

# Creel Survey

May 3, 2010

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Some spring chinook and steelhead are being caught. Most of the chinook are being caught at the barrier dam while steelhead are being caught throughout the river. Anglers should note the south side of the river from Mill Creek to the Barrier Dam is closed to all fishing through mid June per permanent regulations.

Last week, Tacoma Power recovered 1,105 winter-run steelhead, 26 summer-run steelhead, 614 spring Chinook adults and ten jacks during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. Tacoma Power employees released 271 spring Chinook adults, four jacks and 22 winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa at the Day Use Park above Cowlitz Falls Dam, 237 spring Chinook adults, three jacks and 14 winter-run steelhead into the upper Cowlitz River at Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood, Washington, and one winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,540 cubic feet per second on Monday, May 3. Water visibility is nine feet.

**Kalama River** – Some spring chinook and steelhead are being caught though the river has been turbid at times. The first 7 spring chinook of the year returned to Kalama Falls Hatchery last week.

**Lewis River** – Generally light effort and catch the couple days we sampled. A couple hundred spring chinook were in the Merwin Dam trap today.

**Wind River** – Slightly less than one in every 3 boat anglers had caught a spring chinook when sampled last week. Bank anglers at the mouth were also catching some fish.

No report from Shipherd Falls upstream that opened May 1. However some fish should be present as total passage of hatchery chinook at the Shipherd Falls trap through April 25 was approximately 300 fish. The trap was pulled on Sunday, April 25. There will be no further counting of chinook through the trap until early June, 2010.

**Drano Lake** – Just over 40% of the boat and bank anglers had caught a spring chinook when sampled last week.

**Klickitat River** – Bank anglers from the Fisher Hill Bridge downstream are catching some spring chinook and summer run steelhead.

**Bonneville Pool** – Some spring chinook are being caught by bank anglers just outside the mouth of Drano Lake.

**The Dalles Pool** – About one in five bank anglers while one in six boat anglers had kept/released a spring chinook when sampled last week. Overall 82% of the fish caught were kept.

**John Day Pool** – From Paul Hoffarth Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife District 4 Fish Biologist in Pasco WA- For the week of April 26 - May 2, an estimated 558 adult hatchery chinook were harvested and 138 wild chinook were released. The majority of the harvest were retained by bank anglers fishing the Oregon shore. WDFW staff interviewed 282 salmon anglers this past week and sampled 90 hatchery chinook. For the season, an estimated 1,453 adult hatchery chinook have been harvested and 298 wild chinook were released.

## **Sturgeon**

**Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam** – Sturgeon catch has improved from Kalama upstream with one in five boat anglers keeping/releasing a legal size fish last week. Effort remains light with just over a hundred boats and 40 bank anglers counted during the Saturday May 1 flight.

**The Dalles Pool** – Slow for legal size fish. Wednesday May 5 is the last day of the year that sturgeon may be kept from The Dalles Pool.

## **Walleye and Bass**

**The Dalles Pool** – The few boat anglers sampled did well on walleye. Some bass were caught by bank anglers.

**John Day Pool** – The few boat anglers sampled did well on bass and walleye.

## **Trout**

### **Last week's trout plants:**

- **Kress Lake near Kalama** – 19 surplus hatchery winter run steelhead averaging 10 pounds each;
- **Battleground Lake** – 4,000 catchable size cutthroats and 1,500 rainbows averaging  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound each;
- **Klineline Pond** – 4,000 catchable size cutthroats;
- **Lacamas Lake near Camas** – 10,000 catchable size brown

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	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	16									48		May 2
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 26 - May 2, 2010

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

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

Sturgeon															Jacks Kept	
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	2	4				6	1	3	8			4	42	48		
John Day Pool													31	31		
Total	2	4				21	1	3	8			4	195	216		
Salmonids															Jacks Kept	
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		
Bonneville Pool	27		1	11		21								21		
Chinook			1	11		21								21		
Coho																
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool	164		5	28		153	19	40		2	4		53	206		
Chinook			5	28		145				2	4		17	162		
Coho																
Steelhead						8							36	44		
John Day Pool	174		20	58	1		46	108		6	32					1
Chinook			20	58						6	32					1
Coho																
Steelhead					1											
Walleye															Jacks Kept	
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2010 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool													3	3		
The Dalles Pool						6	1	2	8	8			202	208		
John Day Pool							1	2	6	4			42	42		
Bass															Jacks Kept	
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2010 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool																
The Dalles Pool		3	1			19							5	24		
John Day Pool							1	1	9				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)	13%	140%	11%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	3.20	0.19	8.00	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.16	4.00	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

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**Salmonid**

Month/Week	Bank	Chinook					Steelhead					Chinook					Steelhead			Other
		Kept	Released	Released	Released	Released	Kept	Rel.	Other	Kept	Released	Released	Released	Released	Kept	Rel.	Other			
April 26-May 2	Sec.	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other		
Bonneville	1	CLOSED								CLOSED										
Camas/Washougal	2	CLOSED								CLOSED										
	3	CLOSED								CLOSED										
Vancouver	4	CLOSED								CLOSED										
	5	CLOSED								CLOSED										
Kalama	6	CLOSED								CLOSED										
Cowlitz	7	CLOSED								CLOSED										
Longview	8	CLOSED								CLOSED										
Cathlamet	9	CLOSED								CLOSED										
private boats/bank charter	10	CLOSED								CLOSED										
	10	CLOSED								CLOSED										
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

**Sturgeon**

Bank	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Camas/Washougal	2	7	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
	3						4	13	24	0	0	1
Vancouver	4						1	2	6	0	0	2
Woodland	5						2	4	8	0	0	0
Kalama	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	12	1	0	1
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8											
Cathlamet	9											
charter	10											
Chinook-Knappton	10											
<b>Total</b>		9	2	0	0	0	14	37	98	1	1	7

**Walleye**

Bank	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
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	0	0	0	



Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - April 26-May 2.

Area                      Anglers                      Catch

No report.