

## Creel Survey

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### Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – 299 bank anglers with 22 sea run cutts, 15 steelhead, 9 adult Chinook, 8 adult and 2 jack coho kept and 42 adult Chinook, 5 adult and 8 jack coho, 1 steelhead, 1 sea run cutt released. 232 boat anglers with 18 steelhead, 46 adult and 10 jack coho, 4 adult Chinook kept and 35 adult and 1 jack Chinook, 14 adult coho, 1 steelhead released. Hatchery steelhead and sea run cutts are mainly being caught near the trout hatchery and Chinook near the barrier dam (though most were released due to being wild fish). Coho are being caught more throughout the river including near the mouth.

Last week Tacoma Power employees recovered 1,433 coho adults, 935 jacks, 852 fall Chinook adults, 44 jacks, 156 summer-run steelhead, 15 spring Chinook adults, two jacks and 25 cutthroat trout in five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released eight spring Chinook adults, two jacks, 75 coho adults and 148 coho jacks into the Cispus River upstream of the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek near Randle, 128 coho adults, 139 coho jacks and six spring Chinook adults at Franklin Bridge in Packwood and 504 fall Chinook adults, 36 jacks, 1,015 coho adults, 551 coho jacks and one cutthroat trout into the Tilton River located at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,590 cubic feet per second on Monday, October 3. Visibility is at 8.5 feet and water temperature is 53.2 F.

**Mainstem Lewis River** – 4 bank anglers with 1 adult coho, 1 steelhead kept and 2 adult and 1 jack coho released. 5 boat anglers with 1 adult coho kept and 1 released.

**North Fork Lewis River** – 82 bank anglers with 6 adult coho, 2 adult fall Chinook kept and 5 adult Chinook, 8 adult coho released. 9 boat anglers with 2 adult fall Chinook kept.

**Drano Lake** – 59 boat anglers with 19 adult Chinook, 17 steelhead, 6 adult coho kept and 12 steelhead released.

**Yakima River** - It was a good week for fishing in the Yakima River. WDFW staff interviewed 257 anglers with 61 adult fall Chinook and 2 Chinook jacks last week. Anglers averaged 11 hours per fish, a big improvement over the week prior (31 hours per fish). Fishing should be good through the end of the fall season (October 22).

An estimated 317 adult Chinook and 26 jacks were caught from 1,126 angler trips last week. Total catch for the fishery through October 2 is 559 adult Chinook from 3,822 angler trips. No coho have been observed in the fishery to date.

**Buoy 10** – Light effort with a few coho are being caught. The sampling program is done for the year.

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – During the first 2 days of the non-mark selective fishery in October we sampled 156 salmonid anglers (including 36 boats) with 21 adult and 3 jack Chinook, 5 steelhead, and 1 adult coho. All of the adult Chinook were kept. One (20%) of the steelhead were kept and the adult coho was released.

During September 27-October 2, anglers on the lower Columbia made 6,700 trips and caught 1,484 adult Chinook (kept), 208 summer steelhead (135 kept and 73 released) and 289 adult coho (260 kept and 29 released).

Since August 1, there have been an estimated 123,881 anglers trips with 23,595 adult Chinook, 1,769 steelhead, 976 adult coho kept and 2,305 adult Chinook, 1,069 steelhead, and 349 coho released.

October 1-2 LCR Sport Catch (Preliminary)

River Section	Boats	Anglers	Fall Chinook	Summer Steelhead	Wild Summer Steelhead	Coho	Coho Rel.	Fall Chinook Released
1 Boat	161	512	256	8	4	0	8	0
2 Boat	156	350	53	0	0	17	2	2
3-6 Boat	322	831	124	4	4	26	7	0
7-8 Boat	145	350	35	5	5	45	0	0
9-10 Boat	13	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
OR Bank		87	0	0	10	0	0	0
WN Bank		378	16	5	11	0	0	0
Oct Prelim.	797	2,534	484	22	34	88	17	2
September 1-30 (prelim)		75,212	16,695	436	222	808	320	2,070
August 1-31 (Final)		46,135	6,416	1,311	813	80	12	233
Cumulative Total		123,881	23,595	1,769	1,069	976	349	2,305

**McNary Reservoir** – This past week 103 anglers from 51 boats along with 187 bank anglers harvested 26 steelhead, 1 adult Chinook, and 1 jack Chinook between McNary Dam and the Wallula Junction. Bank anglers averaged 21 hours per steelhead; slightly slower for boat anglers at 24 hours per steelhead (0.5 fish per boat). Based on the data collected, 95 steelhead, 5 adult Chinook, and 3 Chinook jacks were harvested during 923 angler trips this past week.

There have been 3,042 angler trips for steelhead/salmon in the McNary area through October 2 with a harvest of 169 hatchery steelhead, 28 adult Chinook, 23 Chinook jacks, and 3 adult coho. Of the steelhead caught, 64% have been hatchery origin.

Fall Chinook number through McNary Dam have begun to decline but steelhead continue to move upstream at roughly 3,000 fish per day. Fishing improved this past week and steelhead fishing should continue to improve over the next couple of weeks.

**Hanford Reach** – Boats fishing for salmon in the Hanford Reach continue to average a Chinook per boat (14 angler hours per fish). Best fishing was in the Ringold area at 1.6 Chinook per boat. Vernita was slightly slower at 1.4 Chinook per boat. Bank fishing at Ringold continues to be slow at 60 hours per Chinook.

WDFW staff interviewed anglers from 976 boats (2,426 anglers) and 135 bank anglers (Ringold access area) and sampled 1,061 adult Chinook and 69 jacks. Based on the information collected, an estimated 3,644 adult Chinook and 234 jacks were harvested this past week from 8,585 anglers.

Through October 2, an estimated 11,053 adult Chinook, 806 chinook jacks, and 13 coho have been harvested in the Hanford Reach from 32,578 angler trips.

The numbers of fall Chinook moving upstream through the McNary fish ladders has continued to decline. The current in-season update for the Hanford Reach natural origin (wild) fall Chinook is 107,376 adults, well below the forecast but still a strong return.

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary  
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Month/Week Oct. 1-2, 2016	Salmonid													Other	Chinook													Other
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Kept Adults	Kept Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Other		# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Kept Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Kept Adults	Kept Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Other	
Bonneville	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	14	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Camas/Washougal	2													3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	3																											
Vancouver	4	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Woodland	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Kalama	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	15	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Cowlitz	7																											
Longview	8	25	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Cathlamet	9																											
private boats/bank	10																											
<b>Total</b>		71	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	36	85	18	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0		

Month/Week Oct. 1-2, 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						CLOSED	
	3					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Vancouver	4					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Woodland	5					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Kalama	6					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Longview	8					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED	
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	

Month/Week Oct. 1-2, 2016	Walleye												
	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												
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0					

Washington Buoy 10 Creel Sampling Summaries - 2016

**Buoy 10** – Through September 30, two salmonid daily limit only one of which may be a hatchery Chinook.

Release all salmon other than adipose or left ventral fin clipped Chinook and adipose fin clipped coho. Chinook minimum length is 24 inches; coho 16 inches.

No more than 1 hatchery steelhead may be kept per day as part of the salmonid daily limit. Barbless hooks required.

**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 the Hwy. 295 Bridge at Pasco** - Through December 31, only one hatchery steelhead may be kept.

**From Buoy 10 upstream to the Oregon/Washington border** – Through December 31, each angler aboard a vessel may deploy recreational salmon/steelhead gear until 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.
29-Aug					<b>Catch through August 29 includes 15,186 Chinook and 3,922 Coho from 74,753 angler trips.</b>
30-Aug	106	274	24	60	Private boats
30-Aug	4	32	2	15	Charters
31-Aug	53	142	14	26	
1-Sep	48	124	22	47	Private boats
1-Sep	1	7	1	4	Charters
2-Sep	58	134	16	44	
3-Sep	130	358	24	51	Private boats
3-Sep	2	19	0	5	Charters
4-Sep	125	333	18	79	Private boats
4-Sep	2	15	0	13	Charters
5-Sep	60	147	12	32	Private boats
5-Sep	1	9	0	4	Charters
6-Sep	14	26	1	7	<b>Buoy 10 remains open for hatchery Chinook thru Sept. 22</b>
7-Sep					No sampling.
8-Sep	25	56	0	15	Private boats
8-Sep	1	11	1	5	Charters
9-Sep	10	12	3	2	
10-Sep	73	179	4	48	
11-Sep	50	117	4	36	<b>Catch through Sept. 11 include 17,645 Chinook and 8,420 Coho kept from 89,838 angler trips.</b>
12-Sep					No sampling.
13-Sep					No sampling.
14-Sep	12	34	1	3	
15-Sep	21	44	0	2	
16-Sep	21	37	1	4	
17-Sep	3	9	0	1	
18-Sep	20	35	0	3	<b>Catch through Sept. 18 include 17,673 Chinook and 8,522 Coho kept from 90,671 angler trips.</b>
19-Sep	9	15	0	0	
20-Sep	11	20	0	2	
21-Sep	4	11	0	2	
22-Sep					No sampling.
23-Sep					No sampling.
24-Sep	14	29	0	21	
25-Sep	16	31	0	9	
26-Sep					No sampling.
27-Sep	7	13	0	0	
28-Sep	2	7	0	2	
29-Sep					No sampling.
30-Sep	9	14	0	0	