

October 2009 Questionnaire Regarding Cowlitz Hatchery Production Levels

Prepared by Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and Tacoma Power

Please fill out and send in this questionnaire no later than November 23. Results will be shared with the Cowlitz River Fisheries Technical Committee to assist their evaluation of Cowlitz River hatchery production levels for inclusion in Tacoma Power's 2010 Fisheries and Hatchery Management Plan update.

The completed questionnaire can be mailed or faxed (see details at end of questionnaire). You are welcome to add any comments and recommendations beyond what is asked in the questionnaire and may distribute and share this questionnaire with others to answer. Results will be posted at cowlitzfish.net by December 15, 2009.

Question 1: Do you fish the Cowlitz River and/or its tributaries?

Yes No (If no, skip to Question 8)

Question 2: What time of the year do you fish most?

Winter (Dec-Feb) Spring (Mar-May)

Summer (Jun-Aug) Fall (Sep-Nov)

Question 3: Approximately how many times do you fish on the Cowlitz each year?

_____ times per year

Question 4: What is your method of fishing?

Boat Bank Both

Question 5: What species do you fish for? (list all with your favorite(s) first)

Question 6: What location(s) do you fish at? (Mark all that apply)

Below Mayfield Dam Tilton River

Riffe Lake/Swofford Pond Above Cowlitz Falls Dam

Other (describe): _____

Question 7: Which of those locations is your favorite?

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Question 8: How great a priority is it to you that naturally spawning salmon populations are restored to healthy numbers in the Cowlitz River?

Very high priority High priority
 Neither high nor low priority Low priority

Question 9: Do you believe it is necessary to limit hatchery production in order to increase the potential for recovery of naturally spawning salmon populations?

Yes Maybe No

Question 10: If current hatchery production levels must be reduced to support recovery of naturally spawning populations, which species would you choose to reduce?

Question 11: What comments do you have regarding the hatchery production options under review by the Fisheries Technical Committee?

Thank you. Please send your completed questionnaire to:
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