

# Creel Survey

October 15, 2012

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Boat anglers in the lower Cowlitz are catching a few adult hatchery Coho.

Flows below Mayfield Dam are currently 4,830 cfs and are expected to remain steady for at least the next week.

**Kalama River** – Bank anglers are catching some fall Chinook (most released) and some steelhead.

**Lewis River** – On the lower mainstem, boat anglers are catching some adult hatchery Coho while most of the catch in the North Fork are adult and jack fall Chinook. Some steelhead are also being caught on the North Fork.

Flows below Merwin Dam are currently 1,270 cfs, about half the long-term mean for this date.

**Washougal River** – Effort and catch was light.

**Drano Lake** – Boat anglers continue to catch some fall Chinook.

**White Salmon River** – Light effort and catch.

**Klickitat River** – Boat and bank anglers on the lower river are catching adult and jack fall Chinook.

Flows at Pitt are currently 819 cfs and expected to reach 1,000 cfs by tomorrow evening and then retreat to current or lower levels.

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Last week we sampled 188 salmonid anglers (including 53 boats) with 7 adult and 2 jack fall Chinook, 9 steelhead, and 7 adult Coho. All the Chinook and Coho were kept while 7 (78%) of the steelhead were kept.

Salmonid effort continues to wane on the lower Columbia mainstem from Bonneville Dam to Jones Beach with <100 boats and 65 bank anglers counted during last Saturday's (Oct. 13) effort flight count.

**Bonneville Pool** – Boat anglers off the Klickitat are catching fall Chinook and increasing numbers of Coho.

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some fall Chinook jacks and steelhead.

## Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** - Sturgeon effort remains light during the current catch and release fishery.

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some legals.

## Walleye and Bass

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – We sampled 13 walleye anglers (9 boats) with 19 fish kept and 10 released (all caught from the Camas/Washougal area).

No walleye boats were observed during last Saturday's effort flight count.

**The Dalles Pool** – No walleye or bass anglers were sampled last week but a couple bass were caught by anglers targeting other species.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	Jan - Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville	1,836	closed	closed	closed	closed	1,836	91.8%	Sep. 30 <sup>1</sup>	2,000
The Dalles	131	26	32	50		239	79.7%	Sep. 30	300
John Day	471	closed	closed	closed	closed	471	94.2%	Sep. 30 <sup>2</sup>	500

<sup>1</sup> Bonneville Reservoir closed to sturgeon retention effective February 18. It re-opened June 15-16 and June 22-23 to finish the guideline.

<sup>2</sup> John Day Reservoir closed to sturgeon retention effective May 21.

Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary, and subject to update.

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:

	Jan - Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Bonneville	251	closed	closed	closed	closed	251	Oct. 14
The Dalles	17	5	3	6	2	33	Oct. 14
John Day	71	closed	closed	closed	closed	71	Oct. 14

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary <sup>1</sup>

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

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Sturgeon

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	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool						26							225	251
The Dalles Pool	8	14				11	1	3	2		1	1	22	33
John Day Pool						17							54	71
Total	8	14				54	1	3	2		1	1	301	355

Salmonids	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool						46	14			2	
Chinook							6			2	
Coho							8				
Steelhead											
The Dalles Pool	10			76	3	7	1	5	76	152	3 8
Chinook				40					17	57	3 7
Coho				3					6	9	1
Steelhead				33			1	5	53	86	
John Day Pool				25					1	26	
Chinook				24						24	
Coho											
Steelhead				1					1	2	

Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2012 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool									27
The Dalles Pool				3					616
John Day Pool									339

  

Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2012 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool				2					2
The Dalles Pool				40				2	60
John Day Pool				9					103

<sup>1</sup> Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % 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 (as a % of 6-week average)	150%	66%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.64	0.35	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.09	0.06	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % 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													Other	Chinook						Coho						Other
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Adults	Jacks	Released Jacks	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Kept		Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.				
Bonneville	1	32	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	2															
Camas/Washougal	2																										
Vancouver	4	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0												0			
Woodland	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													0		
Kalama	6	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													0		
Cowlitz	7																									0	
Longview	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														0	
Cathlamet	9																										0
private boats/bank charter	10																										0
<b>Total</b>		92	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	2															0

Month/Week	Sturgeon													Other
	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							CLOSED	
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED							CLOSED	
Vancouver	4					CLOSED							CLOSED	
Woodland	5					CLOSED							CLOSED	
Kalama	6					CLOSED							CLOSED	
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED							CLOSED	
Longview	8					CLOSED							CLOSED	
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED							CLOSED	
Chinook - Knappton bank	10					CLOSED							CLOSED	
Knappton-Deep River ramps	10					CLOSED							CLOSED	
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	

Month/Week	Walleye							
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1				1	2	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2				8	11	19	10
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0	9	13	19	10

