

## Creel Survey

April 12, 2010

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### Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Anglers are catching winter run steelhead and spring chinook.

**Kalama River** – No report on angling success. The first couple of summer run steelhead of the season returned to Kalama Falls Hatchery last week.

**Lewis River** – Some spring chinook are being caught at the mouth. The first 25 spring chinook and 5 summer run steelhead of the season returned to the Merwin Dam trap last week.

**East Fork Lewis from mouth to top boat ramp at Lewisville Park and Washougal River from mouth to Mt. Norway Bridge** - Opens to fishing for hatchery steelhead Friday April 16. Selective gear rules will be in effect; no bait may be used.

**Wind River** – A few anglers are starting to appear with a half dozen boats last Saturday and 10 on Sunday. No catch was observed.

**Drano Lake** – Effort is increasing with half dozen boats last Saturday and around 20 on Sunday. A few spring chinook were reportedly caught.

The lake will be closed to all fishing on Wednesdays beginning this week through May. Effective April 16, bank fishing only west of a line projected from the eastern most pillar of the Highway 14 Bridge to a posted marker on the north shore.

**Klickitat River** – Some newly arriving summer run steelhead are being caught by bank anglers from the Fisher Hill Bridge downstream.

**Lower Columbia from Buoy 10 to the I-5 Bridge** - Last week we sampled 3,283 boat anglers (1,405 boats) with 1,130 adult and 1 jack chinook and 1 steelhead. In addition, we sampled 439 bank anglers with 26 adult chinook and 2 steelhead. 91% the adult chinook were caught from Section 4 (Warrior Rock) upstream to the I-5 Bridge.

Overall, 87% of the adult Chinook caught were kept. Of the 931 adult chinook kept that we sampled, 91% were upriver stock based on Visual Stock Identification (VSI).

On Saturday April 10, a total of 2,314 boats and 689 bank anglers were counted during the flight. 1,516 (66%) of the boats and 397 (58%) of the bank anglers were counted from Warrior Rock to the I-5 Bridge.

**The Joint Staff will review recreational catches through April 11 early this week and will provide another update at that time. Stay tuned!**

**Bonneville Pool** – Bank anglers just outside Drano Lake are catching some spring chinook.

**The Dalles Pool** – Effort and catch of spring chinook are increasing.

**John Day Pool** – From Paul Hoffarth, WDFE District 4 Fish Biologist - For the week of April 4 through April 11, there were an estimated 24 boat trips and 122 bank anglers fishing for spring chinook in the John Day Pool (Lake Umatilla). WDFW staff interviewed 20 boats and 34 bank anglers. The majority of the

boats were fishing for walleye or sturgeon and the bank anglers were primarily fishing for chinook. No catch was reported for salmon.

### **Sturgeon**

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** - Except for the gorge, effort and catch remains light. A total of 61 boats and 140 bank anglers were counted during last Saturday's flight. However, 113 of the bank anglers were counted at Rooster Rock.

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some legals; slow from the bank. Through March, an estimated 154 (51%) of the 300 fish guideline had been taken.

### **Walleye and Bass**

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers averaged over a walleye per every other rod. In addition, some bass were caught.

**John Day Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some walleye.

### **Trout**

**Year round lakes planted with catchable size rainbows up to one-half pound each last week were:**

- **South Lewis County Park Pond near Toledo** – 3,042 fish
- **Lake Sacajawea in Longview** – 3,016 fish
- **Kress Lake in Kalama** – 2,067 fish
- **Lacamas Lake in Camas** – 3,500 fish

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville	390	1005								1,395	99.6%	Feb. 20	1,400
The Dalles	87	34	33							154	51.3%	Mar. 31	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	7						39		Apr. 11
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>

April 5 - 11, 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	19	1			1	6	10	31	164		3		33	39			
John Day Pool							6	12	17	8		2	31	31			
Total	19	1			1	21	10	31	164		3		186	207			
Salmonids														Jacks Kept	Week	Cum	
Reservoir	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				
Bonneville Pool	2			3		3											
Chinook				3		3											
Coho																	
Steelhead																	
The Dalles Pool	80		1	6	1	17	3	7			1		36	53			
Chinook			1	6		9								9			
Coho																	
Steelhead					1	8					1		36	44			
John Day Pool	34					4	7	12					7	11			
Chinook																	
Coho																	
Steelhead						4							7	11			
Walleye																	
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept				Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept				2010 Cum Leg Kept			
Bonneville Pool														3	3		
The Dalles Pool	2						8	22		14				151	157		
John Day Pool							5	10	1	1				39	39		
Bass																	
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept				Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept				2010 Cum Leg Kept			
Bonneville Pool																	
The Dalles Pool		1							3	4				4	4		
John Day Pool							1	2						3	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%	282%	104%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	3.38	0.10	0.58	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.06	0.08	0.58	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

Lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

04/12/2010

noon

**Salmonid**

Month/Week	Sec.	Chinook			Released			Steelhead		Other	# Boats	Chinook			Released			Steelhead		Other
		Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Boat Anglers			Kept Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			
April 5-11	1	CLOSED									CLOSED									
Bonneville	2	CLOSED									CLOSED									
Camas/Washougal	3																			
	4	257	23	0	2	0	0	0	0		379	901	338	0	58	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	5	83	1	0	0	0	1	1	0		613	1434	563	1	67	0	1	0	0	0
Woodland	6	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		76	170	24	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama	7										125	272	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	8	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		109	235	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Longview	9	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		28	79	12	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		75	192	28	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10																			
<b>Total</b>		439	24	0	2	0	1	1	0		1405	3283	986	1	144	0	1	0	0	0

**Sturgeon**

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank		Sublegals		Legals		Oversize		Legals		# Boats	Boat		Sublegals		Legals		Oversize		Legals	
		Anglers	Kept	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	Rel.		Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.		
Bonneville	1											1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2																					
	3																					
Vancouver	4											2	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Woodland	5											1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6											1	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7																					
Longview	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			2	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9																					
charter	10																					
Cathlamet	10																					
<b>Total</b>		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		7	19	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

**Walleye**

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank		Rel.	# Boats	Boat		Rel.
		Anglers	Kept			Anglers	Kept	
Bonneville	1				1	2	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2							
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0	1	2	0	0



Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - April 5-11.

Area

Anglers

Catch

No report.