

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Bank and boat anglers on the lower river are catching fall chinook and coho.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 2,017 fall chinook adults, 110 jacks, 4,822 coho adults, 473 jacks, one spring chinook adult, one mini-jack, 108 summer-run steelhead, 39 sea-run cutthroat trout and nine pink salmon during six days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 421 coho adults, seven jacks, 154 fall chinook adults and 11 jacks into the Upper Cowlitz River at the Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood, 564 fall chinook adults, 39 jacks, 787 coho adults, 23 jacks, and one spring chinook adult into Lake Scanewa behind Cowlitz Falls Dam and 81 fall chinook adults, eight jacks, and 39 coho adults into the Cispus River near the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek. Also during the week 718 fall chinook adults, 37 jacks, 564 coho salmon adults, 94 jacks and 14 cutthroat trout were released into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

A total of 20 cutthroat trout and nine pink salmon were released into the Cowlitz River at the Barrier Dam boat launch during the week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 4,980 cubic feet per second on Monday, October 3. Water visibility is 16 feet.

Lewis River – Bank and boat anglers on the North Fork are primarily catching fall chinook plus a few coho. Some of the chinook are dark and were released.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – During the first two days of October we sampled 101 salmonid anglers (including 5 boats) with 7 adult and 1 jack fall chinook, 1 adult coho, and 4 steelhead. All the adult chinook, coho, and steelhead were kept; the chinook jack was released.

356 salmonid boats and 200 bank anglers were found during last Saturday's (October 1) effort flight count.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching some fall chinook and coho at the mouths of the White Salmon and Klickitat rivers.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam – Sturgeon effort jumped with the catch-and-keep re-opener on Saturday October 1. There were just over 300 sturgeon boats and 700 bank anglers. Bank anglers just below Bonneville Dam averaged a legal kept per every 4 rods based mainly on incomplete trips. We also sampled some legals caught by boat anglers in the Vancouver and Kalama areas and by a bank angler in Longview.

Walleye and Bass

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Some walleye are being caught by boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal area. A handful of boats were observed fishing there for walleye last Saturday.

Washington lower Columbia tributaries plus Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Sept. 26-Oct. 2.

Area	Bank Anglers	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat Anglers	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other
		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Cowlitz River	33	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	39	2	0	3	0	11	0	9	0	1	0	0
Lewis River mainstem	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Fork	60	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Klickitat River													2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville Pool													30	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0

Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - Sept. 26-Oct. 2.

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