

## Creel Survey

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### Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – 38 boat anglers kept 1 adult Chinook and 13 steelhead plus released 2 adult Chinook. 49 bank anglers kept 1 adult Chinook and 6 steelhead and released 3 Chinook. Most of the fish are being caught between the hatcheries though boat anglers are catching some fall Chinook and summer run steelhead near the mouth of the river.

Last week Tacoma Power employees recovered 213 spring Chinook adults, 26 jacks, 11 mini-jacks, 87 fall Chinook adults, seven jacks, one coho adult, 349 summer-run steelhead, and five cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released 41 spring Chinook adults and three spring Chinook jacks into the Cispus River upstream of the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek near Randle, 159 spring Chinook adults and 22 spring Chinook jacks at Franklin Bridge in Packwood, and 84 fall Chinook adults, seven jacks, one coho adult, one coho jack and one cutthroat trout into the Tilton River located at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

Since June 15, Tacoma Power employees have floy-tagged and recycled 3,300 summer-run steelhead to the I-5 bridge boat launch. A total of 1,288 recycled steelhead have either been reported as harvested or returned back to the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,060 cubic feet per second on Monday, August 29.

**Drano Lake** – 15 boat anglers kept 6 adult Chinook and 1 steelhead plus released 1 adult Chinook.

**Buoy 10** – Best checks were almost a fish per boat late last week. Coho catches have increased.

The Buoy 10 kept catch through August 23 includes about 10,200 Chinook and 1,600 Coho from 56,900 angler trips. Effort has been high but catch rates through week 34 have been less than modeled.

**The adipose or left ventral fin clip restriction for Sun. Sept. 4 and Mon. Sept. 5 has been rescinded.** Open for any Chinook, fin clipped or not, through Labor Day (September 5). Anglers have a two salmonid daily limit, only one of which may be a Chinook and/or hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho.

From September 6-30, Chinook retention is closed. Daily limit will be 2 hatchery coho or 1 hatchery coho and 1 hatchery steelhead.

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – Good early last week but since has slowed though yesterday reported good again from the Lewis downstream.

Last week we sampled 2,122 salmonid anglers (including 547 boats) with 287 adult and 9 jack fall Chinook, 33 steelhead and 4 adult and 1 jack coho. All but 11 (96%) of the adult Chinook and 27 (82%) of the steelhead were kept.

Last week on the lower Columbia, anglers made 13,865 trips and caught 1,998 adult Chinook (1,928 kept and 70 released), 268 summer steelhead (186 kept and 82 released) and 29 adult coho (18 kept and 11 released). The cumulative catch through August 28 is about 3,800 adult Chinook from 38,000 angler trips, both of which are below expectations.

**From the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to the Warrior Rock line** –Through September 9, anglers are allowed to retain one adult Chinook and/or hatchery steelhead as part of their two adult salmonid daily limit. From September 10-14, Chinook must have an adipose or left ventral fin clip to be retained. Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho. All Chinook must be released September 15-30.

**Bonneville Pool** – 24 boats/54 anglers kept 16 adult fall Chinook and released 2 fish.

**From Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam** – Effective September 1 through December 31, only one hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. *Note: Does not include tributaries.*

**Hanford Reach** – This past week WDFW staff interviewed anglers from 92 boats (187 anglers) in the Hanford Reach (Hwy. 395 to Priest Rapids Dam). Anglers harvested 12 adult chinook, 3 chinook jacks, and 1 sockeye. Daily boat counts ranged from 32 to 83 boats with the majority of the effort focused at the Yakima River delta (Bateman Island). Boats averaged 0.2 chinook per boat. Staff also interviewed 29 bank anglers at the Ringold Springs access area. Only 1 jack chinook was harvested at Ringold this past week. There were an estimated 812 angler trips for salmon this past week in the Hanford Reach. Harvest was estimated at 43 adult chinook and 16 chinook jacks.

## **Sturgeon**

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – No report on angling success.

**Effective September 1, fishing for sturgeon will be allowed again from the boundary markers Bonneville Dam downstream 9 miles to a line crossing the Columbia River from navigation Marker 82 on the Oregon shore westerly to the boundary marker on the Washington shore upstream of Fir Point.**

## **Walleye**

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – We sampled 12 walleye anglers (including 5 boats) with 4 fish kept and 3 released.

## **Trout**

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



Washington Buoy 10 Creel Sampling Summaries - 2016

**Buoy 10** – Open for Chinook through Labor Day (September 5). Two salmonid daily limit, only one of which may be a Chinook and/or hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho. Barbless hooks required.

From September 6-30, Chinook retention is closed. Daily limit will be 2 hatchery coho or 1 hatchery coho and 1 hatchery steelhead. Barbless hooks required.

Chinook minimum length is 24 inches; coho 16 inches.

**Boat anglers should be aware of Oregon’s sport fishing closure at the mouth of Young’s Bay that runs from August 1 through September 15.**

**North Jetty** – Open 7 days per week when Marine Area 1 or Buoy 10 areas are open for salmon. The daily limit and minimum size restrictions follow the most liberal regulations of Single point barbless hooks required for salmon and steelhead. A saltwater or combination license is required to fish from the North Jetty.

**From Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam** - From August 1 through December 31, only one hatchery steelhead may be kept.

**From Buoy 10 upstream to the Oregon/Washington border** – From August 1 through December 31, each angler aboard a vessel may deploy recreational salmon/steelhead gear up to the daily salmonid limit for all anglers aboard has been achieved.

Date	Number of Boats	Number of Anglers	Chinook Kept	Coho Kept	Comments
1-Aug	58	137	4	0	Opening day. For Chinook, only adipose or left ventral fin clipped fish may be retained.
2-Aug	17	44	0	1	
3-Aug	21	46	1	4	
4-Aug	36	87	4	0	
5-Aug	37	102	10	0	
6-Aug	81	234	24	0	
7-Aug	22	60	6	0	For Chinook, only adipose or left ventral fin clipped fish may be retained.
8-Aug	35	96	9	0	For Chinook, only adipose or left ventral fin clipped fish may be retained.
9-Aug	33	96	22	0	
10-Aug	66	178	20	4	
11-Aug	22	77	10	0	
12-Aug	43	103	16	2	
13-Aug	137	399	70	8	
14-Aug	111	313	23	3	For Chinook, only adipose or left ventral fin clipped fish may be retained.
15-Aug	85	261	34	8	For Chinook, only adipose or left ventral fin clipped fish may be retained.
16-Aug	104	291	42	10	
17-Aug					No sampling.
18-Aug	38	117	11	1	
19-Aug	54	146	14	6	
20-Aug	122	368	28	7	
21-Aug	89	276	16	10	For Chinook, only adipose or left ventral fin clipped fish may be retained.
22-Aug					For Chinook, only adipose or left ventral fin clipped fish may be retained. No sampling.
23-Aug	51	141	19	13	<b>Catch through August 23 includes about 10,200 Chinook and 1,600 Coho from 56,900 angler trips.</b>
24-Aug	54	138	49	20	
25-Aug	97	280	85	48	
26-Aug	85	233	72	40	
27-Aug	81	251	32	29	
28-Aug	126	362	23	50	For Chinook, only adipose or left ventral fin clipped fish may be retained.
29-Aug	66	157	18	30	For Chinook, only adipose or left ventral fin clipped fish may be retained.

Estimated River Catch Thru 8/28/16 (Preliminary)

RS	Boats	Anglers	Adult Chinook	Kept Sthd	Rel'd Sthd	Kept Coho	Rel'd Coho	Rel'd Chinook
1	239	655	164	16	11	0	0	0
2	1638	3106	230	15	34	0	0	5
3	450	905	36	0	5	0	0	0
4	1340	2696	363	35	28	0	0	12
5	2082	4474	408	22	22	4	0	31
6	1021	2437	346	29	35	0	3	9
7	1809	7439	549	164	59	3	0	26
8	1964	4214	360	158	108	3	0	10
9	392	815	77	33	15	0	0	5
10	447	1499	369	22	8	11	8	11

Tot	11382	28240	2902	494	325	21	11	109
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	Bank	Anglers	Adult Chinook	Kept Sthd	Rel'd Sthd	Kept Coho	Rel'd Coho	Rel'd Chinook
OR 1		1013	12	125	93	0	0	3
OR 4-9		618	9	9	9	0	0	0
OR 10		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wn 4-9		7214	820	342	189	0	0	9
wn 1		669	27	65	48	0	0	0

Tot		9514	868	541	339	0	0	12
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<b>Grand Tot</b>		<b>37754</b>	<b>3770</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>121</b>
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