

Creel Survey

October 11, 2010

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Salmon/Steelhead

Grays River – No report on angling success. Friday October 15 is the last day to fish for salmon and steelhead until November 15 (mainstem Grays from Hwy. 4 Bridge downstream) or December 1 (mainstem Grays from Hwy. 4 Bridge to South Fork and West Fork Grays from mouth to hatchery intake/footbridge).

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching a mixture of fall Chinook, coho, and sea run cutthroats.

Last week, Tacoma Power recovered 8,349 coho adults, 1,049 jacks, 2,396 fall Chinook adults, 247 jacks, 57 summer-run steelhead, **one winter-run steelhead** and 64 sea-run cutthroat trout during seven days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

Tacoma Power employees released 1,012 coho adults, 243 jacks, 606 fall Chinook adults and 77 jacks into Lake Scanewa, 965 coho adults, 101 jacks, 423 fall Chinook adults and 57 jacks into the upper Cowlitz River at the Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood, 477 fall Chinook adults, 44 jacks, 35 coho adults and 24 jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, 105 fall Chinook adults, 13 jacks, 450 coho adults, 44 jacks and six cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton during the week. In addition, a total of 35 sea-run cutthroat trout were recycled downstream to the Barrier Dam boat launch.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 4,900 cubic feet per second on Monday, October 11 and will remain steady.

Kalama and Lewis rivers – Anglers are catching some coho though most of the fish were released. However, a higher ratio of the fish were kept in recent checks.

Klickitat River – Anglers are catching a mix of Chinook, coho, and steelhead.

Yakima River– From Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist, Pasco WA: Fall chinook harvest continues to improve. Effort continues to increase as the harvest begins to rise. WDFW staff interviewed 142 anglers with 19 salmon this past week. An estimated 103 adult chinook, 10 jacks, and 13 coho were caught this past week. For the season an estimated 179 adult Chinook, 13 jacks, and 23 coho have been caught.

Lower mainstem Columbia from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line to Bonneville Dam– During the first week and a half of October we sampled 77 salmonid bank anglers with 4 adult coho and 2 steelhead, an average of a salmonid kept/released per every 12.8 rods based on mainly incomplete trips. In addition, we sampled 187 salmonid boat anglers (92 boats) with 18 adult fall Chinook and 10 adult coho, an average of a salmonid kept/released per every 6.7 rods based on mainly completed trips. Overall, 43% of the coho caught were kept.

Bonneville Pool – Anglers are catching some Chinook at the mouth of the Klickitat. 50 boats were counted there last Saturday (October 9) morning.

Effective October 16, anglers will be able to fish for salmon and steelhead at night and the anti-snagging rule will be lifted per permanent rule.

The Dalles and John Day pools – No report on angling success. Per permanent rules, the anti-snagging rule for salmon and steelhead will be lifted effective October 16.

Hanford Reach – From Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist, Pasco WA: Another good week in the Hanford Reach for fall chinook. Staff sampled 317 boats (759 anglers) with 518 chinook. Better than a chinook per boat

average. For the fishery this season an estimated 7,662 adult chinook, 1,079 jack chinook, and 4 coho have been harvested.

Based on passage through October 7, the estimated total adult fall chinook return to the Reach is 88,097. This is an expansion based on the 12 year average. Using the most recent two years this estimate increases slightly to 88,911 fish.

The Hanford Reach is open to the retention of steelhead upstream to Priest Rapids Dam this fall (through Oct 22). An estimated 691 steelhead have been caught through October 10 and 302 of these have been harvested. Fishing for steelhead throughout the Hanford Reach was slow last week for both bank and boat anglers.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia from the Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam – In general, decent from the bank just below Bonneville Dam on the opener (October 1) but has since slowed. Boat anglers are catching some legals from Kalama upstream.

During the first week and a half of October we sampled 574 sturgeon bank anglers with 57 legals kept and 2 released, an average of a legal per every 9.7 rods based on mainly incomplete trips. All but one of the legals was caught just below the dam. In addition, we sampled 161 sturgeon boat anglers (72 boats) with 21 legals kept, an average of a legal per every 7.7 rods based on mainly completed trips.

The balance remaining on the catch guideline for the year above Wauna is only 2,337 fish. An estimated 1,182 legals were harvested the five days sturgeon retention was allowed from October 1-10. There are 1,155 fish remaining on the catch guideline for the year.

Walleye

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam– Boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal area averaged over 1.5 walleye per rod.

Lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary
10/12/2010

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Month/Week	Salmonid											#	Chinook				Coho				Steelhead		
	Bank	Kept		Kept		Released		Kept	Rel.	Other	Boat		Kept		Kept		Released		Kept	Rel.	Other		
Oct. 1-10	Sec.	Anglers	Rel.	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other	Boats	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other	
Bonneville	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	39	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Camas/Washougal	2											47	90	2	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	
	3											11	19	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Vancouver	4	33	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	17	32	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodland	5	3	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			CLOSED	CLOSED								
Kalama	6	7	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cowlitz	7		CLOSED	CLOSED								1	2	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Longview	8	11	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cathlamet	9		CLOSED	CLOSED										CLOSED	CLOSED								
Rocky Point-Cathlamet	10		CLOSED	CLOSED										CLOSED	CLOSED								
Total		77	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	92	187	15	0	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	

Month/Week	Sturgeon											#	Boat			
	Bank	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	Kept	Boats	Anglers	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize		Legals	Kept		
Oct. 1-10	Sec.	Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	Boats	Anglers	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	Kept			
Bonneville	1	489	107	2	6	56	16	45	60	0	5	10				
Camas/Washougal	2	3	0	0	0	0	32	71	108	0	1	4				
	3						12	24	55	0	0	2				
Vancouver	4	3	2	0	0	0	2	4	4	0	0	0				
Woodland	5	11	0	0	0	0										
Kalama	6	5	0	0	0	0	9	15	7	0	1	5				
Cowlitz	7															
Longview	8	62	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0				
Cathlamet	9	1	0	0	0	0										
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED						CLOSED				
Knappton/Deep River ramps	10					CLOSED						CLOSED				
Chinook-Knappton	10					CLOSED						CLOSED				
Total		574	112	2	6	57	72	161	234	0	7	21				

Month/Week	Walleye				#	Boat		
	Bank	Kept	Rel.	Rel.		Boats	Anglers	Kept
Oct. 1-10	Sec.	Anglers	Kept	Rel.	Boats	Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2				8	12	19	0
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		0	0	0	8	12	19	0

Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - October 4-10.

Area

Anglers

Catch

No report.