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Attachments: 2024 WB Marine Area Recreational Catch Estimate Summary Draft 10.03.2024.pdf; Naselle Hatchery Adult CHK Summary 10.03.2024.pdf; 2024 WB Hatchery Chinook Eggtake Draft 10.03.2024.pdf

Hello Everyone,

If you have any questions or comments regarding any of the information provided through these emails for the 2024 salmon season, please reply to this email and/or contact the regional staff directly at the Montesano office (360-249-4628).

Recreational Marine Area Fishery

There was very little effort, and no catch reported for the last eight days of September this year in weeks 39 and 40. There were a total of 5 boats and 9 anglers interviewed by staff working the docks the Tokeland and South Bend boat launches for weeks 39 and 40. Total for the season, the marine recreational fishery harvested 385 hatchery Chinook, 377 coho, and 3 unmarked Chinook and were sampled by staff. These are the total raw data for the season not expanded for the fleet. The marine recreational fishery accrued 37 unmarked Chinook impacts for the season, or 66.7% of the preseason estimate. (See attachment: *2024 WB Marine Area Recreational Catch Estimate Summary Draft 10.03.2024.pdf*)

The marine recreational salmon creel monitoring program in the northern area of Willapa harbor ended September 30, 2024.

If you are interested in any data collected by the Ocean Sampling Program for Ocean Areas 1- 4, you can find those data on our website at [Ocean sport salmon quota report | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#)

Spawning Ground Surveys

Stream surveys in the Willapa Bay basin are in full swing in most Chinook spawning areas. There have been thousands of Chinook salmon observed staging throughout the harbor in freshwater systems. Coho have also been observed by staff in some freshwater systems as well.

Hatchery Chinook Rack Returns

Naselle River Hatchery

To-date, a total of 6,215 adult and 213 jack Chinook salmon have volunteered into the attraction channel and recruited into the hatchery. Of these, 471 unmarked Chinook salmon that have volunteered into the hatchery, and all unmarked Chinook that didn't die have been planted upstream above the hatchery. Chinook spawning started at Naselle Hatchery last week. There have been 1,077 female Chinook spawned and 3,231,000 Chinook eggs collected at the facility to-date. A total of 447 mortalities have been reported to-date, and there are approximately 2,500 fish on-hand in the pond. (See attachment: *Naselle Hatchery Adult CHK Summary 10.03.2024.pdf*)

There are also coho that have recruited into the hatchery. Most of those have been surplused. (See attachment: 2024 WB Hatchery Chinook Eggtake Draft 10.03.2024.pdf)

Nemah River Hatchery

To-date, a total of 4,191 adult and 42 jack Chinook salmon recruit into the hatchery to-date. Of these, 649 natural origin Chinook salmon were planted upstream above the hatchery. Chinook salmon spawning started last week at the Nemah Hatchery. There have been 829 females spawned and 2,487,000 Chinook eggs collected at the facility to-date. A total of 282 mortalities have been reported to-date and there are approximately 1,574 fish on-hand in the pond.

Forks Creek Hatchery

To-date, no fall Chinook have entered the Forks Creek Hatchery.

Commercial Fishery

The commercial fishery has been opened in all commercial fishing areas since Sunday, Sept 15 with each commercial area having a different number of days scheduled for each week.

Effort has been as expected but overall salmon catch has been below expectations compared to the preseason projections. There has been a total of 3,231 hatchery Chinook salmon (76.9% of total hatchery preseason estimates), 19,495 coho (62.6% of preseason estimates), and 332 Chum (0.10% of preseason estimates) landed to-date. In total, the fleet has accrued a total of 157 local, natural origin (NOR) Chinook impacts to-date for the season, or 38.1% of the preseason NOR Chinook estimated impacts.

Due to lower-than-expected catch of coho to-date, the Department has modified the commercial fishery for October 3, 2024 via emergency regulation by opening Areas 2N and 2M at the southern end of Willapa Bay to commercial salmon fishing. The Department is actively monitoring each day in the commercial fishery and analyzing data as it comes in.

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

All data provided through these weekly email updates for the months of August and September will be posted to the Willapa Bay Marine Area 2.1 Recreational Creel Monitoring page of our website listed below.

If you have any comments or questions specific to the information provided in these emails, please submit your comments to WillapaBay@dfw.wa.gov. Additionally, if you know of anyone who might be interested in receiving these in-season update emails or any other information staff send out regarding Willapa Bay, please forward this email and have them reply to WillapaBay@dfw.wa.gov stating they would like to be added to our email distribution list.

Thank you and Fish On! ><(((◊> ><(((◊>
Barbara McClellan

Online reference links you may be interested in:

Willapa Bay Marine Area 2.1 Recreational Creel Monitoring: [Willapa Bay Recreational Salmon Reports | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#)

Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor (non-treaty) Commercial Salmon fisheries (Regulations and landed catch): [Commercial Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor Gillnet Salmon Fishery | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#)

2024 Willapa Bay Marine Area Recreational Catch Estimate

updated 10/3/2024

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

June-July (Ocean 2 Rules) Unmarked Chinook retention allowed

Mgmt Week	Expanded Data		Expanded Data - Chinook				Expanded Data - Coho				2 fish daily, only 1 Chinook allowed. No wild coho retention	Effective July 28, 2023, Friday and Saturdays, Release Chinook and wild coho.	Date Range
	# 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	Total Coho CPUE			
26	4	6	2	0.333	1	0	1	0	0	0.000	0	0	June 24 - 30 July 1 - 7 July 8 - 14 July 15 - 21 July 22 - 28 July 29 - Aug 4
27	17	37	2	0.054	0	0	2	1	11	0.297	1	10	
28	11	23	2	0.087	0	0	2	1	5	0.217	0	5	
29	23	44	4	0.091	0	0	4	1	11	0.250	3	8	
30	50	116	33	0.284	13	4	20	6	24	0.207	0	24	
31	11	25	4	0.160	1	0	3	1	1	0.040	0	1	
Season Total	116	251	47	0.187	15	5	32	10	52	0.207	4	48	

Starting in 2021, we switched to electronic data collection. The raw, actual data is now produced from the uploads each day and week. A copy of the raw data is now stored in the Rec Fishery Monitoring/year/Data folder. These data for the table below can be found in the Rec Fishery Monitoring/year/Data/Weekly data summaries. Choose the data that matches the stat week

August and September				Boats and Anglers					Chinook Retained - illegal to retain					Chinook Released					Marked Coho			Unmarked Coho			Total Coho						
Mgmt Week - see note below for raw data source	Dates	Strata	Strata Description	Actual Raw Data			Expanded # Total Boats	Sample Rate	Actual Raw Data			# CHK AD Kept	CHK AD CPUE Kept	Expanded # CHK AD Kept	# WB Origin CHK AD Impacts	# CHK UM Kept	CHK UM CPUE Kept	Expanded # CHK UM Kept	# CHK UM Released	CHK UM CPUE	Estimated Expanded CHK UM Encounters	Estimated Total CHK UM Impacts	# WB Origin CHK UM Impacts	# Coho AD Kept	Coho AD CPUE	Expanded # Coho AD Kept	# Coho UM Kept	Coho UM CPUE	Expanded # Coho UM Kept	Total Coho CPUE (AD+UM)	Total Expanded # Coho Kept (AD + UM)
				# Boats Sampled	# Boats Not Sampled	# Total Boats			# Anglers Sampled	# Anglers per boat	# Anglers																				
32	8/5 - 8/8	1	Mon - Thur	82	8	90	186	48%	176	2.15	399	25	0.142	57	35	0	0.000	0	6	0.034	14	2	1	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
32	8/9 - 8/11	2	Fri - Sun	23	1	24	37	64%	43	1.87	70	4	0.093	6	4	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
33	8/12 - 8/15	1	Mon - Thur	101	6	107	228	47%	221	2.19	499	57	0.258	129	79	0	0.000	0	18	0.081	41	6	3	1	0.005	2	0	0.000	0	0.005	2
33	8/16 - 8/18	2	Fri - Sun	94	4	98	157	63%	223	2.37	371	28	0.126	47	28	0	0.000	0	9	0.040	15	2	1	3	0.013	5	0	0.000	0	0.013	5
34	8/19 - 8/22	1	Mon - Thur	47	6	53	115	46%	109	2.32	267	23	0.211	56	34	0	0.000	0	5	0.046	12	2	1	1	0.009	2	1	0.043	2	0.018	5
34	8/23 - 8/25	2	Fri - Sun	148	17	165	269	61%	334	2.26	607	56	0.168	102	62	1	0.003	2	25	0.075	45	6	4	19	0.057	35	3	0.054	5	0.066	40
35	8/26 - 8/29	1	Mon - Thur	139	10	149	328	45%	288	2.07	679	82	0.285	193	118	1	0.003	2	21	0.073	50	7	4	15	0.052	35	7	0.085	17	0.076	52
35	8/30 - 9/1	2	Fri - Sun	163	41	204	337	61%	382	2.34	789	58	0.152	120	73	1	0.003	2	24	0.063	50	7	4	36	0.094	74	12	0.207	25	0.126	99
36	9/2 - 9/5	1	Mon - Thur	108	1	109	237	46%	233	2.16	511	8	0.034	18	11	0	0.000	0	14	0.060	31	4	3	40	0.172	88	13	1.625	28	0.227	116
36	9/6 - 9/8	2	Fri - Sun	87	6	93	151	61%	188	2.16	327	21	0.112	37	22	0	0.000	0	6	0.032	10	1	1	58	0.309	101	14	0.667	24	0.383	125
37	9/9-9/12	1	Mon - Thur	55	9	64	136	47%	107	1.95	264	18	0.168	44	27	0	0.000	0	11	0.103	27	4	2	60	0.561	148	15	0.833	37	0.701	185
37	9/13-9/15	2	Fri - Sun	72	2	74	118	63%	149	2.07	244	5	0.034	8	5	0	0.000	0	11	0.074	18	3	2	53	0.356	87	23	4.600	38	0.510	124
38	9/16-9/19	1	Mon - Thur	2	0	2	4	49%	4	2.00	8	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
38	9/20-9/22	2	Fri - Sun	7	0	7	11	65%	16	2.29	24	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	2	0.125	3	1	0.000	0	0.188	5
39	9/23-9/26	1	Mon - Thur	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0.00	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
39	9/27-9/29	2	Fri - Sun	3	3	6	9	67%	5	1.67	15	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
40	30-Sep	1	Mon - Thur	2	0	2	3	67%	4	2.00	6	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
TOTALS				1,133	114	1,247	2,325		2,482	2.19	5,080	385	0.155	816	499	3	0.001	6	150	0.060	312	44	27	288	0.116	580	89	0.036	177	0.152	759

2024 Willapa Bay Origin PreSeason Recreational Data

Preliminary/Draft
Updated 10/3/2024

Willapa Bay Natural-Origin Fall Chinook							Willapa Bay Hatchery-Origin Fall Chinook					
Mgmt Wk	Date	Harvest Rate Proportions	Preseason Prediction		In-season Estimate		Harvest Rate Proportions	Preseason Prediction		In-season Estimate		
			NOR	Cumulative Total	WB Origin	Cumulative Total		HOR	Cumulative Total	WB Origin	Cumulative Total	
26/27	June 24 - July 7	0.0164	1	1	0	0	0.0048	3	3	1	1	
28	July 8 - 14	0.0040	0	1	0	0	0.0056	4	7	1	1	
29	July 15 - 21	0.0300	2	3	0	0	0.0037	2	9	1	2	
30	July 22 - 28	0.0593	3	6	4	4	0.0291	18	27	6	9	
31	July 29 - Aug 4	0.0270	2	8	0	4	0.0184	12	39	1	10	
32	Aug 5 - 11	0.0356	2	10	1	5	0.0978	63	102	39	48	
33	Aug 12 - 18	0.0843	5	14	5	10	0.1236	78	181	107	155	
34	Aug 19 - 25	0.1782	10	24	7	17	0.2031	129	310	97	252	
35	Aug 26 - Sept 1	0.2499	14	38	13	30	0.2699	171	481	191	443	
36	Sept 2 - 8	0.1883	11	49	4	33	0.1589	101	582	33	476	
37	Sept 9 - 15	0.1064	6	55	4	37	0.0749	48	629	32	508	
38	Sept 16 - 22	0.0205	1	56	0	37	0.0075	5	634	0	508	
39	Sept 23 - 29	0.0000	0	56	0	37	0.0005	1	635	0	508	
40	30-Sep	0.0000	0	56	0	37	0.0000	0	635	0	508	
			56		37	0.666				635	508	0.801

Naselle Hatchery Adult Chinook Rack Returns

Preliminary/DRAFT *

10/3/2024

Red value = peak run timing

Year	2022						2023						2024 *						Average 2015-2023		
	Origin	Hatchery		% Run Timing	Natural		Hatchery		% Run Timing	Natural		Hatchery		% Run Timing	Natural		Stat week	Hatchery	Natural		
		Weekly Total	Cumulative		Weekly Total	Cumulative	Weekly Total	Cumulative		Weekly Total	Cumulative	Weekly Total	Cumulative		Weekly Total	Cumulative					
31	1	1	0%	0	0	0.0%	51	51	0%	3	3	0%	0	0		0	0		31	11	1
32	12	13	0%	0	0	0.0%	127	178	2%	5	8	1%	35	35	1%	4	4	1%	32	31	1
33	2	15	0%	0	0	0.0%	75	253	3%	3	11	2%	83	118	2%	6	10	2%	33	24	2
34	36	51	1%	6	6	1.0%	111	364	4%	7	18	3%	156	274	5%	12	22	5%	34	50	4
35	191	242	3%	17	23	3.7%	48	412	5%	8	26	4%	66	340	6%	7	29	6%	35	79	7
36	174	416	6%	15	38	6.0%	295	707	9%	15	41	6%	49	389	7%	1	30	6%	36	135	11
37	74	490	7%	11	49	7.8%	2	709	9%	0	41	6%	550	939	16%	0	30	6%	37	257	23
38	84	574	8%	6	55	8.7%	129	838	10%	3	44	6%	200	1139	20%	6	36	8%	38	481	38
39	49	623	9%	2	57	9.0%	3,393	4231	51%	29	73	10%	3872	5011	87%	265	301	64%	39	1,181	40
40	608	1,231	18%	53	110	17.5%	1368	5599	67%	166	239	34%	733	5744	100%	170	471	100%	40	564	99
41	2549	3,780	54%	152	262	41.6%	1326	6925	83%	277	516	74%							41	980	159
42	1696	5,476	79%	184	446	70.8%	1062	7987	96%	125	641	91%							42	866	154
43	619	6,095	88%	46	492	78.1%	169	8156	98%	45	686	98%							43	239	45
44	463	6,558	94%	88	580	92.1%	124	8280	100%	15	701	100%							44	173	28
45	207	6,765	97%	18	598	94.9%	9	8289	100%	1	702	100%							45	42	5
46	98	6,863	99%	31	629	99.8%	6	8295	100%	0	702	100%							46	20	4
47	76	6,939	100%	0	629	99.8%	0	8295	100%	0	702	100%							47	11	0
48	1	6,940	100%	0	629	99.8%	0	8295	100%	0	702	100%							48	0	0
49	4	6,944	100%	0	629	99.8%	0	8295	100%	0	702	100%							49	1	0
50	1	6,945	100%	1	630	100.0%	0	8295	100%	0	702	100%							50	1	0
51	1	6,946	100%	0	630		0	8295	100%	0	702	100%							51	0	0
Total	6,946			630			8,295			702			5,744			471			Avg	5,092	620

* italics = partial week

2024 Willapa Bay CHINOOK Broodstock Summary

FishBooks updated 10/3/2024
preliminary/draft

Naselle Hatchery

Program Release	10% add'l for mortality	Total eggs needed	Fecundity # eggs/female	# of Females Needed	# Females Spawmed to-date	# Females still needed	# Adults On-hand at the facility (males & females combined)	# Eggs on Hand	Mortalities (prior to spawning)			Surplus to-date (prior to spawning)		
									Males	Females	Jacks	Males	Females	Jacks
5,000,000	500,000	5,500,000	3,000	1,833	1077	756	2500	3,231,000	145	292	10	868	2	180
									Total	447		Total	1,050	
									Hatchery Wild	429 18		Hatchery Wild	1,050 0	

Nemah Hatchery

Program Release	10% add'l for mortality	Total eggs needed	Fecundity # eggs/female	# of Females Needed	# Females Spawmed to-date	# Females still needed	# Adults On-hand at the facility (males & females combined)	# Eggs on Hand	Mortalities (prior to spawning)			Surplus to-date (prior to spawning)		
									Males	Females	Jacks	Males	Females	Jacks
3,300,000	330,000	3,630,000	3,000	1,210	829	381	1574	2,487,000	186	76	20	50	0	0
									Total	282		Total	50	
									Hatchery Wild	282 0		Hatchery Wild	50 0	

Forks Creek Hatchery

Program Release	10% add'l for mortality	Total eggs needed	Fecundity # eggs/female	# of Females Needed	# Females Spawmed to-date	# Females still needed	# Adults On-hand at the facility (males & females combined)	# Eggs on Hand	Mortalities (prior to spawning)			Surplus to-date (prior to spawning)		
									Males	Females	Jacks	Males	Females	Jacks
400,000	40,000	440,000	3,000	147	0	147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
									Total	0		Total	0	
									Hatchery Wild			Hatchery Wild		

2024 Willapa Bay COHO Broodstock Summary

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Naselle Hatchery

Program Release	10% add'l for mortality	Total eggs needed	Fecundity # eggs/female	# of Females Needed	# Females Spawnd to-date	# Females still needed	# Adults On-hand at the facility (males & females combined)	# Eggs on Hand	Mortalities (prior to spawning)			Surplus to-date (prior to spawning)		
									Males	Females	Jacks	Males	Females	Jacks
1,400,000	140,000	1,540,000	2,200 2800 lates	700	0	700	5	0	14	5	0	937	868	73
									Total	19		Total	1,878	
									Hatchery	19		Hatchery	1,878	
									Wild	0		Wild	0	

Forks Creek Hatchery

Program Release	10% add'l for mortality	Total eggs needed	Fecundity # eggs/female	# of Females Needed	# Females Spawnd to-date	# Females still needed	# Adults On-hand at the facility (males & females combined)	# Eggs on Hand	Mortalities (prior to spawning)			Surplus to-date (prior to spawning)		
									Males	Females	Jacks	Males	Females	Jacks
600,000	60,000	660,000	2,200 2800 lates	300	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
									Total	0		Total	0	
									Hatchery			Hatchery		
									Wild			Wild		

Nemah Hatchery

No Coho program