

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Wind River – Some steelhead are being caught by boat anglers.

Drano Lake – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged over a steelhead per rod. Unfortunately, nearly 2/3 of the fish were wild and had to be released. Some bright Chinook are also being caught.

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Last week we sampled 867 salmonid anglers (including 97 boats) with 13 adult and 2 jack fall Chinook, 257 steelhead, and 1 adult coho. All of the adult Chinook and 158 (61%) of the steelhead were kept. The adult coho was wild and the fish was released.

Effort was relatively light last Saturday when only 120 boats and just under 300 bank anglers tallied during the sport effort flight count.

Buoy 10 – Since last Thursday, checks at the ports of Chinook and Ilwaco plus Fort Canby ramps have averaged nearly a Chinook or better per boat.

For the Washington daily sampling summaries, see <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/creel/buoy10/>

For the Oregon daily sampling summaries, see

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/sport_fishery_updates.asp

Hanford Reach – From August 1 through August 9, WDFW staff interviewed 23 boats (50 anglers) fishing for summer chinook and sockeye in the Columbia River from the Hwy 395 bridge upstream to Priest Rapids Dam. Anglers reported harvesting 8 adult summer chinook, 2 chinook jacks, and 5 sockeye. They released 4 wild adult chinook, 1 jack, and 4 sockeye.

Anglers averaged slightly less than one salmon per boat, roughly 12 hours per fish caught.

WDFW estimates that 162 boats fished for salmon in this area of the river during this time period. Estimated harvest based on sampling was 56 adult hatchery chinook, 14 jacks, and 28 sockeye. 28 wild adult chinook and 28 sockeye were released.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Marker 82 line downstream – Effort continues to be light during the current catch-and-release fishery as only a couple boats were observed during last Saturday's sport effort flight count. Last week we sampled 12 sturgeon anglers (4 boats) with 5 legals released.

Walleye

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – A dozen walleye boats were observed in the Camas/Washougal area during last Saturday's sport effort flight count. 4 walleye anglers (3 boats) kept 3 walleye.

3:00 PM

Month/Week	Salmonid										Chinook											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Coho Kept	Rel.	Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Coho Kept	Rel.	Other
Aug. 3-9	1	38	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville	2											4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	3	17	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Woodland	5	74	1	0	0	0	15	6	0	0	0	10	18	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Kalama	6	224	5	0	0	0	23	17	0	0	0	22	51	2	1	0	0	7	10	0	1	0
Cowlitz	7											10	23	2	0	0	0	9	9	0	0	0
Longview	8	251	0	1	0	0	37	12	0	0	0	25	48	0	0	0	0	28	5	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	49	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	13	21	0	0	0	0	14	12	0	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10	6	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	6	19	0	0	0	0	9	10	0	0	0
Total	10	667	6	1	0	0	90	50	0	0		97	200	7	1	0	0	68	49	0	1	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						CLOSED
Kalama	6	3	1	0	0	CLOSED	1	4	8	2	0	CLOSED
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED
Longview	8					CLOSED	3	5	31	3	0	CLOSED
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Total		3	1	0	0	CLOSED	4	9	39	5	0	CLOSED

Walleye

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

Washington lower Columbia tributaries plus Bonneville and The Dalles pools salmonid sport sampling summaries - Aug. 3-9.

Area	Bank <u>Anglers</u>	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Steelhead		<u>Other</u>	Boat <u>Anglers</u>	Chinook Kept		Chinook 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>		
Wind River									9	0	0	0	0	0	4		0
Drano Lake									351	10	0	0	0	130	272	1 sturgeon released	