

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers at the barrier dam are catching fall chinook and coho while at the trout hatchery the catch is mostly steelhead and sea run cutthroats. Most of the fall chinook were released (wild or dark fish). The lower river has slowed.

Eight hatchery and 2 wild winter run steelhead had returned to the salmon hatchery as of October 26.

Kalama River – Bank anglers are catching coho and some fall chinook. The majority of the fall chinook were released (wild or dark fish) as were about a third of the coho.

Lewis River – Anglers on the mainstem and North Fork Lewis are catching some fall chinook and coho though nearly half the fish were released.

Klickitat – Bank and boat anglers on the lower river are catching some coho.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Last week we sampled 70 salmonid anglers (including 10 boats) with 2 adult and 1 jack fall chinook, all of which were kept.

Today is the last day of the 2011 lower Columbia mainstem creel census program though some limited sturgeon creel checks will continue through the end of the year. The creel census program will resume in February 2012.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers averaged about ½ coho per rod.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna power lines to Bonneville Dam – Boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal, Woodland, and Kalama areas were catching some legals. Overall, 84 boat anglers kept 7 legals. Bank angling was slow with 167 anglers and just 2 keepers.

Trout

Klineline Pond – 60 bank anglers had 18 nice looking brown trout. The fish were caught in the NW corner of the pond by anglers using biscuit dough suspended under a bobber.

Washington lower Columbia tributaries plus Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Oct. 24-30.

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	246	9	0	29	0	23	1	14	2	4	1	14 cutts	13	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	1 cutt
Kalama River	71	2	0	9	0	30	0	13	0	4	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Lewis River mainstem	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
North Fork	122	2	0	1	0	6	0	12	0	0	0	1 chum rel.	43	11	1	6	0	16	0	13	0	0	0	0
Klickitat River	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville Pool													68	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	1	0

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Klineline Pond 60 bank anglers with 18 browns kept.