

## Creel Survey

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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 the 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. When anti-snagging rule is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.

**Cowlitz River** – Summer run steelhead are mainly being caught from Mission Bar upstream.

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

- 1,284 summer-run steelhead
- 115 spring Chinook adults, 17 jacks, 87 mini-jacks
- 2 fall Chinook adult 1 jack
- 1 sockeye adult
- 10 cutthroat trout

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released:

- 100 spring Chinook adults and 15 jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek
- 100 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park
- 2 fall Chinook adults, one jack and two cutthroat trout 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 4,240 cubic feet per second on Monday, August 18. Water visibility is 14 feet.

**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 though fall Chinook are in the river. Sept. 1-Oct. 31: Fly fishing only from the natural gas pipeline crossing to the deadline at the intake to the lower salmon hatchery.

**North Fork Lewis River** – Some summer run steelhead are being caught by boat anglers.

**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** – Summer run steelhead are being caught by boat and bank anglers but the problem is only about 25% were hatchery fish.

**Drano Lake** – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged nearly 1.4 summer run steelhead per rod. Again, the problem is only about 31% of the fish caught were hatchery fish. However, catch of fall Chinook is increasing. Any Chinook and coho, adipose fin clipped or not, may be retained. There were 72 boats here last Sunday morning (August 17).

**Klickitat River** – River remains turbid. No report on angling success.

**Buoy 10** – Washington's best checks of the season for fall Chinook (so far) was last Saturday with just over a fish per boat. Coho catches are beginning to increase again. Effort is heavy with over 1.5 hr. wait to launch a boat at times.

- **Effective August 30-September 1, all Chinook must be adipose or left ventral fin clipped.**
- **Effective September 2, release all Chinook. Hatchery coho daily limit increased to 3 fish.**

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Summer run steelhead remain the dominant catch though increasing numbers of fall Chinook are being caught. In addition, a couple adult coho were found in the sample. Last week we sampled 1,862 salmonid anglers (including 340 boats) with 62 adult and 6 jack fall Chinook, 542 steelhead, and 2 adult coho.

All of the adult Chinook and 291 (54%) of the steelhead were kept. Both of the adult coho were wild and were released.

**Bonneville Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some summer run steelhead and a few fall Chinook. Most of the effort last Sunday was found at the mouth of the White Salmon River (18 boats).

**Hanford Reach** – An estimated 87 boats fished for salmon in the Hanford Reach (Hwy 395 and Priest Rapids Dam) this past week. WDFW staff interviewed 5 boats (11 anglers: 46 pole hours) fishing for salmon with 7 chinook. Staff also interviewed 17 bank anglers at Ringold with no catch.

## **Sturgeon**

**Lower Columbia mainstem from Marker 82 downstream** – We sampled 10 sturgeon anglers (4 boats) with 8 legals released. The section from the Navigation Marker 82 line upstream opens for catch and release angling beginning September 1.

## **Walleye**

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – 3 walleye anglers (3 boats) were sampled with 4 walleye kept and 3 released.

## **Trout**

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

3:00 PM

Month/Week	Salmonid										Other	Chinook										Other
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Coho Kept	Coho Rel.		# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Coho Kept	Coho Rel.	
Bonneville	1	116	3	1	0	0	31	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Camas/Washougal	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	19	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	3	41	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	
	4	120	2	0	0	0	20	19	0	0	14	21	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	
Woodland	5	233	6	0	0	0	22	13	0	0	57	122	11	0	0	1	5	9	0	0	0	
Kalama	6	268	5	1	0	0	30	24	0	0	55	119	12	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	
Cowlitz	7										65	153	16	1	0	0	50	26	0	1	0	
Longview	8	301	0	0	0	0	39	21	0	0	90	199	5	0	0	0	24	28	0	0	0	
Cathlamet	9	42	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	16	29	0	0	0	0	12	6	0	0	0	
private boats/bank charter	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	60	0	2	0	0	35	30	0	1	0	
<b>Total</b>	10	1130	16	2	0	0	150	145	0	0	340	732	46	3	0	1	141	106	0	2	0	

	Sturgeon										Legals	Oversize	Legals
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.			
Bonneville	1					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED	2	5	7	6	0	CLOSED	
	3					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Vancouver	4					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Woodland	5					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Kalama	6					CLOSED	1	3	12	0	2	CLOSED	
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Longview	8					CLOSED	1	2	4	2	1	CLOSED	
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED	
	10					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED						CLOSED	
<b>Total</b>	10	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	4	10	23	8	3	CLOSED	

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

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Aug. 11-17

Area	Bank # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Steelhead		Other
		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Cowlitz River	82	0	1	4	1	23	0	1 cutt rel.	124	2	0	0	0	81	2	0
N. Fk. Lewis River									9	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Wind River	13	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	19	0	0	0	0	3	8	0
Drano Lake									239	23	0	0	0	104	229	0
Bonneville Pool									43	1	0	0	0	13	19	0