

# Creel Survey

February 11, 2013

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – 6 bank anglers released 2 steelhead and 1 cutthroat.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 23 winter-run steelhead, eight coho adults and two jacks during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. During the past week Tacoma Power employees released three coho adults, one jack and one winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam at the Day Use Site.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,580 cubic feet per second on Monday, February 11. Water visibility is nine feet.

**Washougal River** – 37 boat anglers kept 2 hatchery steelhead and released 2 hatchery and 5 wild steelhead. 51 bank anglers released 1 hatchery and 4 wild steelhead. No fish were kept.

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Quite a few anglers prospecting for spring chinook including 16 boats and nearly 100 bank anglers counted during last Saturday's (Feb. 9) effort flight count.

**Bonneville Pool** – No salmonid effort was observed.

**The Dalles Pool** – The dozen anglers sampled had no catch.

**John Day Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some steelhead. Fishing is slow from the bank.

## Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Effort was generally light during last Saturday's effort flight count with less than 3 dozen boats and a dozen bank anglers tallied. Limited sampling show no catch.

**Bonneville Pool** – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a legal per every 3.8 rods. Bank anglers were also catching some legals.

Through Feb. 4, an estimated 216 (19.6%) of the 1,100 annual guideline had been taken. Catch-and-release only until the possible summer season.

**The Dalles Dam** – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Slow for legal size fish from the bank. An estimated 9 (3%) of the 300 fish guideline had been caught through January.

**John Day Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Slow from the bank. Through January, an estimated 35 (7%) of the 500 fish guideline had been taken.

## Walleye and Bass

**Bonneville Pool** – Little to no effort for either specie.

**The Dalles and John Day pools** – Boat anglers are catching some walleye. No effort observed for bass.

## Trout

**Battle Ground Lake and Kline Pond** – Planted with 3,000 and 1,500 rainbows, respectively, averaging 2/3 pound each Feb. 4. No report on angling success.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	Jan	Feb 1-4	11-Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville <sup>1</sup>	102	114						216	19.6%	Feb. 4	1,100
The Dalles	9							9	3.0%	Jan. 31	300
John Day	35							35	7.0%	Jan. 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.

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

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:

	Jan	Feb 1-4	11-Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Bonneville	28	29	35					92	Feb. 11
The Dalles	2	2	2					6	Feb. 11
John Day	6	3	3					12	Feb. 11

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

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

February 4 - 10, 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	53	26		4		4	66	147	420	8	31	3	88	92		
The Dalles Pool	30	3			1	1	11	29	22	1	2		5	6		
John Day Pool	25						40	92	11		3	1	12	12		
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>29</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>110</b>		
Salmonids														Jacks Kept		
	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		Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool																
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool	11						1	1								
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead																
John Day Pool	13					1	6	13		1	2		4	5		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead						1				1	2		4	5		
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	4	9		4			8	9		
John Day Pool							14	33	2	3			16	16		
Bass																
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept			
Bonneville Pool	1															
The Dalles Pool																
John Day Pool																

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

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	151%	none	none	600%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.46	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.18	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	158%	150%	300%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.49	none	0.44	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.03	none	0.44	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	117%	197%	225%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.13	0.12	0.15	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.03	0.08	0.09	none

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**Salmonid**

Month/Week Feb. 4-10	Sec.	Chinook								Other	# Boats	Chinook							
		Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Kept Adults			Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Other		
Bonneville	1		CLOSED	CLOSED															
Camas/Washougal	2	1	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0										
	3																		
Vancouver	4									2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
Kalama	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
Cowlitz	7																		
Longview	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
Cathlamet	9																		
private boats/bank charter	10																		
<b>Total</b>	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Sturgeon**

Month/Week Feb. 4-10	Sec.	Chinook					Legal Kept	# Boats	Sturgeon					
		Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legal Kept			Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legal Kept	
Bonneville	1													
Camas/Washougal	2	2	0	0	0	0								
	3													
Vancouver	4						1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodland	5													
Kalama	6													
Cowlitz	7													
Longview	8	3	0	0	0	0								
Cathlamet	9													
Chinook - Knappton bank	10													
Deep River + Knappton boats	10													
Cathlamet	10													
<b>Total</b>	10	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	

**Walleye**

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