

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Steelhead are being caught throughout the river with the best catches around the trout hatchery. Sea run cutthroats are being caught on the lower river.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 44 spring chinook adults, 25 jacks, 33 mini-jacks, 631 summer-run steelhead, three sea-run cutthroat, one fall chinook adult, and two sockeye salmon during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 51 spring chinook adults, 16 jacks, and one fall chinook adult into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, 63 spring chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park, three sea-run cutthroat into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton, and one summer-run steelhead and two sockeye salmon adults into the Cowlitz River at the Barrier Dam boat launch.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 4,720 cubic feet per second on Monday morning, August 15. Water visibility is 13 feet.

Kalama and Lewis rivers – Some steelhead are being caught.

Wind River – Light effort with just a couple boats daily at the mouth.

Drano Lake – Boat anglers averaged about ½ steelhead per rod last week. Effort is increasing with up to 45 boats counted last Saturday morning.

White Salmon River – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead. About 30 water craft here early Saturday morning; no report on angling success.

Buoy 10 – Chinook catches are slowly improving with nearly ½ chinook per boat average yesterday. A few more coho are also showing in the catch. Daily sampling summaries can be found at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/creel/buoy10/>.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Last week we sampled just over 2,700 salmonid anglers (including 313 boats) with 58 adult and 16 jack fall chinook, 1,151 steelhead, and 1 sockeye (released). We still haven't sampled our first coho. 691 (60%) of the steelhead were kept. All the adult fall chinook were kept and a few "small" jacks were released.

Bonneville Pool – Good catches of steelhead outside the mouths of Drano Lake and the White Salmon River. About 20 boats each morning off the White Salmon and similar numbers off Drano.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia from the mouth to the Marker 82 line – Only a few anglers were sampled during the current catch-and-release only fishery.

Walleye and Bass

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Some walleye are being caught by boat anglers from Woodland to the gorge.

10:30 AM

Month/Week	Sec.	Salmonid											Other	Chinook											Other				
		Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.		# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept		Rel.			
Bonneville	1	514	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	201	137	0	16	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	11	0	
Camas/Washougal	2	35	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	36	61	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	0	
Vancouver	3	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodland	4	327	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	51	0	35	66	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	23	0	
Kalama	5	258	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	61	38	0	59	158	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	46	0	
Cowlitz	6	388	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	74	43	0	56	124	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	15	0	
Longview	7														27	67	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	6	0	
Cathlamet	8	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	36	0	80	187	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	26	0	
private boats/bank charter	9	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	12	1 sockeye rel.	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	10	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	
Total		1988	24	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	511	324	1 sockeye rel.	313	720	34	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180	136	0

Month/Week	Sec.	Sturgeon										
		Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Bonneville	1	CLOSED										
Camas/Washougal	2						4	12	1	1	2	CLOSED
Vancouver	3											CLOSED
Woodland	4						1	2	4	0	0	CLOSED
Kalama	5											CLOSED
Cowlitz	6	3	1	0	0							CLOSED
Longview	7											CLOSED
Cathlamet	8											CLOSED
Cathlamet	9											CLOSED
	10											CLOSED
Total		3	1	0	0	CLOSED	5	14	5	1	2	CLOSED

Month/Week	Sec.	Walleye										
		Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.				
Bonneville	1					1	2	0	4			
Camas/Washougal	2					7	11	5	2			
Vancouver	3											
Woodland	4											
Kalama	5					1	2	4	0			
Cowlitz	6					1	1	0	0			
Longview	7											
Cathlamet	8											
Chinook/Elochoman	9											
	10											
Total		0	0	0		10	16	9	6			

Washington lower Columbia tributaries plus Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Aug. 8-14.

Area	Bank Anglers	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat Anglers	Chinook Kept		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other
		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Cowlitz River	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2 cutts kept	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1 cutt kept
Kalama River	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0										
Lewis River mainstem	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0										
North Fork	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0										
Wind River mouth											2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drano Lake											95	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	22	0
White Salmon River	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0										
Bonneville Pool											51	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	51	0