

# Creel Survey

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Lower portions of Abernathy, Cedar (Clark Co.), Coal, Germany, Mill (Cowlitz Co.) creeks and the Coweeman River**

– Open to fishing for hatchery steelhead beginning November 1.

**All or portions of Hamilton, Olequa, Rock (Skamania Co.), and Skamokawa creeks** – Sunday October 31 is the last day to fish for hatchery steelhead.

**Cowlitz River** – Coho are being caught throughout the river while steelhead and sea run cutthroats are being caught primarily around the trout hatchery.

**Kalama River** – Anglers are catching coho throughout the river. Some of the fish were wild and have to be released.

**Lewis River** – Coho are being caught in the mainstem and the North Fork. A few dark hatchery fish are being released as are wild fish that have to be released.

**Wind River** – No report on angling success. Sunday October 31 is the last day salmon may be kept.

**Klickitat River** – No report on angling success. Sunday October 31 is the last day Chinook may be kept from #5 Fishway (located just upstream from the Fisher Hill Bridge) upstream.

**Yakima River** - From Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist, Pasco: Fall chinook harvest and effort in the Yakima River declined this past week. WDFW staff interviewed 110 anglers with 12 salmon. An estimated 52 adult chinook and 12 jacks were caught this past week. For the season, 231 adult Chinook, 25 jacks, and 23 coho have been harvested.

The salmon fishery in the Yakima River will remain open through Friday Oct 22.

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Effort is waning with less than 100 salmonid boats and bank anglers counted during last Saturday's Oct. 16 effort flight count.

We sampled 11 salmonid bank anglers from Bonneville Dam downstream to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line with no catch and 42 boat anglers (21 boats) with 3 adult coho kept and 2 released. The coho were caught in the Camas/Washougal area.

Sunday October 31 is the last day to fish for salmon and steelhead from Beacon Rock to Bonneville Dam.

**Bonneville Pool** – The catch has switched over from primarily Chinook to coho for boat anglers at the mouths of the Bonneville Pool tributaries.

**Hanford Reach** – From Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist, Pasco: Harvest of fall Chinook in the Hanford Reach remains high though effort dropped off a bit. Staff sampled 220 boats (529 anglers) with 430 chinook, an average of almost 2 chinook per boat. For the fishery this season an estimated 9,964 adult chinook, 1,362 jack chinook, and 4 coho have been harvested.

Based on adult fish passage through October 15, the adult fall Chinook return to the Reach is expected to exceed 90,000 fish.

The Hanford Reach is open to the retention of steelhead upstream to Priest Rapids Dam this fall (through Oct 22). An estimated 730 steelhead have been caught through October 17 and 332 of these have been harvested. Fishing for steelhead throughout the Hanford Reach continues to be slow for both bank and boat anglers.

The salmon fishery in the Columbia River above the Hwy 395 bridge will remain open through Friday Oct 22. The steelhead fishery **below the wooden power line towers** will remain open.

## **Sturgeon**

**Lower Columbia from the Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam** – Effort is still strong with just over 200 sturgeon boats and 600 bank anglers counted during last Saturday's Oct. 16 effort flight count.

We sampled 502 sturgeon bank anglers from Bonneville Dam downstream to the Wauna powerlines with 39 legals kept and 2 released. All the legals sampled were from just below the dam.

In addition, we sampled 73 sturgeon boat anglers (32 boats) with 3 legals kept. The legals were kept from Camas/Washougal upstream; none were found in the sample from the Longview area.

## **Walleye**

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Excellent in the Camas/Washougal area where boat anglers averaged over 4 fish kept per rod.

Lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary  
10/18/2010

10:00 AM

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Released		Steelhead		Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Released		Steelhead		Other
			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.				Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Oct. 11-17	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											
Bonneville	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	33	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	3											2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5																					
Kalama	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											
Cowlitz	7																					
Longview	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9																					
Rocky Point-Cathlamet	10																					
<b>Total</b>		11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	42	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank	Sublegals		Legals		Oversize		Legals	# Boats	Boat		Sublegals		Legals		Oversize		Legals Kept
			Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.			Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.					
Bonneville	1	480	43	1	9	39			1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Camas/Washougal	2	5	2	1	0	0			22	52	45	0	1	2					2
Vancouver	3																		
Woodland	4																		
Kalama	5																		
Cowlitz	6	2	0	0	0	0													
Longview	7																		
Longview	8	15	2	0	0	0			9	18	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9																		
Cathlamet	10																		
Knappton/Deep River ramps	10																		
Chinook-Knappton	10																		
<b>Total</b>		502	47	2	9	39			32	73	57	0	1	3					

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat		Rel.
						Anglers	Kept	
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2				2	4	17	0
Vancouver	3							
Woodland	4							
Kalama	5							
Cowlitz	6							
Longview	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0	2	4	17	0

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - October 11-17.

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>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>	
Cowlitz River	98	0	0	11	0	18	2	0	0	5	0	13 cutts kept 4 cutts rel.	39	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kalama River	69	CLOSED	CLOSED	2	0	29	0	15	0	0	0	0	14	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	1	15	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lewis River mainstem	3	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Fork	94	CLOSED	CLOSED	5	0	8	1	4	1	1	0	0	11	CLOSED	CLOSED	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
Bonneville Pool													45	4	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	1	0	0

Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - October 11-17.

Area

Anglers

Catch

No report.