

## Creel Survey

August 11, 2014

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### Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Boat anglers averaged a steelhead kept per rod. Most of the fish were caught at the trout hatchery and near the mouth. Bank anglers are also catching some summer run steelhead and the trout and salmon hatcheries.

During five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator, last week Tacoma Power recovered:

- 1,336 summer-run steelhead
- 89 spring Chinook adults, 42 jacks, 156 mini-jacks
- 4 fall Chinook adult
- 2 cutthroat trout

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released:

- 87 spring Chinook adults and 41 jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek
- 136 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park
- 4 fall Chinook adults into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton

200 summer-run steelhead were recycled downstream to the Interstate-5 boat launch:

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 4,050 cubic feet per second on Monday, August 11. Water visibility is 11 feet.

**Wind River** – Boat and bank anglers are catching some steelhead of which three-quarters of the fish were wild and had to be released. Effort is light with only 4 boats observed there yesterday.

**Drano Lake** – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a fish per rod. Unfortunately about two-thirds of the catch were wild steelhead and had to be released. 50 boats counted there yesterday.

**Buoy 10** – More coho have entered the catch with yesterday's port of Chinook/Ilwaco check averaging two fish per boat. 1 in 3 or 4 boats sampled had kept a Chinook.

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – Steelhead still comprise the bulk of the catch.

Last week we sampled 1,356 salmonid anglers (including 230 boats) with 5 adult and 6 jack fall Chinook and 527 steelhead. 4 of the 5 (80%) of the adult Chinook were kept though it is currently legal to retain all fish. 279 (53%) of the steelhead were kept.

**Bonneville Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some steelhead when the wind isn't blowing. About 24 boats off the White Salmon River yesterday along with a half dozen each at Drano and the Klickitat. The Klickitat remains turbid with the hot weather.

### Walleye

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – Boat anglers are catching some fish in the Camas/Washougal area.

3:00 PM

| Month/Week                 | Salmonid |              |             |                |                 |                |                |                |           |           |          | Chinook    |              |             |                |                 |                |                |                |           |           |          |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                            | Sec.     | Bank Anglers | Kept Adults | Released Jacks | Released Adults | Released Jacks | Steelhead Kept | Steelhead Rel. | Coho Kept | Coho Rel. | Other    | # Boats    | Boat Anglers | Kept Adults | Released Jacks | Released Adults | Released Jacks | Steelhead Kept | Steelhead Rel. | Coho Kept | Coho Rel. | Other    |
| Bonnieville                | 1        | 131          | 0           | 1              | 0               | 0              | 44             | 64             | 0         | 0         | 0        |            |              |             |                |                 |                |                |                |           |           |          |
| Camas/Washougal            | 2        | 19           | 0           | 0              | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 33       | 53         | 0            | 0           | 1              | 0               | 0              | 3              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0        |
|                            | 3        | 25           | 0           | 0              | 0               | 0              | 3              | 3              | 0         | 0         | 6        | 10         | 0            | 0           | 0              | 0               | 4              | 2              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0        |
|                            | 4        | 112          | 1           | 0              | 0               | 0              | 17             | 8              | 0         | 0         | 34       | 74         | 1            | 1           | 0              | 1               | 23             | 31             | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| Woodland                   | 5        | 152          | 0           | 2              | 0               | 0              | 28             | 13             | 0         | 0         | 18       | 41         | 0            | 0           | 0              | 0               | 10             | 4              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| Kalama                     | 6        | 193          | 0           | 0              | 0               | 0              | 23             | 16             | 0         | 0         | 34       | 81         | 0            | 0           | 0              | 0               | 14             | 11             | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| Cowlitz                    | 7        |              |             |                |                 |                |                |                |           |           | 58       | 136        | 0            | 0           | 0              | 0               | 69             | 57             | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| Longview                   | 8        | 197          | 0           | 0              | 0               | 0              | 24             | 15             | 0         | 0         | 43       | 86         | 0            | 0           | 0              | 1               | 4              | 2              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| Cathlamet                  | 9        | 36           | 0           | 0              | 0               | 0              | 12             | 16             | 0         | 0         | 1        | 1          | 0            | 0           | 0              | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| private boats/bank charter | 10       |              |             |                |                 |                |                |                |           |           | 3        | 9          | 2            | 0           | 0              | 0               | 4              | 3              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>               |          | <b>865</b>   | <b>1</b>    | <b>3</b>       | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>       | <b>151</b>     | <b>135</b>     | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>230</b> | <b>491</b>   | <b>3</b>    | <b>1</b>       | <b>1</b>        | <b>2</b>       | <b>128</b>     | <b>113</b>     | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> |

|                             | Sturgeon |              |                |             |               |               |          |              |                |             |               |               |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
|                             | Sec.     | Bank Anglers | Sublegals Rel. | Legals Rel. | Oversize Rel. | Legals Kept   | # Boats  | Boat Anglers | Sublegals Rel. | Legals Rel. | Oversize Rel. | Legals 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        |
|                             | 10       |              |                |             |               | CLOSED        |          |              |                |             |               | CLOSED        |
| Deep River + Knappton boats | 10       |              |                |             |               | CLOSED        |          |              |                |             |               | CLOSED        |
| Cathlamet                   | 10       |              |                |             |               | CLOSED        |          |              |                |             |               | CLOSED        |
| <b>Total</b>                |          | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>      | <b>CLOSED</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>      | <b>CLOSED</b> |

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

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Aug. 4-10.

| Area            | Bank<br><u># Rods</u> | Chinook<br>Kept |              | Chinook<br>Rel. |              | Steelhead   |             | <u>Other</u> | Boat<br><u># Rods</u> | Chinook<br>Kept |              | Chinook<br>Rel. |              | Steelhead   |             | <u>Other</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|                 |                       | <u>Adults</u>   | <u>Jacks</u> | <u>Adults</u>   | <u>Jacks</u> | <u>Kept</u> | <u>Rel.</u> |              |                       | <u>Adults</u>   | <u>Jacks</u> | <u>Adults</u>   | <u>Jacks</u> | <u>Kept</u> | <u>Rel.</u> |              |
| Cowlitz River   | 54                    | 0               | 0            | 2               | 0            | 8           | 0           | 0            | 121                   | 1               | 0            | 0               | 0            | 121         | 4           | 0            |
| Wind River      | 5                     | 0               | 0            | 0               | 0            | 1           | 4           | 0            | 11                    | 0               | 0            | 0               | 0            | 2           | 5           | 0            |
| Drano Lake      |                       |                 |              |                 |              |             |             |              | 118                   | 0               | 0            | 0               | 0            | 43          | 77          | 0            |
| Bonneville Pool |                       |                 |              |                 |              |             |             |              | 36                    | 0               | 0            | 0               | 0            | 10          | 10          | 0            |