

Creel Survey

August 26, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Portions of Abernathy, Cedar (tributary of N.F. Lewis, Clark Co.), Cougar (tributary to Yale Reservoir, Cowlitz Co.), Coal, Germany, Lacamas (Clark Co.), Mill (Cowlitz Co.) creeks and Coweeman River close to all fishing beginning September 1. Except for Cougar Creek, all close to protect naturally spawning fall Chinook; Cougar Creek to protect naturally spawning kokanee.

North Fork Toutle River from confluence with South Fork to mouth of the Green River and the Green River from mouth to 400 feet below salmon hatchery rack – No report on angling success. Beginning Sept. 1, anti-snagging rule and night closure plus closed waters from 400 feet below to 400 feet above the water intake at the upper end of the hatchery.

Cowlitz River – Still some spring Chinook mini jacks being caught near the barrier dam.

Mayfield Lake – Salmon season begins Sept. 1. Daily limit 6, no more than 2 adults may be retained. Release wild Chinook and wild coho.

Tilton River from mouth to West Fork – Sept. 1-Oct. 31: night closure and anti-snagging rule. When anti-snagging rule is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.

Cowlitz River from posted PUD sign on Peters Rd. to the mouth of Ohanepecosh and Muddy Fork – Sept. 1-Oct. 31: night closure and anti-snagging rule. When the anti-snagging rule is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.

Kalama River – No report on angling success. Sept. 1-Oct. 31: Fly fishing only from the natural gas pipeline crossing to the deadline at the intake to the lower salmon hatchery.

Washougal River – No report on angling success. Sept. 1-Oct. 31: night closure and anti-snagging rule from Mt. Norway Br. upstream. When anti-snagging rule is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained. **Note:** restrictions are already in effect from Mt. Norway Br. downstream.

Wind River – Some steelhead are being caught at the mouth.

Drano Lake – Boat anglers are catching a mix of jack and adult fall Chinook and steelhead. About half the steelhead caught were hatchery fish.

Klickitat River – 58 bank anglers and 34 boat anglers with 1 steelhead and 2 Chinook kept plus 5 steelhead released.

John Weinheimer, WDFW District Biologist flew the river last Saturday morning - a lot of boat and bank activity at the mouth up to Fisher Hill Bridge. In the upper creel survey area there were 23 boats actively fishing from the hatchery to Pitt Bridge on the 9 am flight. 16 bank anglers for the same area, many fly fishermen. River looked in nice shape.

Buoy 10 – Based on sampling at the Ports of Chinook and Ilwaco, since the mark selective fishery began last Friday boat anglers averaged a Chinook kept per every 4.5 rods. Fishing for coho remains slow with just 0.08 fish kept per rod.

A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 27 to review the Buoy 10 fishery. The start time for this hearing is one hour earlier than previously scheduled (was scheduled for 2:00 p.m.).

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Effort and catches are building.

Last week we sampled 2,475 salmonid anglers (including 654 boats) with 403 adult and 22 jack fall Chinook and 88 steelhead but have yet to sample our first sport caught coho.

397 (99%) of the adult fall Chinook were kept as were 60 (68%) of the steelhead.

During last Saturday's effort flight count there were 1,438 salmonid boats and over 600 bank anglers.

Bonneville and The Dalles pools – Boat anglers are catching a mix of jack and adult fall Chinook and steelhead. Last Sunday morning there were approximately 25 boats of the mouths of the White Salmon and Klickitat rivers in Bonneville Pool.

Hanford Reach – This past week staff interviewed 14 boats (31 boat anglers) and 9 bank anglers fishing for Chinook that kept 4 adult Chinook and 1 jack (0.3 Chinook per boat). Based on the interviews an estimated 996 angler trips were conducted between August 19 and 25. Harvest for the week was estimated at 120 adult Chinook and 30 Chinook jacks.

For the season 183 adult Chinook and 46 jacks have been harvested and 22 Chinook jacks along with 37 hatchery steelhead have been caught and released. There have been 1,853 angler trips for the fishery through August 25.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Marker 82 line downstream – We sampled 5 sturgeon boats/12 anglers with 21 legal released. All the boats sampled were from the Longview area.

The section upstream from the Navigation Marker 82 line opens for catch and release angling beginning September 1.

The Dalles Pool – Slow for legal size fish.

Walleye and Bass

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – We sampled 5 walleye boats/8 anglers in the Camas/Washougal area with no catch.

Trout

Lake Scanewa and Swift reservoirs – No report on angling success. Effective Sept. 1, up to 10 rainbow trout may be retained. Only hatchery rainbows may be retained at Lake Scanewa.

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

August 19 - 25, 2013

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.
Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon																
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2013 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool						24							255	279		
The Dalles Pool	10	2				12	5	9	13			2	20	32		
John Day Pool						4							91	95		
Total	10	2				40	5	9	13			2	366	406		
Salmonids														Jacks Kept		
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2013 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool								40	2		7		1	1		
Chinook									2		5		1	1	3	
Coho																
Steelhead											2					
The Dalles Pool	2					62	15	32	7	7	1		27	89		10
Chinook						59			7	1			22	81		10
Coho																
Steelhead						3					6	1	5	8		
John Day Pool						12							12	24		4
Chinook						11							6	17		4
Coho																
Steelhead						1							6	7		
Walleye																
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool													5	5		
The Dalles Pool						12							303	315		
John Day Pool						4							257	261		
Bass																
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool													2	2		
The Dalles Pool						25				1			160	185		
John Day Pool						82							178	260		

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	79%	93%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.89	0.44	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.24	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none

Month/Week	Salmonid											# Boats	Chinook						Steelhead		Other		
	Bank	Kept	Chinook			Kept	Coho			Steelhead			Kept	Chinook		Kept	Coho		Released	Steelhead			
Aug.19-25	Sec.	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Boats	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Bonneville	1	83	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	5											
Camas/Washougal	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	78	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
	3	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	14	28	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Vancouver	4	156	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	26	56	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	168	16	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	135	346	89	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
Kalama	6	297	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	140	338	66	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Cowlitz	7												36	89	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Longview	8	214	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	7	250	573	89	5	0	0	0	0	0	19	5
Cathlamet	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	10												5	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oregon bank	10																						
Total		952	101	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	32	16	654	1523	296	15	3	0	0	0	0	28	12

	Sturgeon											
	Bank	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	Kept	# Boats	Boat	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals
Sec.	Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	Boats	Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept
Bonneville	1					CLOSED						CLOSED
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	5	12	74	21	3	CLOSED
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Knappton-Chinook bank	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Total		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	5	12	74	21	3	CLOSED

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

Washington Buoy 10 Creel Sampling Summaries - 2013

Preseason catch expectations: 20,000 chinook and 13,100 coho

Aug. 1-22: Daily limit 2 SALMON or hatchery STEELHEAD or one of each.
Only 1 may be a CHINOOK. Release all SALMON except CHINOOK and hatchery COHO.
CHINOOK minimum size 24"; COHO 16".

Aug. 23-Sept. 1: Daily limit 2 SALMON or hatchery STEELHEAD or one of each.
Only 1 may be a CHINOOK. Release all SALMON except hatchery CHINOOK and hatchery COHO. Chinook must be adipose or left ventral fin clipped to be retained.
CHINOOK minimum size 24"; COHO 16".

Sept. 2-30: Daily limit 2 hatchery COHO or hatchery STEELHEAD or one of each.
Release all SALMON other than hatchery COHO.
COHO minimum size 16".

Date	Number of Boats	Number of Anglers	Chinook Kept	Coho Kept	Comments
01-Aug	11	22	4	0	Opening Day
02-Aug	20	43	6	4	
03-Aug	21	49	5	5	
04-Aug	52	155	15	13	
05-Aug					No sampling.
06-Aug	37	86	9	5	
07-Aug	24	56	19	3	
08-Aug	30	78	18	5	
09-Aug	17	38	5	1	
10-Aug	73	197	64	8	
11-Aug	26	68	14	3	
12-Aug	12	30	12	2	
13-Aug					No sampling.
14-Aug	55	148	94	5	
15-Aug	85	217	112	23	
16-Aug	122	346	152	25	
17-Aug	98	295	120	26	
18-Aug	102	313	125	40	
19-Aug	52	130	43	17	Estimated catch and effort through Aug. 19: 13,300 chinook and 2,000 coho from 28,300 angler trips.
20-Aug	50	147	29	23	
21-Aug	1	3	0	5	Charter
21-Aug	109	283	69	49	Private boats
22-Aug	67	168	50	18	
23-Aug	42	114	10	4	Effective August 23 through September 1, all Chinook must be adipose or left ventral fin clipped.
24-Aug	84	258	57	27	
25-Aug	68	184	56	11	
26-Aug					
27-Aug					
28-Aug					
29-Aug					
30-Aug					
31-Aug					
01-Sep					Last scheduled day for Chinook retention until Oct. 1.
02-Sep		CLOSED			

Washington lower Columbia tributaries salmonid sport sampling summaries - Aug. 19-25.

Area	Bank # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat # Rods	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	20	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wind River													4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Drano Lake													49	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	29	0