

# Creel Survey

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Some spring Chinook and steelhead are being caught throughout the river though not in large numbers.

**Kalama and Lewis rivers** – Effort and catch remains light. Both remain closed to fishing for Chinook.

**Washougal River** – A few hatchery summer run steelhead are being caught.

**Wind River** – Effort and catches continue to be light.

**Drano Lake** – Boat anglers are catching some spring Chinook scattered throughout the lake.

**Klickitat River** – Light effort and no catch was observed.

**Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools** – Bank anglers are catching some spring Chinook in each of the pools. Effort and catch is increasing especially in The Dalles and John Day pools.

**The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met yesterday but did not provide a run update from the original pre-season forecast of 141,400 adult upriver spring Chinook. TAC will continue to meet weekly to review the progress of the upriver spring Chinook run. Next scheduled TAC meeting is Monday April 29.**

## Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – 2 bank anglers just below Bonneville Dam had no catch. 1 boat/2 anglers in the Longview area released 1 sublegal.

In March 2013, an estimated 1,267 angler trips produced 32 legals kept, the third lowest catch for that month since at least 1977 (the record low is 13 fish kept in 2009). In addition, the angler trips were a new record low (previous low 1,550 angler trips last year).

**The Dalles and John Day pools**– Boat anglers are catching some legals.

## Walleye and Bass

**The Dalles and John Day pools** – Boat anglers are catching some walleye. Bank anglers in The Dalles Pool are also catching some walleye. Few to no bass anglers were sampled.

## Trout

**Plants of trout in SW WA waters since April 11 (no reports on angling success):**

- **Kress Lake near Kalama** – 2,851 catchable size rainbows and 352 averaging 1.5 pounds each April 16-17.
- **Horseshoe Lake near Woodland** – 2,851 catchable size rainbows April 15.
- **Klinline Pond** – 11,000 rainbows averaging 2/3 pound each, 290 three pounders, and 75 ten pounders April 11 (kids fishing event).

- **Lacamas Lake near Camas** – 2,500 catchable size rainbows and 4,000 browns April 16.
- **Icehouse Lake near the Bridge of the Gods** – 950 catchable size rainbows April 17.
- **Little Ash Lake near Stevenson** – 950 catchable size rainbows April 17.
- **Tunnel Lake (just east of Drano Lake)** – 1,901 catchable size rainbows April 17.

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	21-Apr
The Dalles	2	5	6	1			14	21-Apr
John Day	6	13	22	10			51	21-Apr

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

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

April 15 - 21, 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	15	3				1	2	9	17		1		13	14
John Day Pool	28	7				4	6	15	6		2	1	47	51
Total	43	10				9	8	24	23		3	1	148	157
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	7			1										1
Chinook				1										1
Coho														
Steelhead														
The Dalles Pool	95			7	2	14	1	2					2	16
Chinook				7	2	11								11
Coho														
Steelhead						3							2	5
John Day Pool	43		2	2		3	2	4					6	9
Chinook			2	2		2								2
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	1	1				12	4	8		2			108	120
John Day Pool							4	14		2			92	92
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	2
John Day Pool	2								1				35	35

<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)	65%	268%	30%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.88	0.09	0.33	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.04	0.07	0.22	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	50%	288%	30%	27%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.37	0.09	0.14	0.50
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.05	0.04	0.14	none

