

Creel Survey

January 30, 2011

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – The Cowlitz remains high and turbid. Blue Creek boats - 4 boats with 12 anglers with no catch. Blue Creek bank - 27 anglers with 2 steelhead kept and 1 released. Barrier Dam - No effort

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 38 coho adults, one jack and 54 winter-run steelhead during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 21 coho adults, one jack and seven winter-run steelhead into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, five coho adults and 13 steelhead into the upper Cowlitz River at the Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood and two coho adults and eight winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam will rise to approximately 17,200 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 31. Water visibility is two feet.

Lower Columbia mainstem from the I-5 Bridge downstream – 9 bank and 1 boat angler had no catch.

Bonneville Pool – No effort.

The Dalles Pool – Anglers are catching some steelhead.

John Day Pool – The few anglers sampled had no catch.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – 3 boats/10 anglers released 10 sublegals while 3 bank anglers had no catch.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers averaged just over a legal kept/released per boat. Including fish released, bank anglers averaged a legal per about every 13 rods.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers kept some legals. Slow for legals from the bank.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers averaged a legal per about every 6.5 rods when including fish released. Slower for legal size fish from the bank.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools - Boat anglers were catching some walleye from all three pools. No effort observed for bass.

Trout

Klinline Pond – 98 bank anglers with 100 catchable size rainbows kept and 6 released plus 1 brood stock rainbow kept. Planted with 2,000 half-pound rainbows.

Kress Lake near Kalama – Planted with 3,014 catchable size rainbows Jan. 24.

Battleground Lake – Planted with 2,910 catchable size rainbows Jan. 20.

Icehouse Lake near Bridge of the Gods and Little Ash Lake just west of Stevenson – Each were planted with 1,007 catchable size rainbows Jan. 21.

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 24 - 30, 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 | 51 | 12 | 1 | 3 | | 16 | 51 | 134 | 298 | 4 | 51 | | 125 | 141 |
| The Dalles Pool | 40 | 17 | | | | 2 | 11 | 22 | 19 | | 2 | 1 | 9 | 11 |
| John Day Pool | 67 | 8 | | 1 | | 10 | 61 | 79 | 40 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 26 | 36 |
| Total | 158 | 37 | 1 | 4 | | 28 | 123 | 235 | 357 | 5 | 64 | 2 | 160 | 188 |

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 | Jacks Kept Cum |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-------------------|-------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bonneville Pool | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | |
| Chinook | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coho | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | |
| Steelhead | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Dalles Pool | 26 | | 2 | 2 | | 8 | | | | 6 | | | | 8 | | |
| Chinook | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coho | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steelhead | | | 2 | 2 | | 8 | | | | 6 | | | | 8 | | |
| John Day Pool | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 5 | | |
| Chinook | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coho | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 5 | | |
| Steelhead | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Walleye

| Reservoir | Bank Anglers | Rel | Leg Kept | 2011 Cum Leg Kept | Boats | Boat Anglers | Rel | Leg Kept | 2011 Cum Leg Kept |
|-----------------|--------------|-----|----------|-------------------|-------|--------------|-----|----------|-------------------|
| Bonneville Pool | | | | | 4 | 5 | 1 | | |
| The Dalles Pool | | | | | 4 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| John Day Pool | | | | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 14 |

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 5-week average) | 191% | none | 357% | none |
| | Catch Per Unit Effort | 1.99 | none | 0.20 | none |
| | Harvest Per Unit Effort | 0.29 | none | none | none |
| The Dalles | Effort (% of 5-week average) | 95% | 194% | 357% | none |
| | Catch Per Unit Effort | 0.63 | 0.38 | 1.00 | none |
| | Harvest Per Unit Effort | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.90 | none |
| John Day | Effort (% of 5-week average) | 119% | 33% | 22% | none |
| | Catch Per Unit Effort | 0.42 | none | 1.00 | none |
| | Harvest Per Unit Effort | 0.08 | none | 1.00 | none |