

# Creel Survey

April 8, 2013

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – 100 bank anglers kept 1 Chinook and 3 steelhead. 40 boat anglers kept 3 Chinook and 3 steelhead plus released 1 Chinook.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 561 winter-run steelhead and seven spring Chinook adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 86 steelhead and three spring Chinook adults into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam at the Day Use Site and 60 steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,620 cubic feet per second on Monday, April 8. Water visibility is 12 feet.

**Kalama River** – 6 bank anglers had no catch.

**Wind River** – About an average of a boat per day here. No anglers were sampled.

**Drano Lake** – 4 bank anglers kept 1 Chinook. 6 boat anglers kept 2 Chinook. 4 boats observed here last Saturday morning.

**Klickitat River** – 1 bank angler with no catch. River was muddy last Saturday.

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – Last week we sampled 3,225 salmonid anglers (including 1,140 boats) with 479 adult and 3 jack spring Chinook and 4 steelhead. 396 (83%) of the adult Chinook were kept as were 75% of the steelhead. 217 (64%) of the adult Chinook sampled were upriver stock based on Visual Stock Identification.

**Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools** – Light effort and no catch was observed.

## Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – We sampled 32 anglers (including 9 boats) with 4 legals kept.

**The Dalles Pool** – Slow for legal size fish last week. Through March, an estimated 54 (18%) of the 300 fish guideline had been taken.

**John Day Pool** – Bank and boat anglers are catching some legals. An estimated 132 (26.4%) of the 500 fish guideline had been taken through March.

## Walleye and Bass

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers averaged a walleye kept/released per about every 5 rods. No anglers were sampled fishing for bass.

**John Day Pool** – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged 0.5 walleye and 4.6 bass per rod.

## Trout

**Kress Lake** – Planted with 3,315 catchable size rainbows April 3. No report on angling success.

**Battleground Lake** – Planted with 9,964 rainbows up to ½ pound each April 2. No report on angling success.

**Klinline Pond** – 11 bank anglers kept 5 rainbows.

**Lacamas Lake in Camas** – Planted with 1,450 nearly one pound rainbows April 2. No report on angling success.

**Maryhill Pond in Klickitat County** – Planted with 494 nearly half pound rainbows April 1. No report on angling success.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:							Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Bonneville <sup>1</sup>	102	233	---				335	30.5%	Feb. 11 <sup>2</sup>	1,100
The Dalles	9	32	13				54	18.0%	Mar. 31	300
John Day	35	36	61				132	26.4%	Mar. 31	500

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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	07-Apr
The Dalles	2	5	6				13	07-Apr
John Day	6	13	22	8			49	07-Apr

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

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

April 1 - 7, 2013

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	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	18	2			1	1	2	6	3				12	13
John Day Pool	40	3		3	2	4	37	85	29		5	1	45	49
Total	58	5		3	3	9	39	91	32		5	1	145	154
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	33					3	1	1					2	5
Chinook														
Coho													2	5
Steelhead														
John Day Pool	9					1	1	2					6	7
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead													6	7
Walleye														
	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	1					12	10	25	1	5			104	116
John Day Pool							25	53	14	12			85	85
Bass														
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool														
The Dalles Pool													1	1
John Day Pool							5	7	26	6			28	28

<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)	49%	240%	66%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.25	none	0.23	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	0.19	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	124%	97%	90%	79%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.34	none	0.49	4.57
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.06	none	0.23	0.86

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**Salmonid**

Month/Week	Chinook									# Boats	Chinook								
	Bank	Kept	Released			Steelhead			Boat		Kept	Released			Steelhead				
Apr. 1-7, 2013	Sec.	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other	Boats	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other	
Bonneville	1	181	14	0	4	0	1	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Camas/Washougal	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	182	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	
	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209	526	30	0	14	0	0	0	0	
Vancouver	4	139	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	137	309	27	0	7	0	0	0	0	
Woodland	5	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225	541	107	1	15	0	1	0	0	
Kalama	6	21	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	160	408	57	1	17	0	0	0	0	
Cowlitz	7									7	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Longview	8	60	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	143	293	16	0	3	0	0	0	0	
Cathlamet	9	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	34	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	
private boats/bank charter	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	154	356	127	0	18	1	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>		546	17	0	6	0	2	1	0	1140	2679	379	2	77	1	1	0	0	

**Sturgeon**

	Sec.	Bank	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	# Boats	Boat	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals
		Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept		Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	
Bonneville	1	6	0	0	0	0						
Camas/Washougal	2											
	3	2	2	0	0	0	2	5	60	1	1	0
Vancouver	4						2	6	20	0	0	4
Woodland	5						1	2	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6						3	7	4	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9											
Deep River + Knappton boats	10											
Cathlamet	10											
<b>Total</b>		10	2	0	0	0	9	22	84	1	1	4

**Walleye**

	Sec.	Bank	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat	Kept	Rel.
		Anglers	Kept	Rel.		Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2							
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0		0	0	0