

Creel Survey

September 13, 2010

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Salmon/Steelhead

Grays River – Anglers continue to catch some fall chinook.

Toutle River – North Fork anglers are catching some fall chinook. The first 14 coho of the season had returned to the hatchery as of Sept. 8.

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching a mix of fall chinook, coho, and steelhead.

Last week, Tacoma Power recovered 1,048 fall Chinook adults, 49 jacks, 71 summer-run steelhead, 53 spring Chinook adults, one jack, 12 mini-jacks, 116 coho adults, 14 jacks, two pink salmon, and 14 sea-run cutthroat trout during four days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

Tacoma Power employees released 47 spring Chinook adults, one jack, 86 coho adults and 14 jacks into Lake Scanewa, 10 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park, 888 fall Chinook adults, 44 jacks, three sea-run cutthroat and eight coho into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton, and 11 sea-run cutthroat to the Barrier Dam boat launch.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,490 cubic feet per second on Monday, September 13, 2010. Water visibility is 12 feet.

Kalama River – Bank anglers are catching a mix of fall chinook, coho, and steelhead.

Lewis River – Bank anglers around the salmon hatchery are catching some hatchery fall chinook and coho.

Washougal River – Anglers are catching fall chinook.

Yakima River – From Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist in Pasco - WDFW staff interviewed 75 anglers over the first 12 days of the Yakima River sport fishery. Effort picked up this past week but no salmon have been reported to date.

Buoy 10 – Slow for hatchery coho. Effort is light.

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam - In general, success for fall chinook was better earlier in the week. Effort was fairly high last Saturday Sept. 11 with 1,645 boats and 529 bank anglers counted during the effort flight count.

From Sept. 6-11 we sampled 612 salmonid bank anglers from Bonneville Dam downstream to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line with 79 adult and 3 jack fall Chinook, 1 adult coho, and 19 steelhead, an average of a salmonid kept/released per every 6.0 rods based on mainly incomplete trips. In addition, we sampled 2,080 salmonid boat anglers (916 boats) with 355 adult and 13 jack fall Chinook, 23 adult and 1 jack coho, and 8 steelhead, an average of a salmonid kept/released per every 2.3 rods based on mainly completed trips.

Chinook retention is 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.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Effort and catch is generally light. Just 20 boats and 15 bank anglers were counted during the Saturday Sept. 11 effort flight count.

Walleye

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

11:30 AM

Month/Week	Sec.	Salmonid										# Boats	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Released		Steelhead		Other
		Bank	Chinook Kept	Jacks	Coho Kept	Jacks	Coho Released	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Other		Anglers	Jacks	Anglers	Jacks	Anglers	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Sept. 6-11	1	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville	2										54	102	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Camas/Washougal	3																				
Vancouver	4	82	9	1	0	0	0	0	4	6	80	177	27	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodland	5	118	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	105	258	43	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Kalama	6	256	42	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	266	647	100	7	4	0	0	0	1	0	
Cowlitz	7										109	229	36	0	4	1	1	0	1	4	
Longview	8	135	17	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	297	656	128	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	
Cathlamet	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rocky Point-Cathlamet	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											
Total		612	77	3	1	0	0	0	11	8	916	2080	343	13	22	1	1	0	3	5	0

Month/Week	Sec.	Sturgeon										# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
		Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept											
Bonneville	1					CLOSED											CLOSED
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED	1	2	12	0	0						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	1	2	12	0	0						CLOSED

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

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Area

Anglers

Catch

No report.