

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching fall Chinook and coho from the mouth to the barrier dam.

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

- 318 summer-run steelhead
- 30 spring Chinook adults and one jack
- 1,139 fall Chinook adults and 51 jacks
- 836 coho adults
- 79 coho jacks
- 40 sea-run cutthroat trout

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released:

- 29 spring Chinook adults and one jack; 116 coho adults and five jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek
- 441 fall Chinook adults, 33 jacks; 549 coho adults, 53 jacks and two cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton, WA
- 442 fall Chinook adults and ten jacks; 72 coho adults and eight jacks at Franklin Bridge in Packwood, WA
- One cutthroat trout was released in the upper Cowlitz River basin

Kalama River – Bank anglers on the lower river are catching coho and some fall Chinook plus a few summer run steelhead.

Lewis River – Boaters at the mouth and bank anglers near the salmon hatchery on the North Fork are catching coho and some fall Chinook.

Any Chinook, adipose fin clipped or not, may be retained effective October 1. In addition, the North Fork Lewis from Colvin Creek to the overhead powerlines below Merwin Dam will remain open two additional weeks (through October 31) for fall Chinook, hatchery coho, and hatchery steelhead.

Washougal River – Bank anglers on the lower river are catching some fall Chinook.

Drano Lake – Boat anglers are catching a mixture of upriver fall Chinook, coho, and summer run steelhead.

The lake will be closed to all fishing from 6 pm Tuesdays to 6 pm Wednesdays in October.

Klickitat River – Bank anglers on the lower river are catching fall Chinook.

Buoy 10 – Coho catches dropped off some this past weekend but anglers still averaged just under a fish per rod.

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 832 salmonid anglers (including 237 boats) with 255 adult and 25 jack fall Chinook, 40 adult coho, 5 steelhead, and 1 sockeye.

Warrior Rock line downstream

Of the 46 adult Chinook released, we sampled 30 fish of which 26 (87%) were wild and 4 (13%) hatchery. The sockeye was released as required.

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Rocky Point Tongue Point line to Bonneville Dam

19 (47%) of the adult coho caught were kept (though 1 wild fish was illegally kept).

3 (60%) of the steelhead caught were kept.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching fall Chinook and some coho and summer run steelhead.

Over 100 boats were counted off the mouth of the Klickitat yesterday morning. In addition, there were a few dozen off the White Salmon.

Sturgeon

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

Walleye

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Walleye are being caught by boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal area.

Trout

Recent plants of hatchery trout:

GOOSE LK (SKAM)

Sep 15, 2014	Cutthroat	2,133	1.16	SKAMANIA HATCHERY
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Mineral Lake – No report on angling success. **September 30 is the last day to fish for the year.**

11:30 AM

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
Sept. 15-21, 2014	1	56	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	20	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonnevill	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	124	25	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Camas/Washoug	3																					
	4	185	58	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	114	278	94	10	1	0	0	0	5	1	0
Woodland	5	19	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	40	CLOSED	CLOSED	11	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kalama	6	16	CLOSED	CLOSED	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	14	CLOSED	CLOSED	2	2	0	0	1	6	0
Cowlitz	7		CLOSED	CLOSED							0	22	44	CLOSED	CLOSED	33	1	3	2	11	13	0
Longview	8	16	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cathlamet	9	8	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			CLOSED	CLOSED							
private boats/bank charter	10		CLOSED	CLOSED										CLOSED	CLOSED							
	10		CLOSED	CLOSED										CLOSED	CLOSED							
Total		302	73	5	4	0	0	0	0	1		237	530	131	16	47	4	3	2	19	20	

	Sturgeon											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Bonnevill	1					CLOSED						CLOSED
Camas/Washoug	2					CLOSED	1	2	1	1	0	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
Total		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	1	2	1	1	0	CLOSED

	Walleye							
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonnevill	1							
Camas/Washoug	2				2	4	13	0
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		0	0	0	2	4	13	0

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Sept. 15-21

Area	Bank # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other
		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Cowlitz River	89	24	0	14	0	42	2	24	0	0	0	0	156	23	2	44	2	44	0	38	1	3	0	0
Kalama River	50	3	0	4	0	17	0	2	0	0	1	0												
Main Lewis River													15	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Fork Lewis River	62	4	0	1	0	28	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Washougal River	89	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0												
Drano Lake													27	9	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	0
Klickitat River	30	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0												
Bonneville Pool													53	31	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	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	Thru Aug. 24, estimated 18,118 Chinook and 15,000 coho mortalities.
25-Aug	43	126	9	52	
26-Aug	94	259	71	151	Thru Aug. 26, estimated 20,300 Chinook and 18,000 coho mortalities.
27-Aug	39	106	41	69	
28-Aug	42	99	55	73	
29-Aug	23	59	30	31	Thru Aug. 29, estimated 23,900 Chinook kept (6,500 released) from 74,100 angler trips.
30-Aug	113	332	98	228	Effective August 30 through September 1, all Chinook had to be adipose or left ventral fin clipped.
31-Aug	80	217	55	163	From the North North Jetty, an estimated 27 Chinook and 660 coho were caught by 893 anglers during Aug. 25-31.
1-Sep	65	170	40	169	Thru Sept. 1, estimated 32,200 coho catch (including release mortalities).
2-Sep	39	110	CLOSED	208	Effective September 2, release all Chinook. Hatchery coho daily limit increased to 3 fish.
3-Sep	50	137	CLOSED	237	
4-Sep	19	48	CLOSED	54	
5-Sep	48	111	CLOSED	115	
6-Sep	53	145	CLOSED	128	
7-Sep	43	111	CLOSED	81	
8-Sep	10	28	CLOSED	25	
9-Sep	29	66	CLOSED	76	
10-Sep	32	71	CLOSED	71	
11-Sep			CLOSED		No sampling
12-Sep	15	36	CLOSED	35	
13-Sep	49	129	CLOSED	118	
14-Sep	28	69	CLOSED	76	
15-Sep	1	6	CLOSED	10	
16-Sep	14	27	CLOSED	61	
17-Sep	28	63	CLOSED	77	
18-Sep	21	49	CLOSED	78	
19-Sep	8	16	CLOSED	12	
20-Sep	74	200	CLOSED	151	Private boats. About 280 boats counted during flight.
20-Sep	4	37	CLOSED	25	Charters
21-Sep	38	110	CLOSED	79	Private boats
21-Sep	4	37	CLOSED	38	Charters