

Creel Survey

July 4, 2016, 2016

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The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met yesterday and provided an in-season forecast of 91,000 adult Chinook and 350,000 sockeye returning to the Columbia River. The summer Chinook forecast is slightly less than the preseason forecast of 93,300 fish. The sockeye forecast is well above the preseason forecast of 101,600 fish.

Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 41 boat anglers kept 2 adult spring Chinook and 27 summer run steelhead. 49 bank anglers kept 12 hatchery adult and 2 jack spring Chinook plus 6 hatchery summer run steelhead.

Last week Tacoma Power employees recovered 302 spring Chinook adults, 95 jacks, 18 mini-jacks and 300 summer-run steelhead during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released 50 spring Chinook adults and 22 jacks into the Cispus River upstream of the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek near Randle and 55 spring Chinook adults and 54 spring Chinook jacks at Franklin Bridge in Packwood.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,620 cubic feet per second on Tuesday, July 5. Visibility is 10.5 feet. East Fork Lewis River – 2 bank anglers had no catch.

Kalama River – 42 bank anglers kept 2 hatchery and released 1 wild steelhead. 12 boat anglers kept 1 hatchery steelhead.

Drano Lake – 1 bank angler had no catch. 4 boat anglers released 1 wild steelhead.

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – The hatchery mark rate is declining for summer Chinook. During the first three days of July we sampled 1,159 salmonid anglers (including 216 boats) with 99 adult and 1 jack summer Chinook, 99 steelhead, and 10 sockeye. Just 41 (41%) of the adult Chinook sampled were kept. 72 (73%) of the steelhead were kept. All but 2 of the sockeye sampled were kept though any sockeye may be retained.

The mainstem Columbia below Bonneville Dam is scheduled to remain open for hatchery Chinook and sockeye through July 31.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Marker 82 line downstream – We also sampled 11 sturgeon anglers (4 boats) with 2 legals released.

Walleye

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – 3 walleye anglers (2 boats) had no catch.

Shad

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Effort and catch is declining along with the daily counts at Bonneville Dam. 22 shad bank anglers kept 28 fish. Daily counts are <10,000 fish per day at the dam.

Trout

Recent releases of hatchery rainbows into SW WA waters:

Lake/Pond	Date	Species	Number	Fish per Pound	Hatchery
COUNCIL LK (SKAM)					
Skamania County - Region 5	Jun 27, 2016	Rainbow	4,362	2.17	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
TAKHLAKH LK (SKAM)					
Skamania County - Region 5	Jun 28, 2016	Rainbow	400	0.25	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
TAKHLAKH LK (SKAM)					
Skamania County - Region 5	Jun 28, 2016	Rainbow	4,340	2.17	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
RAINEY CR 26.0651					
Lewis County - Region 5	Jun 29, 2016	Rainbow	4,966	2.4	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY

Tacoma Power also released 4,000 rainbow trout into Mayfield Lake. Next week they will release 4,000 more rainbow trout into the lake.

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Month/Week July 1-3, 2016	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	40	6	0	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	129	9	0	7	0	3	4	0	1	0	13	32	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0
Woodland	5	127	4	0	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	59	135	9	0	12	0	1	1	0	0	0
Kalama	6	146	4	0	14	0	1	1	1	0	0	60	146	3	0	7	0	2	3	2	0	0
Cowlitz	7											1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	148	0	0	0	0	23	7	4	0	0	30	67	2	0	4	0	6	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	30	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	22	50	0	0	1	0	16	5	0	1	0
private boats/bank charter	10	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	21	1	0	2	0	11	3	1	0	0
Total	10	656	25	0	31	1	32	14	5	1	0	216	503	16	0	27	0	40	13	3	1	0

Month/Week July 1-3, 2016	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	2	7	1	1	0	CLOSED
	3					CLOSED						CLOSED
Vancouver	4					CLOSED						CLOSED
Woodland	5					CLOSED						CLOSED
Kalama	6					CLOSED	1	2	2	1	0	CLOSED
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED
Longview	8					CLOSED	1	2	1	0	0	CLOSED
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED
	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Total	10	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	4	11	4	2	0	CLOSED

Month/Week July 1-3, 2016	Shad			
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1	22	28	0
Camas/Washougal	2			
	3			
Vancouver	4			
Woodland	5			
Kalama	6			
Cowlitz	7			
Longview	8			
Cathlamet	9			
Chinook/Elochoman	10			
Total	10	22	28	0

Month/Week July 1-3, 2016	Walleye			
	Sec.	Bank 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