

2008 Washington Salmon Run Results

The 2008 Washington Salmon Run, held September 20 and 21, 2008, featured a weekend of activity on the bands with Washington state as the focus. We received a record 220 entries from the U.S., Canada, Portugal, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Argentina, Lithuania, the Netherlands, and Sweden; there were 93 Washington entries and 127 entries from outside the state. Four stations, N7PP, W7PRC, W7GKF, and KW7N worked all 39 Washington counties. Several Multi-Operator and Washington Club entries added to the QSO totals.

Activity abounded from usually rare counties. N7PP, from the South Hill Contest Club in Puyallup, operated Field Day style from a remote location in Garfield County. WN7T/M led several Mobiles, Rovers, and Expeditions who ventured out to activate rare counties. W7PRC and W7DX tried the new Unlimited category with Multi-Transmitter and Distributed operations. Jack, WAØRJY, who operates in the Salmon Run as K7ED, was on from San Juan County completing his own sweep of operating from all 39 counties in recent Salmon Runs.

WØBH with 63 CW and 216 Phone QSOs was the leader among the out of Washington entries, with W6AFA close behind. CU2JT topped the DX category. KD7MSC was an outstanding 4th Place from outside Washington operating QRP. These stations and everyone else worked hard all weekend to catch the mobiles as they moved around the state and pick up the other Washington stations as they changed bands and modes.

The Top Ten boxes show who had the big scores. N7PP once again came out on top, operating this year from a National Forest site in Garfield County. They said that after operating outside in the rain and near-freezing temperatures they will be looking for a more hospitable site in 2009! W7PRC, a group of WWDX Club members operating from N9ADG's QTH, had a good weekend and learned a lot about multi-multi operating. K7QQ, was the Top Gun among the Single-Operator entries. Rex is a premier contester and we appreciate his enthusiasm for the Salmon Run! W7VV and VE7XF operated W7VV to the top Multi-Op Single Transmitter score in preparation for their annual trip to VP5W for the CQ WW CW Contest. W7FLY was the Washington Club winner for the second year in a row, K7HBN was Washington QRP winner, WN7T/m was top Mobile, K7WA was top Rover, KB7HDX was top single-operator Expedition, and W7NNN had the high score for Digital Mode. AD7T had the Washington YL high score.

A brief comment about Log Checking: Although we encourage Cabrillo format logs we continue to accept all forms of entries. This makes for a very challenging job for the log checkers! Even the different Cabrillo logs present a challenge. The most common error is logging a county-line QSO on one line in the log – the analysis program has no way of knowing this counts as two QSOs and only counts one multiplier per line. Another common error is use of non-standard abbreviations for Counties and States. PLEASE!! Take a look at your log (in Notepad or some other Editor) before submitting it. If you can't read it chances are we'll have trouble too!

Thanks to everyone who entered the 2008 Washington Salmon Run! We appreciate your interest and enthusiasm, and hope to see you next year, September 19 – 20, 2009!

The 2008 Washington Salmon Run Committee
K7WA, WAØRJY, N9ADG, K7LAZ, NØAX, N7UK

2008 Plaque Winners:

WØBH	Out of Washington Low Power (Sponsored by N7UK)
WX7P	Eastern Washington Low Power (Sponsored by the Spokane DX Assn)
W7FLY	Washington Club (Sponsored by K7WA)

2008 Salmon Award Winners:

Out of Washington:

W1TO	First Call Area
N2CU	Second Call Area
WA3HAE	Third Call Area
K4ZGB	Fourth Call Area
K5LH	Fifth Call Area
W6AFA	Sixth Call Area
KD7MSC	Seventh Call Area
N8II	Eighth Call Area
K9CW	Ninth Call Area
WØBH	Tenth Call Area
N9HDE	Iowa (Sponsored by K7ED)
VE3OBU	Canada
CU2JT	Top Score DX, Azores
LY2ZZ	Lithuania
LW3EX	Argentina
HA8UG	Hungary
A35RK	Tonga

Washington:

W7PRC	Unlimited
W7VV	Multi-Op 1 Transmitter
N7PP	Multi-Op 2 Transmitters
N7KE	Multi-Op 2 Transmitter Washington Club (Sponsored by the South Wahkiakum Contest Club)
K7QQ	Single-Op Low Power CW
N7NKO	Single-Op High Power Phone
W7GKF	Single-Op Mixed
W7NNN	Single-Op Digital
WN7T/M	WA Mobile
KB7HDX	WA Expedition
K7WA	WA Rover
K7HBN	WA QRP
AD7T	WA YL