

# Creel Survey

November 29, 2010

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Boat anglers are catching coho and steelhead around the trout hatchery while bank anglers are catching coho around the salmon hatchery.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 1,857 coho adults, 116 jacks, seven fall Chinook adults, one jack, **171 winter-run steelhead**, six summer-run steelhead, and 17 sea-run cutthroat trout during four days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 423 coho adults, 63 jacks, and three winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa and 47 coho adults, five jacks, three cutthroat trout, and one winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 9,570 cubic feet per second on Monday, November 29. Water visibility is nine feet.

**Kalama River** – Bank anglers are catching some bright winter run steelhead and releasing dark coho.

**Lewis River** – Anglers are catching some bright winter run steelhead. Most of the coho are dark and were released.

Flows below Merwin Dam are currently 5,400 cfs, down from the long-term mean of 8,000 cfs for this date.

Effective December 16, anglers will be allowed to fish from floating devices from Johnson Creek upstream. In addition, fishing for hatchery coho and hatchery steelhead opens from Colvin Creek upstream to the overhead powerlines below Merwin Dam.

## Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia from the Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam** – The preliminary catch for November is 169 legals kept from 4,510 angler trips (see attached). About 90% of the November catch occurred during the first two weeks of the month.

An estimated 44 fish remain on this year's guideline for the above Wauna powerlines area.





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Area

Anglers

Catch

No report.

Monthly Sturgeon Angler Catch and Effort Above and Below Wauna Powerlines on the Lower Columbia River, 2010. 1/

Month	Above Wauna Powerlines				Below Wauna Powerlines				Lower Columbia Total			
	Sturgeon Angler Trips	Kept White Sturgeon	Cumulative Catch	Percent of Guideline	Sturgeon Angler Trips	Kept White Sturgeon	Cumulative Catch	Percent of Guideline	Sturgeon Angler Trips	Kept White Sturgeon	Cumulative Catch	Percent of Guideline
Jan	1,747	25	25	0.5%	0	0	0	0.0%	1,747	25	25	0.2%
Feb	2,540	80	105	2.2%	0	0	0	0.0%	2,540	80	105	0.7%
Mar	3,004	280	385	8.0%	180	0	0	0.0%	3,184	280	385	2.7%
Apr	6,883	1,131	1,516	31.4%	132	0	0	0.0%	7,015	1,131	1,516	10.5%
May	5,781	688	2,204	45.6%	3,881	446	446	4.6%	9,662	1,134	2,650	18.4%
Jun	4,077	105	2,309	47.8%	19,960	2,860	3,306	34.4%	24,037	2,965	5,615	38.9%
Jul	4,162	154	2,463	50.9%	13,030	3,082	6,388	66.5%	17,192	3,236	8,851	61.3%
Aug	764	0	2,463	50.9%	730	103	6,491	67.6%	1,494	103	8,954	62.0%
Sep	571	0	2,463	50.9%	3	0	6,491	67.6%	574	0	8,954	62.0%
Oct	18,480	2,159	4,622	95.6%	0	0	6,491	67.6%	18,480	2,159	11,113	77.0%
Nov	4,510	169	4,791	99.1%	0	0	6,491	67.6%	4,510	169	11,282	78.2%
Dec												
Total	52,519	4,791	4,791	99.1%	37,916	6,491	6,491	67.6%	90,435	11,282	11,282	78.2%

1/ Assumes a guideline of 4,835 above Wauna, 9,600 below Wauna, and 14,435 total. Retention season above Wauna is three days/week (Thursdays-Saturdays) during Jan. 1-July. 31 and Oct. 1-Dec 31, 2010. Season below Wauna is January 1-April 30 under permanent regs. reopening on May 22 with a 41" minimum (fork length) size limit through July 11, and July 15-August 1, 2010.