

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

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

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 686 fall Chinook adults, 28 jacks, 129 summer-run steelhead, 36 spring Chinook adults, 40 mini-jacks, 158 coho salmon, 94 jacks, 130 cutthroat trout and one sockeye salmon during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 35 spring Chinook adults, 57 coho adult, and six coho jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, 65 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park and 377 fall Chinook adults, 10 jacks, 29 coho adults, 88 jacks and 11 cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton. Also, 163 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 3,020 cubic feet per second on Monday, September 16. Water visibility is 12 feet.

Kalama River – Bank anglers are catching some fall Chinook though most of the fish were wild or dark and were released.

Lewis River – Boat anglers near the salmon hatchery are doing best for fall Chinook though most of the fish were wild and had to be released. Coho are also being caught around the salmon hatchery.

Washougal and Klickitat rivers – Bank anglers are catching fall Chinook, especially on the lower Klickitat.

Drano Lake and Bonneville Pool - Boat anglers are catching fall Chinook. In Bonneville Pool, most of the fish were caught by anglers fishing eggs just off the bottom outside the White Salmon River.

Lower Columbia mainstem – Last week we sampled 1,781 salmonid anglers (including 542 boats) with 435 adult and 5 jack fall Chinook, 6 steelhead, and 3 adult and 1 jack coho. Above the Lewis (Sec. 1-4): All 142 of the adult fall Chinook were kept. Below the Lewis (Sec. 5-10): 107 (37%) of the 293 adult fall Chinook caught were kept. Of the 168 known origin fish released, 164 (98%) were wild.

Walleye

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – We sampled 3 walleye boats/3 anglers in the Camas/Washougal area with 4 walleye kept.

