

Creel Survey

August 26, 2014

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching mainly summer run steelhead and a few fall Chinook.

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

- 865 summer-run steelhead
- 40 spring Chinook adults, 16 jacks, 33 mini-jacks
- 17 fall Chinook adult 2 jacks
- 1 sockeye adult
- 3 sea-run cutthroat trout

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released:

- 39 spring Chinook adults and 12 jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek
- 30 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park
- 12 fall Chinook adults, two jacks and three 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 3,060 cubic feet per second on Monday, August 25.

Wind River – Boat anglers continue to catch summer run steelhead though most were wild fish and had to be released.

Drano Lake – 80% of the boat anglers caught a summer run steelhead. Problem was nearly 2/3 of the fish caught were wild and had to be released. Some fall Chinook are also being caught.

72 boats were counted here yesterday morning.

Buoy 10 – Coho have outpaced the Chinook catch in recent days. Effective August 30 through September 1, all Chinook must be adipose or left ventral fin clipped to be retained. Effective September 2, the hatchery coho daily limit will be increased to 3 fish but all Chinook must be released.

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Effort is increasing though catches of fall Chinook remain low/stagnant and even steelhead catches dropped off. However, there have been some good fall Chinook catches from Vancouver downstream in recent days.

Last week we sampled 1,560 salmonid anglers (including 405 boats) with 78 adult and 1 jack fall Chinook and 119 steelhead. All but 4 of the adult Chinook were kept. 74 (62%) of the steelhead were kept.

Last Saturday, nearly 900 boats were counted during the flight. Just over 200 of the boats were spotted at the mouth of the Cowlitz.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching some summer run steelhead. Just outside the White Salmon River remains the most popular spot with 18 boats tallied there yesterday.

Hanford Reach – An estimated 212 boats fished for salmon in the Hanford Reach (Hwy 395 and Priest Rapids Dam) this past week. WDFW staff interviewed 14 boats (25 anglers:100 pole hours) fishing for salmon with no catch. Staff also interviewed 8 bank anglers at Ringold with no catch.

Sturgeon

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

Walleye

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Less than a handful of boat anglers were sampled with no catch last week.

Trout

Recent plants of catchable size rainbows. No reports on angling success.

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Aug 20, 2014	Rainbow	3,665	2.3	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY
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Aug 20, 2014	Rainbow	200	2.3	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY
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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
Bonneville	1	35	0	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	0											
Camas/Washougal	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	21	0	0	1	0	7	1	0	0	0	0
	3	34	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	13	31	1	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0
	4	150	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	57	123	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	111	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	81	187	21	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	177	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	84	192	6	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7										57	139	17	0	0	1	23	10	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	119	1	0	0	0	4	6	0	0	81	177	9	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	25	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	16	31	4	0	2	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10										3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	654	13	0	0	0	22	16	0	0	405	906	61	0	4	1	52	29	0	0	0	0

	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	1	2	5	0	0	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
Total	10	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	1	2	5	0	0	CLOSED

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

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Aug. 18-24

Area	Bank # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Steelhead		
		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other
Cowlitz River	85	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	53	4	0	0	0	44	10	0
Wind River	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	11	0
Drano Lake									110	7	0	0	0	32	57	3 sturgeon released
Bonneville Pool									47	0	0	0	0	9	11	0

Washington Buoy 10 Creel Sampling Summaries - 2014

Preseason catch expectations: 45,700 chinook and 56,500 coho

Anglers should note Oregon's new sport fishing closure at the mouth of Young's Bay. For details, see http://dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/14/02_february/Exhibit%20D_Attachment%204_Map_Proposed%20Boundaries%20Youngs%20Bay%20Control%20Zone.pdf?

Date	Number of Boats	Number of Anglers	Chinook Kept	Coho Kept	Comments
1-Aug	43	107	13	15	Opening Day
2-Aug	46	118	31	25	225 boats counted during effort flight count.
3-Aug	46	126	33	8	
4-Aug	53	138	31	5	Private boats
4-Aug	1	5	0	0	Charter
5-Aug					No sampling
6-Aug	30	75	22	0	
7-Aug	48	119	20	16	
8-Aug	5	11	2	8	
9-Aug	90	254	33	90	
10-Aug	97	283	26	173	
11-Aug	87	216	34	115	
12-Aug	45	112	10	19	
13-Aug					No sampling
14-Aug	98	259	52	9	
15-Aug	85	252	79	30	
16-Aug	120	370	139	59	
17-Aug	136	371	99	62	Private boats
17-Aug	2	22	0	0	Charters
18-Aug					No sampling
19-Aug	112	355	122	68	
20-Aug	59	156	45	35	
21-Aug	43	111	16	16	
22-Aug	44	131	41	53	
23-Aug	134	361	85	120	
24-Aug	87	235	71	105	
25-Aug					
26-Aug					
27-Aug					
28-Aug					
29-Aug					
30-Aug					Effective August 30 through September 1, all Chinook must be adipose or left ventral fin clipped.
31-Aug					
1-Sep					
2-Sep					Effective September 2, release all Chinook. Hatchery coho daily limit increased to 3 fish.
3-Sep					
4-Sep					