

## Creel Survey

September 29, 2014

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### Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Fall Chinook and coho are being caught throughout the river but from the mouth of the Toutle downstream was generally the most productive area. A few summer run steelhead and sea run cutthroats are also being caught.

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

- 414 summer-run steelhead
- 19 spring Chinook adults and one jack
- 1,432 fall Chinook adults and 118 jacks
- one chum salmon
- 3,920 coho adults
- 276 coho jacks
- 93 sea-run cutthroat trout

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released:

- 15 spring Chinook adults and one jack; 656 coho adults and 47 jacks into Lake Scanewa
- 737 fall Chinook adults, 81 jacks; 2,010 coho adults, 162 jacks and four cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton
- 388 fall Chinook adults and 20 jacks; 139 coho adults and ten jacks at Franklin Bridge in Packwood
- One cutthroat trout was released in the upper Cowlitz River basin

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 4,240 cubic feet per second on Monday, September 29.

**Kalama River** – Bank anglers on the lower river are mainly catching coho.

**Lewis River (including North Fork)** – Anglers are primarily catching coho along with some steelhead.

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

**Drano Lake** – Boat anglers did well on fall Chinook plus some coho and steelhead too.

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

**Buoy 10** – Boat anglers averaged better than a coho per rod this past weekend.

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – Last week we sampled 814 salmonid anglers (including 216 boats) with 207 adult and 31 jack fall Chinook, 40 adult and 2 jack coho and 12 steelhead.

Most of the coho were caught off the mouth of the Cowlitz while fall Chinook were caught from Longview upstream.

**Bonneville Pool** – Based on limited sampling, fall Chinook are being still being caught at the mouths of the tributaries though some of the fish are beginning to darken. A few coho are also being reported caught but were not found in the sample.

## **Sturgeon**

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – We sampled 2 boats/6 anglers in the Vancouver area with 2 legals released.

2:00 PM

Month/Week	Salmonid											# Boats	Chinook						Steelhead	Coho	Other	
	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
Sept. 22-28, 2014	1	49	15	10	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	17	49	16	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0
Bonneville	2											44	84	13	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Camas/Washougal	3	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	21	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4	227	69	3	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	92	219	53	6	0	0	1	2	4	0	0
Woodland	5	8	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Kalama	6	18	CLOSED	CLOSED	9	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	11	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7		CLOSED	CLOSED							0	31	60	CLOSED	CLOSED	22	0	2	0	17	5	0
Longview	8	21	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	11	17	CLOSED	CLOSED	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	2	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			CLOSED	CLOSED							
private boats/bank charter	10		CLOSED	CLOSED										CLOSED	CLOSED							
	10		CLOSED	CLOSED										CLOSED	CLOSED							
<b>Total</b>		344	84	13	12	8	3	0	7	1	0	216	470	86	10	25	0	3	3	27	7	

	Sturgeon											# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept					
	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																
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED																
	3					CLOSED																
Vancouver	4					CLOSED	2	6	10	2	0	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>		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	2	6	10	2	0	CLOSED										

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



Washington Buoy 10 Creel Sampling Summaries - 2014

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

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. Through Sept. 21, estimated 99,200 angler trips with 29,800 Chinook kept and 56,000 coho mortalities.
21-Sep	4	37	CLOSED	38	Charters
22-Sep	12	31	CLOSED	17	
23-Sep			CLOSED		No sampling
24-Sep			CLOSED		No sampling
25-Sep	5	9	CLOSED	3	
26-Sep	15	31	CLOSED	23	
27-Sep	37	90	CLOSED	95	Private boats
27-Sep	1	5	CLOSED	15	Charter
28-Sep	38	96	CLOSED	159	Private boats
28-Sep	1	6	CLOSED	11	Charter
28-Sep		43	CLOSED	55	Jetty
29-Sep			CLOSED		
30-Sep			CLOSED		