

# Creel Survey

June 27, 2011

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**Note:** There may not be a full report next week as I'll be out of the office.

## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – At the barrier dam, 19 bank anglers kept 5 adult and 3 jack spring chinook, 1 steelhead and released 1 steelhead.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 118 spring chinook adults, 158 jacks, nine mini jacks, and 226 summer-run steelhead during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released ten spring chinook adults and 145 jacks into Lake Scanewa.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 8,100 cubic feet per second on Monday morning, June 27.

**Wind River** – No report on angling success. June 30 is the last day to fish for spring chinook. Salmon fishing on the lower river will re-open August 1.

**Drano Lake** – No report on angling success. Effective July 1, open 7 days per week and the area near the outlet will be open to angling from a boat.

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – Last week we sampled 2,225 salmonid anglers (including 228 boats) with 225 adult and 79 jack summer chinook, 152 steelhead, and 36 sockeye. 141 (63%) of the adult and 65 (83%) of the jacks were kept as were 123 (81%) of the steelhead and all but one (97%) of the sockeye.

Just under 1,100 salmonid bank anglers and 464 boats were observed on the lower Columbia mainstem during last Saturday's (June 25) effort flight count.

**Bonneville Pool** – Light effort except for some bank anglers at Cascade Locks.

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

## Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna powerlines downstream** – Catches improved at the Deep River/Knappton ramps where boat anglers averaged a legal kept per about every 4.5 rods. The ports of Chinook and Ilwaco summaries will be sent in another e-mail, possibly later today.

**Mainstem Columbia and its tributaries from Buoy 10 upstream to the Wauna powerlines (including all adjacent Washington tributaries)** – White sturgeon may be retained daily through July 31. Daily limit is 1 fish. The minimum fork length is 41 inches and maximum fork length 54 inches. Catch-and-release fishing is permitted on non-retention days.

**Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Navigation Marker 82** – We sampled a legal kept by a boat angler in the Camas/Washougal area and one in Vancouver.

**Navigation Marker 82 downstream** – During the Saturday June 25 effort flight count, 287 private boats and 13 charters were tallied with the majority of the fleet observed in the estuary.

**Mainstem Columbia from Bonneville Dam to The Dalles Dam including all adjacent Washington tributaries** – Sturgeon may be retained June 30-July 2 and July 7-July 9. The daily limit is 1 fish, minimum 38" fork length and maximum 54" fork length. Catch-and-release fishing is permitted on non-retention days.

**The Dalles Pool** – Bank anglers are catching some fish.

### **Walleye and Bass**

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers continue to catch walleye and bass.

### **Trout**

**Mt. Adams Pond in Klickitat County** – Planted with 2,200 half-pound and 10 three pound rainbows June 17. No report on angling success.

### **Shad**

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Based on mainly incomplete trips, bank anglers just below Bonneville Dam averaged about 3.5 shad per rod when including the few fish released. Some shad were caught by boat anglers in the gorge while the Camas/Washougal area continues to be slow.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:											Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep					
Bonneville <sup>1</sup>	1040	587									1,627	81.4%	May 31	2,000
The Dalles <sup>2</sup>	65	6	16	27	24						138	46.0%	May 31	300
John Day	187	90	163	92							532	106.4%	May 31	500

  

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep			
Bonneville <sup>1</sup>	145	71									216	Jun. 26
The Dalles <sup>2</sup>	11	1	5	5	3	1					26	Jun. 26
John Day	37	10	29	15							91	Jun. 26

<sup>1</sup> Bonneville Pool closed to sturgeon retention Feb 19.  
<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>

June 20 - 26, 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	2	15	2			12	3	7	31				14	26	
John Day Pool						20							71	91	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>				<b>283</b>	<b>333</b>	

  

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															
Sockeye															
The Dalles Pool	52		4	5		106							32	138	62
Chinook			4	5		95							24	119	62
Coho															
Steelhead						11							8	19	
John Day Pool						7							8	15	
Chinook															
Coho													8	8	
Steelhead						7								7	

  

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	5	
The Dalles Pool						5	3	4		5			1165	1170	
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						34	2	4	19				29	63	
John Day Pool													2	2	

<sup>1</sup> 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)	34%	74%	40%	46%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	5.33	0.17	1.25	4.75
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.10	1.25	none
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

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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
June 20-26	1	349	55	25	41	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville	2	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Camas/Washougal	3																						
Vancouver	4	207	6	6	7	1	1	0	0	0	44	89	7	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodland	5	281	0	1	7	3	4	3	4	0	46	107	16	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Kalama	6	150	2	4	1	0	2	1	1	0	59	128	23	8	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Cowlitz	7										1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Longview	8	499	7	8	1	0	48	14	14	0	53	112	12	1	3	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	
Cathlamet	9	153	3	6	5	0	20	4	13	1	13	34	5	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	
private boats/bank charter	10	71	1	0	0	0	22	4	0	0	6	11	3	2	0	0	11	1	1	1	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	10	1727	75	50	62	7	98	28	32	1	228	498	66	15	22	7	25	1	3	3	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										
Camas/Washougal	2	13	3	0	0	0	5	13	20	0	1	1
Vancouver	4	5	2	0	0	0	3	8	4	0	0	1
Woodland	5						1	2	2	0	0	0
Kalama	6	5	1	0	0	0	5	12	4	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8											
Cathlamet	9						1	2	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	10	24	6	0	0	0	16	39	30	0	1	2

Month/Week	Shad							
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1	595	2073	37				
Camas/Washougal	2	16	5	0				
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6				2	5	0	0
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
<b>Total</b>	10	611	2078	37	6	12	21	0

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