

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching a mix of fall Chinook and coho plus some sea-run cutthroats are being reported caught. Boat anglers near the mouth are doing the best.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 465 fall Chinook adults, 24 jacks, 85 summer-run steelhead, 56 spring Chinook adults, 67 mini-jacks, nine coho salmon, four jacks, 24 cutthroat trout and one sockeye salmon during four days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 56 spring Chinook adults and one coho adult into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, 93 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park, and 291 fall Chinook adults, seven jacks, four coho adults, two jacks and two cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton. Also, 102 fall Chinook adults and 14 jacks were released into the upper Cowlitz River at the Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,510 cubic feet per second on Monday, September 9. Water visibility is 11 feet.

Kalama River – Anglers are catching some fall Chinook and coho.

Lewis River – Anglers are catching a mix of fall Chinook, coho, and steelhead, primarily around the salmon hatchery.

Washougal River – Generally light effort and catch, at least on the lower river.

Wind River – Light effort and catch. **Catch and release steelhead fishery on upper Wind River above Shipherd Falls will not open this year.**

Drano Lake – Boat anglers are catching some fall Chinook and steelhead. Anglers with a Two Pole Endorsement may use two poles here beginning Sept. 15.

Klickitat River – Bank anglers on the lower river were catching good numbers of fall Chinook until the water became turbid.

Buoy 10 – Boat anglers averaged a coho kept per about every 4 rods.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – During the first 3 days of the mark selective fishery below the Lewis, anglers were catching lots of adult Chinook; however, not many were adipose fin clipped (31% to be exact compared to 25% last year). All Chinook must be released from the Warrior Rock line downstream Sept. 13 through Sept. 30.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching fall Chinook and some steelhead. About 40 boats were observed off the mouth of the Klickitat.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Light effort during the current catch-and-release fishery.

Walleye

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Slow for the half dozen boat anglers sampled in the Camas/Washougal area last week.

2:30 PM

Month/Week	Salmonid													# Boats	Chinook						Coho						Steelhead	Other
	Bank	Kept			Released			Kept			Released				Kept	Rel.	Other	Kept	Rel.	Other	Kept	Rel.	Other					
Sec.	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other	Boats	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other			
Sept. 6-8	1	16	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Bonneville	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	62	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Camas/Washougal	3														9	20	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Vancouver	4	88	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	254	85	1	11	0	0	0	1	0	2	0		
Woodland	5	38	8	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	125	47	1	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kalama	6	119	22	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	111	26	0	108	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Cowlitz	7														38	102	46	0	132	1	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Longview	8	44	8	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	145	32	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Cathlamet	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	59	25	0	22	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Washington	10																											
Oregon bank	10																											
Total		313	51	1	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	373	880	269	2	410	3	1	0	2	0	3	0		

	Sturgeon												
	Bank	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	Kept	#	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	1	2	4	1	0	CLOSED	
Kalama	6					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Longview	8					CLOSED						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	1	2	4	1	0	CLOSED	

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

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Sept. 2-8.

Area	Bank # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Other	
		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks				
Cowlitz River	28	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	19	3	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Kalama River	52	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0													
Lewis River mainstem													3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Fork	48	2	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	4	0	0	15	1	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Washougal River	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													
Wind River	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													
Drano Lake													37	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	15	0
Klickitat River	28	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													
Bonneville Pool													42	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0