

Creel Survey

September 23, 2013

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Note: Likely no report next week.

Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching a mix of fall Chinook, coho, steelhead, and sea run cutthroats. Bank angling is best near the salmon hatchery while boaters continue to catch fish in the lower river.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 931 fall Chinook adults, 46 jacks, 413 coho salmon, 647 jacks, 22 summer-run steelhead, nine spring Chinook adults, one jack, eight mini-jacks and 35 cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 71 fall Chinook adults, 16 jacks, eight spring Chinook adults, 50 coho adults and 23 jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek and released 390 fall Chinook adults, 13 jacks, 220 coho adults, 597 jacks and five cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton. Also, 41 fall Chinook adults, 5 jacks, 77 coho adults and 26 jacks were released into the upper Cowlitz River at the Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,000 cubic feet per second on Monday, September 23. Water visibility is 12 feet.

Kalama River – Bank anglers are catching some fall Chinook and coho.

Lewis River – Both the mainstem and North Lewis are producing coho plus stray hatchery fall Chinook. Effective October 1 any Chinook, adipose fin clipped or not, may be retained on the Lewis including the mainstem and North Fork. In addition, the North Fork Lewis from Colvin Creek to the overhead powerlines below Merwin Dam will remain open two additional weeks (through October 15) for fall Chinook, hatchery coho, and hatchery steelhead.

Washougal River – Bank anglers are catching some fall Chinook.

Drano Lake – Boat anglers are catching fall Chinook. The lake will be closed to all fishing from 6 pm Tuesdays to 6 pm Wednesdays in October.

Klickitat River – Anglers are catching fall Chinook throughout the system. Effort has been heavy in the lower river with 50 vehicles from Lyle Falls downstream. In the upper river above the falls, 136 bank & 49 boat anglers were sampled with 74 Chinook kept, 4 released, and 0 steelhead.

For the Lyle Falls Trap data, see http://www.ykfp.org/klickitat/Data_lyleadulttrap.htm.

Yakima River – From Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Biologist in Pasco: Effort and harvest picked up this past weekend on the Yakima River. WDFW staff interviewed 134 anglers between September 16th and 22nd. 29 adult Chinook and 7 jacks were sampled. An estimated 189 adult fall Chinook and 41 jacks were harvested this past week from 1,178 angler trips. Anglers averaged 1 Chinook for every 8 hours fished.

Buoy 10 – Some coho and a few Chinook are being caught. Effective October 1, the salmonid daily limit increases to 6 fish of which 2 may be adult salmon or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Salmon minimum size is 12 inches. Any Chinook, adipose fin clipped or not, may be retained. Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Last week we sampled 1,779 salmonid anglers (including 512 boats) with 666 adult and 21 jack fall Chinook, 8 adult coho, and 2 steelhead.

Above the Lewis (Sec. 1-4): All but one of the 128 adult fall Chinook were kept. Below the Lewis (Sec. 5-10): 134 (25%) of the 538 adult fall Chinook caught were kept. Of the 375 known origin fish released below the Lewis, all but 2 were wild.

From the Rocky Point line upstream to the Warrior Rock line – Effective October 1 any Chinook, adipose fin clipped or not, may be retained. Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho.

Bonneville Pool – About 50 boats off the Klickitat and 30 off the White Salmon yesterday. Boat anglers averaged 2/3 Chinook per rod.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers averaged just over $\frac{3}{4}$ adult Chinook per rod.

Hanford Reach – From Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Biologist in Pasco: The number of anglers nearly doubled this week compared to the previous week. The good news is so did the number of Chinook harvested per boat. Anglers averaged 1 Chinook per boat this past week.

Staff interviewed anglers from 404 boats (944 boat anglers) and 160 bank anglers fishing for Chinook that harvested 381 adult Chinook and 65 jacks (1.0 Chinook per boat). Harvest for the week was estimated at 1,910 adult Chinook and 316 Chinook jacks. Based on the interviews, an estimated 5,293 angler trips were conducted between September 16th and 22nd.

For the season, 3,044 adult Chinook and 588 jacks have been harvested. There have been 13,411 angler trips for the fishery through September 22.

Sturgeon

The Dalles Pool – Boat and bank anglers are catching some legals. Through August, an estimated 172 (57.3%) of the 300 fish annual guideline had been taken.

Trout

Mineral Lake – No report on angling success. September 30 is the last day to fish for the year.

Goose Lake north of Carson – Planted with 1,300 cutthroats averaging over a pound each on Sept. 18. No report on angling success.

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

September 16 - 22, 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	26	13		1	1	14	3	8	42	6	2	2	41	55		
John Day Pool						4							91	95		
Total	26	13		1	1	42	3	8	42	6	2	2	387	429		
Salmonids																
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	Jacks Kept Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool													1	1		
Chinook													1	1		
Coho																
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool	16	1				65	68	198	125	1	25		373	438	10	39
Chinook		1				62					25		367	429	10	38
Coho									1				1	1		1
Steelhead						3				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			
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			
Bonneville Pool													2	2		
The Dalles Pool	2					25				1			179	204		
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)	124%	170%	none	50%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.97	0.76	none	0.50
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.09	0.75	none	0.50
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

10:00 AM

Month/Week	Salmonid													#	Chinook						Other		
	Bank	Chinook			Coho			Steelhead			Boat	Chinook			Coho			Steelhead					
Sept. 16-22	Sec.	Anglers	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Boats	Anglers	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	
Bonneville	1	42	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3												35	63	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	277	77	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	178	32	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Woodland	5	80	9	0	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	142	18	1	59	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	236	42	1	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	115	7	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7												70	135	18	1	78	0	7	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	119	16	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	154	307	24	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	31	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	10																						
Oregon bank	10																						
Total		764	153	17	191	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	512	1015	108	3	214	0	7	0	1	0	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						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		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	

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

