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Subject: 2020 Willapa Bay fisheries update for June - July 31, 2020
Attachments: 2020 WB Marine Area Recreational Data & Catch Estimate Summary DRAFT 08.04.2020.pdf
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Hi Everyone,

It's that time of year again when the Willapa Bay fisheries staff will once again be providing in-season fishery updates using the Willapa Bay email (WillapaBay@dfw.wa.gov). If you have any questions or comments regarding any of the information provided through these emails for the 2020 season, please reply to the Willapa Bay email.

We plan to send out weekly updates by the middle of each week that includes data through the previous week or strata. The first weekly update and estimate will be provided by August 12 once we complete a full week of dockside monitoring in our marine area 2.1 fishery this week.

Recreational Marine Area Fishery:

Our Willapa Bay recreational marine fishery opened on June 20, 2020 and continued through July 31, 2020 under Ocean Area 2 rules. Attached is the summary for this time period. During this timeframe, our recreational creel monitoring began on opening day, June 20, and included the Tokeland boat launch and marina. It has been a slow month and a half in terms of salmon fishing. Anyone who was out on the water in the early part of the season fished either Area 2 (ocean) or were crabbing and/or clamming inside Willapa Bay marine area 2.1. There were a few days where angler effort increased to decent numbers, particularly in week 29, but for the most part, effort has been low. This may be due to several factors; salmon not necessarily available yet inside Willapa Bay during this early part of the season as well as not having many fishable tides. There have only been a few days in the last six weeks when high water occurred first thing in the morning (the most favored tide) and in recent weeks, the tidal change has been quite large. There has been some Chinook and even a few coho landed from inside Willapa Bay marine area 2.1, and those Chinook have been above average in size. Hopefully that trend continues for the season.

For the recreational marine fishery estimate we will be providing in the upcoming weeks, we wanted to point out that we have switched from statistical weeks to management weeks to better align with our Monday – Sunday schedule and to match with the strata used in the method we will be using to estimate catch and impacts for August and September.

As we move through the fall 2020 season, we will be including information and data on our recreational catch estimate for Willapa Bay marine area 2.1, any rack return information we have from our hatcheries within Willapa Bay, commercial salmon fishery updates, spawning ground survey updates, and any other information/data we think is pertinent to the in-season management of Willapa Bay fisheries.

As always, in-season data is preliminary and subject to change.

Any emails and/or data we send out will be posted to our website. Those links can be found below. For August and most of September, these updates will be directed at the recreational creel monitoring and catch estimate. These emails during August and September and any data included in the emails will be posted to the Willapa Bay Marine Area 2.1 Recreational Creel Monitoring page of our website listed below.

As mentioned above, if you have any comments or questions regarding any of the information provided in these emails, please submit your comments to WillapaBay@dfw.wa.gov.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in receiving these in-season updates or any other information we send out regarding Willapa Bay fisheries, please forward this email and have them reply stating they would like to be added to our email distribution list.

Thank you and **Happy Fishing!**

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Online reference links you may be interested in:

Willapa Bay Marine Area 2.1 Recreational Creel

Monitoring: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/reports/creel/willapa-bay>

Willapa Bay Advisory Group: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wbsag>

Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor (non-treaty) Commercial Salmon Fisheries (regulations and landed catch): <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/gillnet#information>

2020 Willapa Bay Marine Area Recreational Catch Estimate

PRELIMINARY / DRAFT

updated 8/4/2020

CHK = Chinook
AD = Adipose clipped (hatchery origin)
UM = Unmarked (natural origin)

CPUE = Catch per unit effort
Effort = An individual angler trip

Strata 1 - Mon - Thurs
Strata 2 - Fri - Sun

July (Ocean 2 Rules)

Unmarked Chinook retention allowed

Stat Week	Expanded Data		Expanded Data - Chinook						Expanded Data - Coho				
	# Boats	# Anglers	Estimated Total Chinook Kept	Total Chinook CPUE	Estimated Total UM Chinook Kept	Willapa Origin Chinook UM Impacts	Estimated Total AD Chinook Kept	Willapa Origin Chinook AD Impacts	Estimated Total Coho Kept	Estimated Total UM Coho Kept	Estimated Total AD Coho Kept	Total Coho CPUE	
25	11	30	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	No coho retention allowed
26	20	45	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	
27	20	47	2	0.043	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0.021	No wild coho retention
28	31	69	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	
29	105	264	21	0.080	12	4	9	3	14	0	14	0.053	
30	54	123	2	0.016	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0.008	
31	96	208	10	0.048	2	1	8	2	0	0	0	0.000	
Season Total	337	786	35	0.045	15	4	20	6	16	0	16	0.020	