

Creel Survey

January 17, 2012

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – No report on angling success currently available.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 330 winter-run steelhead, 236 coho adults and four jacks during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 158 coho adults, two jacks and 18 winter-run steelhead at the Lake Scanewa Day Use Site above Cowlitz Falls Dam and 45 coho adults and seven 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 Tuesday, January 17.

2011 – 2012 Upstream totals

Fall Chinook Adults		Upstream Transportation							
Week Ending	Total Returns	Tilton River		Lake Scanewa		Cowlitz @ Packwood		Cispus River	
		Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural
Season to date	16,816	2,233	4,273	4,684	0	1,770	1	1,215	6
13-Jan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coho Adults		Upstream Transportation							
Week Ending	Total Returns	Tilton River		Lake Scanewa		Cowlitz @ Packwood		Cispus River	
		Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural
Season to date	48,107	6,191	1,988	6,815	6,966	4,927	155	1,944	489
13-Jan	236	0	45	28	110	0	0	0	0
Winter Steelhead Adults		Upstream Transportation							
Week Ending	Total Returns	Tilton River		Lake Scanewa		Cowlitz @ Packwood		Cispus River	
		Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural
Season to date	1,980	0	29	0	51	0	0	0	12
13-Jan	330	0	7	0	18	0	0	0	0

Bonneville Pool – No effort was observed.

The Dalles and John Day pools – Bank and boat anglers are catching some steelhead.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Effort and catches are light.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers averaged a legal kept per about 4 rods. Anglers are catching 11 sublegals to every legal. Fishing is slow from the bank.

Through Jan. 15, an estimated 765 legal fish have been kept. The 2011 guideline was 2,000 fish. The guidelines for 2012 have not been finalized yet.

The Dalles Pool – A few legal fish are being caught.

John Day Pool - Boat anglers are catching some legal fish. Fishing is slow from the bank.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day Pools – The few boat anglers sampled did not catch any walleye. No effort observed for bass.

Trout

Recent plants into SW Washington lakes -

- **Silver Lake near Castle Rock** – 5,050 catchable size rainbows Jan. 9
- **Kress Lake near Kalama** – 11 adult steelhead Jan. 9
- **Battleground Lake** – 799 cutthroats averaging a pound each Jan. 11
- **Kidney Lake near North Bonneville** – 50 five pound and 13 ten pound brood stock rainbows Jan.9-10
- **Icehouse Lake near Bridge of the Gods** – 42 five pound and 7 ten pound brood stock rainbows Jan. 9
- **Little Ash Lake near Stevenson** – 42 five pound and 7 ten pound brood stock rainbows Jan. 9
- **Tunnel Lake just east of Drano Lake** – 83 five pound and 13 ten pound brood stock rainbows Jan. 9

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: ¹
Bonneville ²	589	104								693	34.7%	Jan. 15	2,000
The Dalles													300
John Day													500

¹ Guidelines for 2012 have not been finalized yet.
² Due to the high effort and harvest in Bonneville Pool, we are providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis.

Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:

	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Bonneville ³	21	18								39	Jan. 15
The Dalles	4	1								5	Jan. 15
John Day	6	3								9	Jan. 15

³ Bonneville weekly sample rate:
 January 1-8 bank was low at 9% and boat was very low at 4% of estimated angler trips sampled, with a total of 4 "sampler days", and 1 of 4 weekend/holiday days sampled.
 January 9-15 bank was 18% and boat was 19% of estimated angler trips sampled, with a total of 7 "sampler days", and 1 of 2 weekend/holiday days sampled.
 Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 9 - 15, 2012

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon														Combined	
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Leg Kept	Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool	47	4				3	25	69	200		18	1	36	39	39
The Dalles Pool	48	11		1	1	3	14	37	19			1	2	5	5
John Day Pool	36						34	72	7		3	1	9	9	9
Total	131	15		1	1	6	73	178	226		21	3	47	53	53
Salmonids														Jacks Kept	
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool															
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	45		10	2		3	1	3		7	1		3	6	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead			10	2		3				7	1		3	6	
John Day Pool	4		1				5	10		1					
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead			1							1					
Walleye															
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2012 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool							2	3							
The Dalles Pool							1	2							
John Day Pool							2	4							
Bass															
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2012 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)	92%	none	200%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.92	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.16	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (% of 2-week average)	128%	163%	200%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.39	0.42	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.01	0.06	none	none
John Day	Effort (% of 2-week average)	96%	200%	200%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.10	0.14	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.03	none	none	none

9:30 AM

Salmonid

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

Sturgeon

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

Walleye

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