

Creel Survey

April 1, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 46 bank anglers kept 1 steelhead and released one. 45 boat anglers kept 1 adult spring Chinook and 17 steelhead.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 382 winter-run steelhead, two spring Chinook salmon and one cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 49 steelhead and two spring Chinook salmon into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam at the Day Use Site and 56 steelhead and one cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 5,070 cubic feet per second on Monday, April 1. Water visibility is 15 feet.

Mouth of Wind River – No effort on today's opener.

Drano Lake – 1 boat observed there last Saturday morning.

Klickitat River from mouth to the Fisher Hill Bridge (located about 3 miles upstream from the mouth) – From April 1 through May 31, open Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays only for hatchery chinook and hatchery steelhead. Anglers will be able to retain two hatchery chinook, hatchery steelhead, or one of each as part of their daily limit.

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Last week we sampled 2,795 salmonid anglers (including 993 boats) with 134 adult and 3 jack spring Chinook and 6 steelhead. 102 (76%) of the adult Chinook and two-thirds of the steelhead caught were kept. 63 (70%) of the adult Chinook sampled were upriver stock based on Visual Stock Identification.

A Joint State hearing is scheduled via teleconference for 3:00 PM Wednesday April 3, 2013. Fishery under review: Ongoing lower river recreational salmon.

Bonneville Pool – No effort was observed.

The Dalles and John Day pools– No catch for the bank anglers sampled.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Catch has picked up for boat anglers in the Vancouver to Woodland area.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Fishing is slow for bank anglers.

John Day Pool – Effort and catches have increased for boat anglers.

Walleye and Bass

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers averaged just over ½ walleye kept per rod.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers averaged a walleye kept/released per about every 4 rods and nearly 3 bass per rod.

Trout

Silver lake near Castle Rock– Planted with 3,900 catchable size rainbows March 27. No report on angling success.

Horseshoe Lake in Woodland – Planted with 3,510 catchable size rainbows March 25. No report on angling success.

Klinline Pond – Planted with 3,380 catchable size rainbows March 27. No report on angling success.

Lacamas Lake in Camas – Planted with 4,950 nearly half-pound browns March 25. No report on angling success.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:							Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Bonneville ¹	102	233	---				335	30.5%	Feb. 11 ²	1,100
The Dalles	9	32					41	13.7%	Feb. 28	300
John Day	35	36					71	14.2%	Feb. 28	500

¹ Due to the short season in Bonneville Pool, we are providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis.

² Bonneville Pool closed to retention effective February 11, with a balance of 765 sturgeon allocated for a summer retention season.

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

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Bonneville	28	64	---				92	Mar. 31
The Dalles	2	5	6				13	Mar. 31
John Day	6	13	22				41	Mar. 31

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

March 25 - 31, 2013

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	2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2013 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool						4							88	92
The Dalles Pool	13					1	16	42	81	1		3	12	13
John Day Pool	40	10				1	45	106	74	1	8		40	41
Total	53	10				6	61	148	155	2	8	3	140	146
Salmonids														
	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2013 Cum Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week Cum
Bonneville Pool														
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead														
The Dalles Pool	14					3							2	5
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead						3							2	5
John Day Pool	15					1							6	7
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead						1							6	7
Walleye														
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool													5	5
The Dalles Pool	3					12	19	40		23			99	111
John Day Pool							38	77	5	16			73	73
Bass														
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool														
The Dalles Pool	2												1	1
John Day Pool							12	23	52	14			22	22

¹ 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)	117%	165%	119%	600%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.55	none	0.53	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	0.53	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	165%	136%	140%	294%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.64	none	0.27	2.87
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.05	none	0.21	0.61

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

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Salmonid

Month/Week	Chinook									# Boats	Chinook								
	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Other	Boat Anglers		Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Other		
Bonneville	192	10	0	4	0	0	0	0		37	76	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Camas/Washougal										179	426	16	1	8	0	0	0	0	
Vancouver	112	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		149	322	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	
Woodland	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		139	327	26	0	7	0	0	0	0	
Kalama	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		150	357	8	0	3	0	0	0	0	
Cowlitz										22	48	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Longview	108	0	0	1	0	0	2	0		211	434	8	0	3	2	3	0	0	
Cathlamet	26	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		41	93	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	
private boats/bank charter										65	148	15	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Total	564	15	0	5	0	0	2	0		993	2231	87	1	27	2	4	0	0	

Sturgeon

Month/Week	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
	Bonneville	2	0	0	0		0				
Camas/Washougal						1	2	0	0	0	0
Vancouver						1	2	4	0	0	1
Woodland						6	13	8	0	0	2
Kalama	1	0	0	0	0	4	13	16	2	1	4
Cowlitz						4	11	0	0	0	0
Longview						4	10	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet											
Deep River + Knappton boats											
Cathlamet											
Total	3	0	0	0	0	20	51	28	2	1	7

Walleye

Month/Week	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville							
Camas/Washougal							
Vancouver				1	1	0	0
Woodland							
Kalama							
Cowlitz							
Longview							
Cathlamet							
Chinook/Elochoman							
Total	0	0	0	1	1	0	0