

Creel Survey

June 6, 2011

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Bank anglers at the barrier dam are catching spring chinook.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 90 spring chinook adults, 113 jacks, twelve winter-run steelhead, and 37 summer-run steelhead during four days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 21 spring chinook adults, 99 jacks, and one winter-run steelhead into the upper Cowlitz River at Lake Scanewa. River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 8,130 cubic feet per second on Monday, June 6. Water visibility is nine feet.

Wind River – Anglers are catching spring chinook from the mouth to the upper river. About 25 boats counted at the mouth yesterday (Sunday June 5) morning.

Through June 5, a total of 441 spring chinook had returned to Carson National Fish Hatchery. The escapement goal is 1,500 fish. Daily counts are posted on the Carson National Fish Hatchery web site at <http://www.fws.gov/gorgefish/carson/>.

Drano Lake – Boat anglers continue to catch some spring chinook although effort is down to just a half dozen boats yesterday morning.

Klickitat River – Bank anglers in the lower river continue to catch some spring chinook.

At Klickitat Hatchery 31 adults had arrived through June 1. The escapement goal is 500 fish. Daily counts are available @ http://www.ykfp.org/klickitat/hatch_AdultReturns2011.htm.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – During the first five days of June we sampled 900 salmonid anglers (including 76 boats) with 76 adult and 63 jack spring chinook and 50 steelhead. 54 (71%) of the adult and 50 (79%) of the jacks were kept as were 46 (92%) of the steelhead. All but 4 (91%) of the adults and all the jacks chinook sampled were upriver origin based on Visual Stock Identification (VSI).

Bonneville Pool – Light effort and catch.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching quite a few jacks and some adult spring chinook.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia from the navigation marker 82 line downstream – No sturgeon creel data from the estuary is currently available. We sampled some legals kept by boat anglers in the Camas and Longview areas.

The Dalles Pool – Boat and bank anglers are catching some legals.

Walleye and Bass

The Dalles Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged 5.5 walleye and 10 bass per rod. Bank anglers are also catching some bass and walleye.

Shad

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Bank anglers just below Bonneville Dam averaged 1.5 shad per rod based on mainly incomplete trips last week. A few shad were caught by salmonid anglers in the Woodland and Kalama areas.

Trout

Plants of rainbows in SW WA streams last week (no report on angling success):

Canyon Creek (Clark County) – 2,000 rainbows averaging 2/3 pound each June 3.

Bird Creek (Klickitat County) – 1,536 catchable size rainbows June 1.

Bowman Creek (Klickitat County) – 1,005 catchable size rainbows May 31.

Outlet Creek (Klickitat County) – 1,001 catchable size rainbows June 1.

Spring Creek (Klickitat County) – 3,009 catchable size rainbows May 31.

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%	Apr. 30	2,000
The Dalles ²	65	6	16	27							114	38.0%	Apr. 30	300
John Day	187	90	163	92							532	106.4%	Apr. 30	500

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep			
Bonneville ¹	145	71									216	May 22
The Dalles ²	11	1	5	5	3						25	May 22
John Day	37	10	29	15							91	May 22

¹ Bonneville Pool closed to sturgeon retention Feb 19.
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

May 30 - June 5, 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						18							198	216
The Dalles Pool	47	39	1			11	9	21	70	1		1	14	25
John Day Pool						20							71	91
Total	47	39	1			49	9	21	70	1		1	283	332

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	Jacks Kept Cum
Bonneville Pool													2	2	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead													2	2	
The Dalles Pool	118		3	6		86	3	6					32	118	22 37
Chinook			3	6		76							24	100	22 37
Coho															
Steelhead						10							8	18	
John Day Pool						7							8	15	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead						7							8	15	

Walleye														
Reservoir	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		8				5	8	18	24	108			1066	1071
John Day Pool													179	179

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	3	3	2			11	6	11	96	15			29	40
John Day Pool													2	2

¹ 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)	219%	132%	94%	210%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.65	0.25	7.78	8.29
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.23	6.00	1.21
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

Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - May 3--June 5.

No report.