

Creel Survey

April 15, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching some spring Chinook and steelhead.

East Fork Lewis from mouth to top boat ramp at Lewisville Park and Washougal River from mouth to Mt. Norway Bridge – Open to fishing for hatchery steelhead beginning Tuesday April 16. Through the first Friday in June, selective gear rules are in effect; no bait may be used.

Wind River – Effort has been light. No fish were found in the sample but a few spring Chinook have been reported caught.

Drano Lake – Bank and boat anglers are catching some spring Chinook.

Closed to all fishing on Wednesdays through June. Effective April 16 through June 30, bank fishing only west of a line projected from the easternmost pillar of the Hwy. 14 Bridge to a posted marker on the north shore.

Klickitat River – Light effort and no catch was observed.

Bonneville Pool – Effort and catches have been light.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some spring Chinook.

John Day Pool – Effort and catches have been light.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Boat anglers are catching some legals in the Vancouver area.

The Dalles and John Day pools – Slow for legal size fish last week.

Walleye and Bass

The Dalles and John Day pools – Boat anglers are catching some walleye in both pools. The few boat anglers sampled fishing for bass in John Day Pool averaged 7 fish kept/released per rod.

Trout

Recent plants of nearly half-pound rainbows. No reports on angling success.

Lake Sacajawea in Longview – 7,356 fish April 9-11

Kress Lake in Kalama – 2,550 fish April 11

Horseshoe Lake in Woodland – 3,250 fish April 10

Battle Ground Lake – 2,300 fish April 10

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	13				54	18.0%	Mar. 31	300
John Day	35	36	61				132	26.4%	Mar. 31	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	14-Apr
The Dalles	2	5	6				13	14-Apr
John Day	6	13	22	8			49	14-Apr

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

April 8 - 14, 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	20	13			1	1	1	4	1				12	13
John Day Pool	20	3				4	17	32	15				45	49
Total	40	16			1	9	18	36	16				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	4													
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead														
The Dalles Pool	53		1	4		7							2	9
Chinook			1	4		4								4
Coho														
Steelhead						3							2	5
John Day Pool	7					1	2	2					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						12	4	12	1	2			106	118
John Day Pool							11	16	1	5			90	90
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	1									1			2	2
John Day Pool							3	4	21	7			35	35

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)	56%	250%	32%	200%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.63	0.09	0.25	1.00
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.08	0.17	1.00
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	56%	95%	31%	44%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.35	none	0.38	7.00
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	0.31	1.75

