

## Creel Survey

April 5, 2010

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### Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Steelhead and some spring chinook are being caught throughout the lower river. Flows below Mayfield Dam are 4,560 cfs which is lower than the 5,480 cfs long-term mean for this date.

**Lewis River** – Effort remains generally light. Some spring chinook are being caught. Flows below Merwin Dam were 8,080 cfs which is higher than the 5,100 cfs long-term mean for this date.

**Wind and Klickitat rivers and Drano Lake** – Little to no effort. No catch reported. On the Klickitat, flows at Pitt are 2,150 cfs which is nearly identical to the long-term mean for this date.

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – During the first four days of April we sampled 2,242 boat anglers (922 boats) with 308 adult chinook and 1 steelhead. In addition, we sampled 436 bank anglers with 60 adult chinook and 1 steelhead. 96% of the chinook were caught from Section 4 (Warrior Rock) upstream.

Overall, 86% of the adult Chinook caught were kept. Of the 300 adult chinook sampled, 93% were upriver stock based on Visual Stock Identification (VSI).

The I-5 Bridge to Bonneville Dam area is now closed to fishing for salmon, steelhead, and shad. Buoy 10 to the I-5 Bridge is scheduled to be open for hatchery spring chinook, hatchery steelhead, and shad 7 days/week through April 18.

**The Dalles Pool** – The first spring chinook of the season were sampled there last week. Scheduled to be open 7 days/week through May. Daily limit 2 hatchery adult chinook, hatchery steelhead, or one of each.

It is anticipated that the spring spill program will begin at all lower Snake River dams at 0001 hours on April 3rd, 2010 (see Fish Passage Center Weekly Reports:

[http://www.fpc.org/documents/weekrprt/weekly\\_reports\\_currentyear.html](http://www.fpc.org/documents/weekrprt/weekly_reports_currentyear.html).

### Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Remains slow for legal size fish.

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Slow for legal size fish from the bank.

### Walleye and Bass

**The Dalles Pool** – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged 1.4 walleye per rod. A few bass were also being caught.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:											Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep					
Bonneville	390	1005									1,395	99.6%	Feb. 20	1,400
The Dalles	87	34									121	40.3%	Feb. 28	300
John Day	41	118									159	96.4%	Feb. 28	165

  

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep			
Bonneville	34	103								137	Feb. 20 <sup>1</sup>	
The Dalles	20	6	6	4						36	Apr. 4	
John Day	4	27								31	Feb. 28 <sup>1</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> Pool closed to sturgeon retention.

Harvest estimates are updated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary. Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

## WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary <sup>1</sup>

March 29 - April 4, 2010

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

### Sturgeon

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool						15							122	137	
The Dalles Pool	7	5				6	16	41	171	4	4	3	30	36	
John Day Pool													31	31	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>				<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>204</b>	

  

Salmonids	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week	Jacks Kept Cum
Bonneville Pool															
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	30			3		11							35	46	
Chinook				3		3								3	
Coho															
Steelhead						8							35	43	
John Day Pool						4							7	11	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead						4							7	11	

  

Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool									3
The Dalles Pool	2			6	14	37	4	48	137
John Day Pool									38

  

Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool									
The Dalles Pool							5		
John Day Pool									3

<sup>1</sup> Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (% of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (% of 6-week average)	98%	165%	183%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	3.90	0.10	1.33	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.08	0.10	1.23	none
John Day	Effort (% of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none



Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - March 29-April 4.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Anglers</u>	<u>Catch</u>
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No report.

