

Creel Survey

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BONUS FACTOIDS

Two pinks have been counted at Bonneville Dam to-date. A chum was sampled from the Young's Bay Select Area Commercial fishery on June 22!

Nearly 200,000 (40%) of the 482,100 sockeye counted at Bonneville Dam and not harvested in the Treaty Indian fisheries have not crossed McNary Dam. Sockeye have been reported in both Wind River and Drano Lake with some mortality due to suspected disease on the lower Wind.

RUNSIZE UPDATES

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met yesterday and provided an in-season forecast of 108,000 adult Chinook and 500,000 sockeye returning to the Columbia River. The summer Chinook forecast is the largest since at least 1960 and the sockeye forecast is the third largest on record.

Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – No report on angling success.

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

- 453 spring Chinook salmon, 87 jacks, 146 mini-jacks, 362 summer steelhead.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released:

- 210 recycled summer steelhead at the Interstate-5 boat launch.
- 145 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,050 cubic feet per second on Monday, July 13. Water visibility is 16 feet.

Kalama River – 36 bank anglers kept 3 steelhead and 8 boat anglers also kept 3 steelhead.

East Fork Lewis River – No effort observed for steelhead.

Washougal River – 6 bank anglers had no catch.

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam - Last week we sampled 815 salmonid anglers (including 104 boats) with 38 adult summer Chinook, 86 steelhead, and 10 sockeye. All but 3 of the adult Chinook were kept though it was legal to keep all fish. 56% of the adult Chinook sampled were ad clipped.

50 (58%) of the steelhead and all of the sockeye were kept.

Nearly half (147) of the 323 boats counted during last Saturday's effort flight counted were observed just upstream from the Megler-Astoria Bridge. In addition to Chinook (which slowed Sunday as the fish appeared to have moved upstream with the weather change), some coho are beginning to appear in the catch above the bridge.

The Dalles Pool – Light effort and catch. 7 bank anglers had no catch.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Marker 82 line downstream – Light effort (just 9 boats counted during last Saturday's flight) though some legals are being caught during the current catch-and-release fishery.

Walleye

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Light effort and catch.

Trout

No report.

Shad

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Only 1 bank angler counted on the Washington bank during last Saturday's flight. No report on angling success.

3:30 PM

Month/Week	Salmonid											Chinook										
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Rel.	Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Rel.	Other
Bonneville	1	54	1	0	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2											19	39	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	39	1	0	0	0	1	5	3	0	0	7	15	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	30	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	74	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	25	56	14	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
Kalama	6	135	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	51	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
Cowlitz	7											3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	188	1	0	2	0	23	7	1	0	0	10	19	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	61	0	0	0	0	13	6	0	0	0	6	14	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10	19	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0
Total	10	600	14	0	3	0	38	24	7	0	0	104	215	21	0	0	0	12	12	3	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	1	2	1	3	0	CLOSED
	3					CLOSED						CLOSED
Vancouver	4					CLOSED	1	2	0	0	0	CLOSED
Woodland	5					CLOSED						CLOSED
Kalama	6	2	2	0	0	CLOSED	1	1	3	0	0	CLOSED
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED	1	3	15	0	0	CLOSED
Longview	8	1	2	1	0	CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED
	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Total	10	3	4	1	0	CLOSED	4	8	19	3	0	CLOSED

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

	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							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total	10	0	0	0	2	2	0	0