines – Fishing has improved with boat anglers averaging 0.5 legals kept per boat at the Knappton and Deep River ramps. Bank angling was slow.

Ports of Chinook and Ilwaco data should be available by tomorrow.

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna powerlines to the Marker 82 line - Of the few anglers sampled, none had caught a legal size fish.

Shad

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – The few boat anglers sampled in the Camas/Washougal area kept about a fish per rod. Daily counts increased to over 70,000 fish at Bonneville Dam yesterday.

Trout

Mayfield Lake – Expected to be planted with 10,000 catchable size rainbows in June.

Riffe Lake – Lots of effort. Bank anglers averaged 1.5 landlocked coho per rod. Fish were caught near the dam and at Taidnapam.

Lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

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Salmonid

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank	Chinook						Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Chinook			Steelhead			Other
			Kept Adults	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Kept					Released	Released Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other		
June 1-6	1	CLOSED							CLOSED										
Bonneville	2	CLOSED							CLOSED										
Camas/Washougal	3	CLOSED							CLOSED										
Vancouver	4	17 CLOSED	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	5	38 CLOSED	0	0	0	4	1	0	1	2	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kalama	6	57 CLOSED	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	3	CLOSED	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Cowlitz	7	CLOSED									CLOSED								
Longview	8	97 CLOSED	0	0	0	16	3	0	3	7	CLOSED	0	0	0	1	1	0		
Cathlamet	9	32 CLOSED	1	1	0	10	1	0	3	5	CLOSED	0	0	0	3	1	0		
Brookfield-Cathlamet	10	41 CLOSED	0	0	0	11	1	0	1	1	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total		282 CLOSED	2	3	0	43	7	0	11	20	CLOSED	0	0	0	5	2	0		

Sturgeon

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Camas/Washougal	2						1	2	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4											
Woodland	5	3	0	0	0	0						
Kalama	6	5	0	0	0	0						
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8	14	1	0	1	0	2	4	15	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9						6	19	8	0	0	2
Cathlamet	10						11	39	21	0	1	4
Knappton/Deep River ramps	10						32	93	34	0	6	15
Chinook-Knappton	10	10	1	0	0	0						
Total		32	2	0	1	0	54	165	79	0	10	21

Shad

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Camas/Washougal	2				5	9	11	0
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		0	0	0	5	9	11	0

Walleye

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

Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - June 1-6.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Anglers</u>	<u>Catch</u>
Mayfield Lake	3 bank	with no catch.
Riffe Lake	73 bank	with 111 coho and 1 bluegill.

Preliminary WDFW sturgeon sport sampling summaries the ports of Chinook and Ilwaco June 1-6.

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June 1-6

Sturgeon

		<u>#</u> <u>Boats</u>	<u>Boat</u> <u>Anglers</u>	<u>Sublegals</u> <u>Rel.</u>	<u>Legals</u> <u>Rel.</u>	<u>Oversize</u> <u>Rel.</u>	<u>Legals</u> <u>Kept</u>
Fort Canby	Private						
Ilwaco	Private	10	20	3	0	0	2
	Charter	50	525	131	0	50	103
Chinook	Private	43	113	18	0	5	16
	Charter						