

Creel Survey

September 7, 2010

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Salmon/Steelhead

Grays River – Bank anglers downstream from the weir are catching some stray hatchery Select Area Bright fall Chinook.

Cowlitz River – Boat anglers on the lower Cowlitz are catching some fall Chinook.

Last week, Tacoma Power recovered 236 fall Chinook adults, 17 jacks, 176 summer-run steelhead, 132 spring Chinook adults, eight jacks, 27 mini-jacks, 13 coho salmon, one jack, one sockeye salmon and nine sea-run cutthroat trout during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

Tacoma Power employees released 82 spring Chinook adults and five jacks into the Cispus River, 27 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park, 39 spring Chinook adults, two jacks, and four coho into Lake Scanewa and 234 fall Chinook adults, 17 jacks, and two coho salmon into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton during the week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,590 cubic feet per second on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. Water visibility is 12 feet.

Kalama River – Generally light effort and catch.

Lewis River – Bank anglers near the salmon hatchery are catching some coho and steelhead.

Cedar Creek (North Fork Lewis tributary) - Closed to all fishing in September and October.

Washougal River – Pretty good effort but light catches of fall Chinook on the lower river.

Lacamas Creek (Washougal River tributary) from footbridge at lower falls downstream - Closed to all fishing beginning in September.

Drano Lake – Effort and catch has decreased though boat anglers are still catching some fall Chinook and steelhead. Steelhead appear to be headed up the Columbia based upon the 7,000-8,000 fish counted daily the past few days at The Dalles Dam.

White Salmon River – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead.

Klickitat River – Bank and boat anglers on the lower river are catching fall Chinook.

Buoy 10 – During the first full week of September private and charter boat anglers averaged a coho kept per every 9 rods at the ports of Chinook and Ilwaco.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - During the first five days of September we sampled 465 salmonid bank anglers from Bonneville Dam downstream to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line with 46 adult and 1 jack fall Chinook and 10 steelhead, an average of a salmonid kept/released per every 8.2 rods based on mainly incomplete trips. In addition, we sampled 1,541 salmonid boat anglers (680 boats) with 458 adult and 15 jack fall Chinook, 19 adult coho, and 10 steelhead, an average of a salmonid kept/released per every 3.1 rods based on mainly completed trips.

“Only” 1,400 salmonid boats were counted during the Saturday September 4 effort flight count.

Beginning September 12, chinook retention will be prohibited from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point Line upstream to a line projected from Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore to Red Buoy #4 to the orange marker atop the dolphin on the lower end of Bachelor Island.

This area remains open for hatchery coho, hatchery steelhead, and hatchery sea-run cutthroats.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers at the mouth of the tributaries are catching some fall Chinook and steelhead.

Hanford Reach - WDFW staff sampled 48 boats/117 anglers with 20 fall chinook and 5 steelhead during the holiday weekend.

Effective September 4, steelhead may be retained from the 395 Bridge in Pasco upstream to Priest Rapids Dam. Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead with a mandatory retention rule in effect.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - Light effort; no sturgeon anglers were sampled. The area from Marker #82 upstream to the sturgeon deadline below Bonneville Dam is now open for catch-and-release.

Walleye

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - Boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal area averaged nearly a walleye per rod when counting fish released.

9:30 AM

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Released		Steelhead		Other	# Boats	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Released		Steelhead		Other	
			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Kept	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.		
Sept. 1-5	1	46	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	6	19	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville	2											48	102	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	3																					
Vancouver	4	65	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	68	150	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	58	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	263	111	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Kalama	6	163	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	117	291	85	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7											164	354	103	3	10	0	2	0	7	0	0
Longview	8	122	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	170	362	93	5	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
Cathlamet	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											
Rocky Point-Cathlamet	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											
Total		465	46	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	680	1541	448	11	14	0	5	0	10	0	0

Sturgeon

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Camas/Washougal	2				CLOSED							CLOSED
	3				CLOSED							CLOSED
Vancouver	4				CLOSED							CLOSED
Woodland	5				CLOSED							CLOSED
Kalama	6				CLOSED							CLOSED
Cowlitz	7				CLOSED							CLOSED
Longview	8				CLOSED							CLOSED
Cathlamet	9				CLOSED							CLOSED
Cathlamet	10				CLOSED							CLOSED
Knappton/Deep River ramps	10				CLOSED							CLOSED
Chinook-Knappton	10				CLOSED							CLOSED
Total		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	CLOSED

Walleye

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Camas/Washougal	2				7	14	8	3
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		0	0	0	7	14	8	3

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Aug. 30-Sept. 5.

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>		
Grays River	23	7	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													
Cowlitz River													8	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kalama River	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lewis River mainstem	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													
North Fork	99	0	0	0	0	10	0	2	0	6	0	0													
Washougal River	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													
Drano Lake													42	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0
White Salmon River	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0													
Klickitat River	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bonneville Pool													42	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	

Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - Aug. 23-29.

Area

Anglers

Catch

No report.