



OCTOBER
2021



President's Message

October 2021

Fall is upon us and the weather is cooling down. If you have a chance take a drive in the mountains and see the changing colors it is absolutely beautiful.

The Confluence Run was a great success again this year even though we did not have a scheduled run downriver. We did not hear of any major conflicts with rocks and all the boats made it back safely. Saturday's dinner was great as usual and attended by seventy-seven people and fifty-nine came back for breakfast Sunday morning. Our September meeting was held after dinner Saturday night.

At all our runs this year we had food drives for the food banks near the towns where the runs were held. This time we received cash donations for the Whitebird Volunteer Fire Department and thanks to our members we have \$350 to give to them. Thank You everyone who shared in this event.

We have started having banquet meetings for the 2022 banquet that is scheduled for February 5th at Expo Idaho in the center section. Our next banquet committee meeting is October 25^h at my shop at 6:30 pm. We are always in need of extra help to make this event possible so please join us if you are able. In the event that we are not able to have a public event due to Covid we are discussing the possibility of an online auction to help support our organization. We will keep everyone informed as we gather information on how to proceed.

Our October general meeting is scheduled to be held on October 11th at 7:00 pm at Fiesta Guadalajara, 1202 Jacob Alcott Way, Nampa. If circumstances change this, we will send emails to everyone informing them of this as well as a Facebook post.

The last scheduled run this year is the Steelhead Run on November 6th, with a drivers meeting to be held at the Shorts Bar ramp in Riggins at 8:00 am or you may contact Tom Roach to pre-enter. Any fish caught must be checked in at the ramp by 5:00 pm MST. This is followed by a dinner at "Bailey's Down Under" in the shop at 514 S. Main in Riggins.

This is a great event and we greatly appreciate Skip and Sharon's hospitality.

Have a great Fall!

Clyde Durham, WWA President

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Up Coming Events

October 11th

October 25th

November 6&7

December 31st

January 1, 2022

January 3, 2022

February 5, 2022

February 20th

March 19-21

General Meeting

Banquet Meeting

Steelhead Run

New Year's Pre Run

New Year's Run

Board Meeting

Banquet

Chili Run

Glenns Ferry Run

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We are on the Web <https://westernwhitewater.org>

Our October 11th meeting will be at Fiesta Guadalajara in Nampa, 1202 N Jacob Alcott Way, Nampa, ID 83687. The meeting starts at 7:00, please come early if you would like to have dinner.



Oct. 4 Upper Salmon River Weekly Steelhead Fishing Report

By Brent Beller, Fisheries Biologist 1

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 8:49 AM MDT

Idaho Fish and Game personnel began interviewing steelhead anglers along the upper Salmon River on Friday, October 1. Angler effort over the weekend was low, and no anglers interviewed reported catching a steelhead. Angler effort and catch rates are estimated to pick up over the next couple of weeks as more steelhead arrive.

Due to low precipitation throughout 2021, river conditions are atypical for early October. Currently, the Salmon River through the town of Salmon is flowing at 638 cfs, which is 53 percent of average for today's date. River temperatures over the weekend were in the mid-50s, and the river had clear visibility upstream of Deadwater, and slightly cloudy downstream of Deadwater in location codes 14 and 15. (West of North Fork, Idaho)

Based on PIT tag detections at Bonneville and Lower Granite dams, Fish and Game estimates that returns of hatchery steelhead to the Salmon River this fall will be similar to what was observed during the fall of 2018. This means that the expected return will be lower than last year but higher than what was seen during the fall of 2019. These return estimates prompted a reduction in steelhead bag limits for the fall 2021 steelhead fishery to one (1) steelhead per day and three (3) in possession on the Salmon and Snake rivers.

For additional information, anglers are encouraged to visit the Fish and Game's [Steelhead Seasons and Rules](https://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/steelhead/rules) webpage at idfg.idaho.gov/fish/steelhead/rules.



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You are invited to our next Banquet Committee Meeting on October 25th. 6:30 p.m. at Clyde's Shop.

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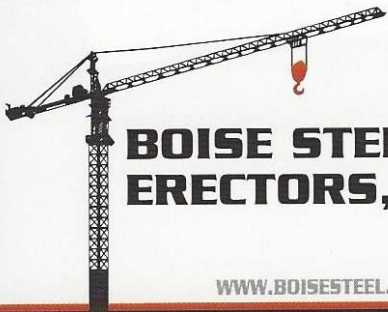
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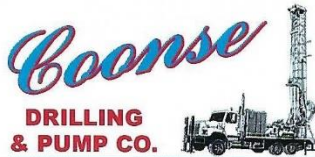


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2021 Steelhead Count From July 1 to December 31, 2021

Dam	Date of Count	Daily Adult Count	Total to Date in 2021	Total to Date in 2020	5 Year Average Total Count to Date
Bonneville	October 3	312	64,222	104,957	106,679
Lower Granite	October 3	1,085	23,898	30,994	29,600

- Counts include wild and hatchery origin fish. Most steelhead bound for Idaho cross Bonneville Dam between July 1 and October 31.
- Information on numbers of steelhead crossing the Columbia and Snake River dams is taken from data posted by the [United States Army Corps of Engineers](https://www.usace.army.mil/), and is updated weekly during the counting season.