

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 51 boat anglers kept 47 steelhead. 42 bank anglers kept 14 steelhead and released 1 adult Chinook. Most of the catch is still from Mission Bar to the salmon hatchery though some steelhead are being caught by boat anglers near the mouth of the river.

Last week Tacoma Power employees recovered 175 spring Chinook adults, 47 jacks, 34 mini-jacks, eight fall Chinook adults, five jacks, 958 summer-run steelhead, and six cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released 51 spring Chinook adults, 19 spring Chinook jacks, and two fall Chinook adults into the Cispus River upstream of the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek near Randle, 113 spring Chinook adults, 20 spring Chinook jacks, one fall Chinook adult and one jack at Franklin Bridge in Packwood, and five fall Chinook adults, three jacks and three cutthroat trout into the Tilton River located at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

Since June 15, Tacoma Power employees have floy-tagged and recycled 2,803 summer-run steelhead to the I-5 bridge boat launch. A total of 802 (29%) 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 2,470 cubic feet per second on Monday, Aug. 8. Visibility is at 13.5 feet.

Lewis River – 8 bank anglers had no catch.

Wind River – 2 bank anglers released 1 steelhead. 2 boat anglers had no catch.

Drano Lake – 9 bank anglers had no catch. 232 boat anglers kept 17 adult Chinook and 80 steelhead plus released 88 steelhead. Boaters using downriggers to troll lures are catching fall Chinook while those anchored and using bobbers and dyed prawns are catching steelhead.

Despite being breezy, 43 boats were counted here last Sunday morning.

Buoy 10 – Both Washington and Oregon report a Chinook kept per every 10 rods last week. A few coho are also appearing in the catch.

Washington daily sampling summaries can be found@ <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/creel/buoy10/>. For Oregon summaries, see http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/sport_fishery_updates.asp.

Boat anglers should be aware of Oregon's sport fishing closure at the mouth of Young's Bay that runs through September 15. – The Young's Bay Control Zone includes waters from the Highway 101 Bridge crossing Young's Bay northerly to a line originating on the Oregon shore at the east end of the seawall at the Warrenton Fiber log yard (approximately river mile 10.1) northeasterly through green navigation buoys 29, 31, 33, and 35A to the center of the Astoria-Megler Bridge abutment adjacent to, and north of the ship channel, and continuing southerly in line with the center of the Megler Bridge span to the Oregon shore. See below and attached.



Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Like Buoy 10, fishing for fall Chinook was slow and steelhead angling was only fair. Last week we sampled 1,405 salmonid anglers (including 245 boats) with 30 adult and 4 jack fall Chinook, 151 steelhead but no coho. All of the adult Chinook and 83 (55%) of the steelhead were kept.

Bonneville Pool – 4 boat anglers kept 1 steelhead and released 2 fish.

Effort was light with only a single boat counted outside Drano and 1 off the White Salmon River last Sunday morning.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam from the Marker 82 line downstream - We sampled 15 sturgeon anglers (7 boats) with 33 legals released. Fish were caught from Vancouver downstream to Longview.

Walleye

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – We sampled 31 walleye anglers (16 boats) with 15 fish kept and 9 released. Almost all of the anglers and all of the catch were sampled from the Camas/Washougal area.

Trout

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

By the end of this month, an estimated 72,000 catchable size rainbows will have been released into Mayfield Lake this year.

Lewis River reservoirs – Notice – Updated August 4, 2016: Designated swimming areas at Swift Forest Campground, Cougar, Beaver Bay, Yale and Saddle Dam Parks are all closed due to low water. The boat launch at Cougar Park is also closed due to low water, however, kayaks can be easily portaged for launch. All other boat launches are available for use.

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Month/Week	Salmonid													# Boats	Chinook						Other					
	Bank	Kept	Chinook			Steelhead		Kept	Coho			Released	Steelhead		Kept	Released										
Aug. 1-7, 2016	Sec.	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Other	Boats	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Other
Bonneville	1	60	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	34	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	98	5	0	0	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	40	85	3	0	0	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	205	3	1	0	0	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	41	72	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	265	16	0	0	1	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	38	88	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7													7	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	202	1	1	0	1	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	68	147	0	0	0	0	6	13	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	48	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	37	1	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	16	1	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
Total		898	25	2	0	2	49	36	0	0	0	0	0	245	507	5	0	0	0	34	32	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						CLOSED	
	3					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Vancouver	4					CLOSED	2	2	11	7	2	CLOSED	
Woodland	5					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Kalama	6					CLOSED	3	7	16	20	1	CLOSED	
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Longview	8					CLOSED	2	6	10	6	2	CLOSED	
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED	
	10					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Total		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	7	15	37	33	5	CLOSED	

	Walleye							
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2				15	30	15	9
	3				1	1	0	0
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		0	0	0	16	31	15	9