

Creel Survey

January 10, 2011

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – No report on angling success.

Last week, Tacoma Power recovered 416 coho adults and 72 winter-run steelhead during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 190 coho adults and seven winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa and 22 coho adults and 10 winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 10,300 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 10. Water visibility is seven feet.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Little to no effort.

Bonneville Pool – The few boat anglers sampled did well on steelhead.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers are catching some steelhead.

Hwy. 395 to old Hanford town site– From Paul Hoffarth Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife District 4 Fish Biologist in Pasco WA -An estimated 69 steelhead were caught in the first nine days of January. Anglers are averaging 1 steelhead for each 15 hours of fishing. Bank anglers fared slightly better than the boat anglers so far this month. A total of 1,079 steelhead have been caught this season and 781 steelhead have been harvested. WDFW staff has sampled 26% of the estimated angler effort in this fishery. Catch and harvest numbers are well below the 2008 and 2009 fisheries but similar to those of 2004-07.

Hatchery winter steelhead returns – comparison between returns through the first week of January 2010 and 2011. In general, hatchery returns are similar to last year. In specific:

Station	2010	2011
Grays	234	0
Elochoman	198	260
Cowlitz	1,150	1,128
Kalama	452	451
Lewis	1,891	1,918
Washougal	390	582

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia from the Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam - We sampled 19 bank anglers from Camas/Washougal to Bonneville Dam with no catch and 4 boat anglers (2 boats) with 1 legal kept and 4 sublegals released.

Bonneville and The Dalles pools – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Slow for legals from the bank.

John Day pool – Slow for legal size fish.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville and The Dalles pools – The few boat anglers sampled had no catch.

John Day Pool – No effort observed for either specie.

Trout

Battleground Lake – Planted with 3,000 half pound rainbows Jan. 3. No report on angling success.

Southwest Washington waters planted with broodstock rainbows Jan. 3-5:

Water	8-pounders	4.5 pounders	Comment
Klineline Pond	74	116	
Kidney Lake	28	35	Near North Bonneville
Icehouse Lake	14	35	At the foot of the Bridge of the Gods
Little Ash Lake	14	35	Just west of Stevenson
Tunnel Lake	13	35	Just east of Drano Lake
Northwestern Lake	13	35	Reservoir on the (Big) White Salmon River
Rowland Lake	20	40	Near Lyle
Spearfish Lake	24	100	Near Dallesport

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	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2011 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool	15	4					3	7	32	4	5		5	5
The Dalles Pool	36	5				2	22	53	71		2	4	2	4
John Day Pool	6						24	54	1			2		
Total	57	9				2	49	114	104	4	7	6	7	9

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	Jacks Kept	
														Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool							2	2		3	2		2		
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead										3	2		2		
The Dalles Pool	17		6	4	1	6	1	2						6	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead			6	4	1	6								6	
John Day Pool							3	6			2		2	2	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead											2		2	2	

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			
The Dalles Pool					1	3			
John Day Pool									

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 2-week average)	142%	200%	200%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.05	2.50	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.23	1.00	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (% of 2-week average)	117%	123%	200%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.92	0.58	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.02	0.21	none	none
John Day	Effort (% of 2-week average)	190%	200%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.05	0.33	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.33	none	none