

Creel Survey

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FACTOID – The 84,192 adult summer Chinook counted from June 16-July 31, 2016 is the 6th largest since at least 1938. The record was set just last year at 116,657 adults.

WHAT THE HECK - An angler reported releasing an Atlantic salmon on the mainstem Columbia in the Longview area.

According to WDFW, scoop traps on both the Chehalis and Cowlitz Rivers had captured Atlantic salmon for a number of years. In the 1980s, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife also reported “a few” Atlantic salmon at the McNary juvenile fish collection facility. These fish were attributed to the net pens located in Rufus Woods Reservoir (Columbia River mainstem, north central Washington). Source:

<http://www.aquaticnuisance.org/fact-sheets/atlantic-salmon>.

Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 99 boat anglers kept 85 summer run steelhead. 82 bank anglers kept 1 adult spring Chinook and 7 summer run steelhead plus released 1 adult spring Chinook. Almost all of the catch was sampled from the Mission Bar ramp upstream to the barrier dam.

Last week Tacoma Power employees recovered 346 spring Chinook adults, 89 jacks, 80 mini-jacks, 962 summer-run steelhead adults, five fall Chinook adults, and nine cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released 72 spring Chinook adults and 16 spring Chinook jacks into the Cispus River upstream of the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek near Randle, 243 spring Chinook adults, 61 spring Chinook jacks and three fall Chinook adults at Franklin Bridge in Packwood, and three cutthroat trout and two fall Chinook adults into the Tilton River located at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

Since June 15, Tacoma Power employees have floy-tagged and recycled 2,366 summer-run steelhead to the I-5 bridge boat launch. A total of 577 (24%) of the recycled steelhead have either been reported as harvested or returned back to the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,450 cubic feet per second on Monday, August 1. Visibility is at 13.5 feet.

Drano Lake – 24 bank anglers kept 2 steelhead and released 2 fish. 191 boat anglers kept 10 adult Chinook and 74 steelhead plus released 4 adult Chinook and 98 steelhead. Though very windy, about 40 boats were observed here last Sunday morning.

Klickitat River – 1 bank angler released 1 adult Chinook.

Buoy 10 – Working on setting up the Washington daily creel sampling summaries @ <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/creel/buoy10/>. Stay tuned.

Through Labor Day (Sept. 5), on Sundays and Mondays only adipose or left ventral fin clipped Chinook may be retained; Tues.-Sat. any Chinook may be kept. Daily limit 1 Chinook.

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Last week we sampled 1,059 salmonid anglers (including 124 boats) with 16 adult and 3 jack summer Chinook, 132 steelhead but no sockeye. Just two (13%) of the adult Chinook were kept.

103 (78%) of the steelhead were kept. No sockeye were reported caught.

Of the 381 salmonid boats counted last Saturday, 230 (60%) were observed just above the Megler-Astoria Bridge.

From the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam, any Chinook (adipose fin clipped or not) may be currently retained. Below the Lewis, the daily limit is 1 adult Chinook; above the Lewis upstream to the Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco is 2 fish. From Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam, the hatchery steelhead daily limit (in the combined adult salmon/steelhead daily limit) is 1 fish. Release sockeye.

Bonneville Pool – 3 boat anglers had no catch.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Marker 82 line downstream – From Camas/Washougal downstream to Longview, we sampled 23 sturgeon anglers (including 10 boats) with 14 legals released.

Walleye

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – In the Camas/Washougal area we sampled 17 walleye anglers (8 boats) with 8 fish kept and 4 released.

Trout

Tacoma Power released 4,000 rainbow trout into Mayfield Lake. This week they will release 4,000 more rainbow trout into the lake. No report on angling success.

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary
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Month/Week July 25-31, 2016	Salmonid										Chinook												
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Sockeye Rel.	Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Sockeye Rel.	Other	
Bonneville	1	83	0	0	1	0	12	10	0	0	0												
Camas/Washougal	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	26	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
	3	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	118	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	11	25	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	191	0	0	2	0	14	2	0	0	31	62	0	0	7	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	151	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	22	50	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7										11	27	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	212	1	0	1	0	20	5	0	0	31	77	0	0	0	1	28	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													
Total	10	785	1	1	7	0	50	22	0	0	124	274	1	0	7	1	53	7	0	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	4	9	14	5	0	CLOSED	
	3					CLOSED							CLOSED
Vancouver	4					CLOSED	1	4	0	0	0	CLOSED	
Woodland	5					CLOSED							CLOSED
Kalama	6					CLOSED	3	5	11	3	0	CLOSED	
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED							CLOSED
Longview	8					CLOSED	2	5	19	6	2	CLOSED	
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED							CLOSED
	10					CLOSED							CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED							CLOSED
Total		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	10	23	44	14	2	CLOSED	

	Walleye							
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2				8	17	8	4
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		0	0	0	8	17	8	4