

Creel Survey

February 14, 2011

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – No report on angling success is currently available. Last week Tacoma Power recovered eight coho adults, 63 winter-run steelhead and one winter-run steelhead jack during four days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released three coho adults and 30 winter-run steelhead into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek and 13 winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 9,570 cubic feet per second on Monday, February 14. Water visibility is two feet.

Lower Columbia from the I-5 Bridge downstream – A few more anglers were sampled last week but still no catch. Forty-three boats and 102 bank anglers were counted during the Saturday Feb. 12 effort flight count. Half the boat effort was found around Woodland. The majority of the bank effort was on the Oregon shore.

Bonneville Pool – No salmonid anglers were sampled last week.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers averaged a steelhead per rod when including fish released. Bank anglers were also catching some steelhead.

John Day Pool – Boat and bank anglers are catching some steelhead.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Generally light effort and catch. We did not have any catch in our sample, including sublegals released. A total of 51 boats and 37 bank anglers were counted during last Saturday's effort flight count. The largest concentration of sturgeon boats were found around Vancouver.

Bonneville Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a legal per boat. Bank anglers also caught some legals.

The Dalles and John Day pools – Boat anglers caught a few legals. Slow fishing from the bank.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching some walleye. No effort observed for bass.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers averaged slightly over a walleye per rod when including fish released. Bank anglers were also catching some fish. No effort observed for bass.

John Day Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a walleye per boat. No effort observed for bass.

Trout

Klineline Pond – 28 bank anglers kept 42 rainbows. Planted with 1,500 rainbows averaging 2/3 pound each Feb. 11.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville	1028									1,028	51.4%	Jan. 31	2,000
The Dalles	65									65	21.7%	Jan. 31	300
John Day	187									187	37.4%	Jan. 31	500

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Bonneville	141	59								200	Feb. 6
The Dalles	11									11	Feb. 6
John Day	37	10								47	Feb. 6

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 ¹

February 7 - 13, 2011

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	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool	61	13		2		18	27	70	136	9	18	1	182	200
The Dalles Pool	23	5				2	7	13	15	1			9	11
John Day Pool	27					10	31	63	14		3	2	37	47
Total	111	18		2		30	65	146	165	10	21	3	228	258

Salmonids

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool													2	2		
Chinook																
Coho													2	2		
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool	17		1			8	3	5		3	2		2	10		
Chinook																
Coho													2	10		
Steelhead			1			8				3	2		2	10		
John Day Pool	17		3	3		4	3	6		2	1		6	10		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead			3	3		4				2	1		6	10		

Walleye

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2011 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool					1	1		1	1
The Dalles Pool	6		1	1	8	13	2	13	24
John Day Pool					14	26	2	11	34

Bass

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2011 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 6-week average)	104%	none	75%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.37	none	1.00	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.15	none	1.00	none
The Dalles	Effort (% of 6-week average)	62%	136%	317%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.58	0.27	0.84	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.09	0.74	none
John Day	Effort (% of 6-week average)	65%	219%	226%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.21	0.39	0.50	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.03	0.17	0.42	none

9:00 AM

Salmonid

Month/Week Feb. 7-13	Sec.	Bank	Chinook Kept		Chinook Released		Steelhead		Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Chinook Kept		Chinook Released		Steelhead		Other
			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.				Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Bonneville	1		CLOSED	CLOSED								CLOSED	CLOSED					
Camas/Washougal	2		CLOSED	CLOSED								CLOSED	CLOSED					
	3																	
Vancouver	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Woodland	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Cowlitz	7																	
Longview	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Cathlamet	9																	
Rocky Point-Cathlamet	10																	
Total		16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sturgeon

Bonneville	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals		Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
			Rel.	Kept									
Bonneville	1	11	0	0	0	0							
Camas/Washougal	2												
	3												
Vancouver	4						1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5												
Kalama	6												
Cowlitz	7												
Longview	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9												
Cathlamet	10												
Knappton/Deep River ramps	10												
Chinook-Knappton	10												
Total		12	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0

Walleye

Bonneville	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							
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0