

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam - Last week we sampled 1,873 salmonid anglers (including 234 boats) with 105 adult and 19 jack summer chinook, 294 steelhead, and 28 sockeye. 65 (62%) of the adult and 14 (74%) of the jacks were kept as were 181(62%) of the steelhead and all but two (93%) of the sockeye.

Just over 800 salmonid bank anglers and exactly 300 boats were observed on the lower Columbia mainstem last Saturday July 9.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some summer chinook.

John Day Pool – From Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist, Pasco: No chinook, sockeye, or steelhead were harvested this past week in the John Day Pool. Seven wild jack chinook were caught and released. Effort has been light. No boats were interviewed fishing for salmon this past week. A few bank anglers are still coming out routinely to fish for salmon or steelhead. There were an estimated 70 angler trips for the week. For the fishery that began June 16, an estimated 20 adult hatchery summer chinook and 33 hatchery jacks have been harvested.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia from the Wauna powerlines downstream – The Deep River/Knappton/Chinook/Ilwaco ramps + Chinook to Knappton bank sampling summaries will follow in another e-mail.

During last Saturday's (July 9) effort flight count, there were 251 private boats and 2 charters. Slightly less than two-thirds of the fleet were observed in the estuary.

Lower Columbia from the Wauna powerlines to Marker 82 - We sampled legals kept by boat anglers from Woodland downstream and bank anglers at Woodland and Longview.

Bonneville Pool and its tributaries – Catch and release only through the end of the year.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some legals. Through June, an estimated 141 (47%) of the 300 fish guideline had been taken.

John Day Pool - 2 boats/6 anglers released 9 fish (**Catch & Release Only**).

Walleye and Bass

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - A few anglers trying without any success.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching some bass.

The Dalles Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged over 3 walleye and nearly 8 bass per rod. Bank anglers are catching some bass.

John Day Pool – 3 boats/5 anglers caught 12 walleye.

Shad

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - Based on mainly incomplete trips, bank anglers just below Bonneville Dam averaged just over 2 shad per rod. Bank anglers off Steamboat Landing Dock in Washougal caught some fish as did boat anglers in the gorge and in Camas/Washougal.

John Day Pool – 11 boats/31 anglers caught 141 shad.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:											Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep					
Bonneville ¹	1040	587									1,627	81.4%	Jun. 30	2,000
The Dalles ²	65	6	16	27	24	3					141	47.0%	Jun. 30	300
John Day	187	90	163	92							532	106.4%	Jun. 30	500
Current month sampled sturgeon kept:														
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep					
Bonneville ¹	145	71					51				267		Jul. 10	
The Dalles ²	11	1	5	5	3	1	6				32		Jul. 10	
John Day	37	10	29	15							91		Jul. 10	

¹ Bonneville Pool closed to sturgeon retention Feb 19. Re-opened June 30-July 2 and July 7-8. Closed July 9.
² John Day Pool closed to sturgeon retention April 10.

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

July 4 - 10, 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	34	49	1	7		33	19	48	118		21	3	234	267
The Dalles Pool	50	52		4		17	8	20	64			2	15	32
John Day Pool						20							71	91
Total	84	101	1	11		70	27	68	182		21	5	320	390
Salmonids														
	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	5												2	2
Chinook														
Coho													2	
Steelhead														
The Dalles Pool	38		1	3		112	1	2					32	144
Chinook			1	3		101							24	125
Coho														
Steelhead						11							8	19
John Day Pool						7							8	15
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead						7							8	15
Walleye														
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool													5	5
The Dalles Pool						5	9	20	3	59			1241	1246
John Day Pool													179	179
Bass														
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2011 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool	2					1	2	4	2	4			23	24
The Dalles Pool	3	14	3			37	4	7	53	1			30	67
John Day Pool													2	2

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (# of angler trips)	82	5	none	6
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.43	none	none	1.00
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.34	none	none	0.67
The Dalles	Effort (% of 6-week average)	209%	44%	171%	109%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.74	0.10	3.10	7.10
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.06	0.08	2.95	0.40
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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Month/Week	Salmonid											# Boats	Chinook										
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Sockeye Rel.	Other		Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Sockeye Rel.	Other
July 4-10	1	198	16	2	6	0	1	2	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville	2	31	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	18	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	3											1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	163	7	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	21	47	1	3	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0
Woodland	5	217	6	0	3	0	8	7	1	0	0	28	65	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Kalama	6	190	2	3	9	2	3	17	1	0	0	31	64	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7											1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	330	4	0	2	1	31	14	10	0	0	79	160	7	1	4	0	9	8	0	2	0	0
Cathlamet	9	138	3	3	3	0	35	16	3	0	0	39	83	6	1	3	1	34	11	5	0	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10	112	2	1	0	0	43	24	0	0	0	11	23	4	0	4	0	10	8	4	0	0	0
Total	10	1379	41	9	26	3	123	84	15	0	0	234	494	24	5	14	2	58	29	11	2	0	0

Month/Week	Sturgeon											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Bonneville	1	CLOSED					1	3	3	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2	10	1	0	0	0	9	18	12	0	3	0
	3						1	2	3	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	5	3	0	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	0
Woodland	5	9	7	0	0	1	4	10	5	0	1	1
Kalama	6	4	2	0	0	0	10	17	21	0	0	3
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8	33	0	0	0	2	11	27	24	0	0	1
Cathlamet	9	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	5	0	0	1
Cathlamet	10	1	2	0	0	0	2	4	8	0	0	2
Total	10	65	15	0	0	3	42	89	83	0	4	8

Month/Week	Shad							
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1	60	126	1	1	2	1	0
Camas/Washougal	2	7	1	0	2	4	2	0
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total	10	67	127	1	3	6	3	0

Month/Week	Walleye							
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2	1	0	0	2	3	0	0
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total	10	1	0	0	2	3	0	0

Preliminary WDFW sturgeon sport sampling summaries for below Wauna July 5-10

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July 5-10

Sturgeon

		<u># Boats</u>	<u># Anglers</u>	<u>Sublegals Rel.</u>	<u>Legals Rel.</u>	<u>Oversize Rel.</u>	<u>Legals Kept</u>	<u>Green Rel.</u>
Ports of Chinook/Ilwaco	Private	45	116	27	1	7	8	
	Charter	5	33	13	1	16	9	
Knappton/Deep River	Private	16	44	27	0	1	17	0
Chinook-Knappton	Bank		2	0	0	0	1	0