

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – No report on angling success is currently available. Last week, Tacoma Power recovered 702 coho adults, 18 jacks and 157 winter-run steelhead during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. During the week Tacoma Power employees released 55 coho adults, two jacks and eight winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and 462 coho adults, 13 jacks and nine winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa, behind Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 12,000 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 11.

Lewis River – No report on angling success. Flows below Merwin Dam were 6,500 cfs today, about half of last week's high.

The Dalles Pool – Light effort and catch observed last week.

John Day Pool – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead.

Kalama River Steelhead – The Kalama River winter runs had been about 50% of the last 8 year average. To date, I have handled about 600 hatchery and 70 wild winter fish. The majority of these hatchery fish have been recycled to the lower river for additional recreational opportunities. Fishing was good during the early part of December and has been off and on since then, mostly due to high turbid flow. Best catch rates are currently at the deadline in the canyon, however if the river drops this week expect boat success to rise. There was a lot of boat traffic this past weekend with minimal success. The canyon produced a few fish and angler effort was high. The early hatchery fish are still showing in good numbers, with nearly 300 fish worked last week and only about 60 worked today. The winter brood hatchery fish are starting to show and I expect a stellar return these next few months. Kress Lake will start to receive surplus hatchery steelhead from the Kalama starting next week.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam – 2 boats/4 anglers in the Longview area had released 5 sublegals. 2 boats/4 anglers in the Vancouver area had no catch as did 4 bank anglers just below Bonneville Dam.

Bonneville Pool – No catch was observed.

The Dalles Pool – Bank and boat anglers were catching some legals.

John Day Pool – Light effort and no catch was observed.

Walleye and Bass

The Dalles and John Day pools – Light effort and no catch was observed.

Trout

Recent plants of rainbows include:

- **Horseshoe Lake in Woodland** – 3,027 catchables and 20 brood stock averaging 8 pounds each Jan. 5;
- **Battleground Lake** – 3,001 catchables Jan 6;
- **Kidney Lake near North Bonneville** – 45 brood stock averaging 4 pounds each and 23 averaging 8 pounds each Jan. 4;
- **Icehouse Lake near Bridge of the Gods** – 31 brood stock averaging 4 pounds each and 16 averaging 8 pounds each Jan. 4;
- **Little Ash Lake in Stevenson** – 31 brood stock averaging 4 pounds each and 16 averaging 8 pounds each Jan. 4;
- **Tunnel Lake (just east of Drano Lake)** – 30 brood stock averaging 4 pounds each and 16 averaging 8 pounds each Jan. 4;
- **Northwestern Reservoir (on the White Salmon River)** – 30 brood stock averaging 4 pounds each and 16 averaging 8 pounds each Jan.

Smelt

Washington lower Columbia tributaries – A decision is expected to be made this week whether any fisheries will take place this year.

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

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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	11						1	4						
The Dalles Pool	52	6		4	6	5	6	18	96		6	1	8	13
John Day Pool	9						2	4						
Total	72	6		4	6	5	9	26	96		6	1	8	13

Salmonids

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	Combined Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool																
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool	1												1	1		
Chinook																
Coho													1	1		
Steelhead																
John Day Pool	13		1	2		2	1	1						2		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead			1	2		2								2		

Walleye

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool					2	3			
The Dalles Pool					1	2			
John Day Pool									

Bass

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool									
The Dalles Pool									
John Day Pool									

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (# of angler trips)	15	none	3	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (% of 2-week average)	133%	17%	200%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.70	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.14	none	none	none
John Day	Effort (# of angler trips)	13	14	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	0.21	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.14	none	none