

Creel Survey

January 7, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – No report on angling success.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 129 winter-run steelhead, 30 coho adults and seven jacks during four days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 15 coho adults, four jacks and seven winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam at the Day Use Site, and they released ten winter-run steelhead and two coho jacks into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,880 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 7. Flows will increase to 8,700 cubic feet per second during the week. Water visibility is ten feet.

Washougal River – 10 boat anglers kept 1 hatchery steelhead and released 3 wild fish while 51 bank anglers kept 3 hatchery fish and released 1 wild steelhead.

The Dalles and John Day pools – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – 3 bank anglers just below Bonneville Dam had no catch. 2 boats/4 anglers sampled at Kalama released 11 sublegals and kept 3 legals.

Bonneville Pool – None of the boat or bank anglers sampled had kept any legals.

The Dalles and John Day pools – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Slow for legal size fish from the bank.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville Pool – No effort was observed.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some walleye. No effort was observed for bass.

John Day Pool – Little effort and no catch observed for walleye. No bass anglers were found in the sample.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	06-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: ¹
Bonneville ²												Jan. 15	2,000
The Dalles													300
John Day													500

¹ Guidelines for 2013 have not been finalized yet.
² Due to the high effort and harvest in Bonneville Pool, we will be 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:

	06-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of
Bonneville	0									0		Jan. 15
The Dalles	1									1		Jan. 15
John Day	3									3		Jan. 15

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 1 - 6, 2013

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

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Sturgeon														Combined	
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	Leg Kept	Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool	36	4					9	29	70						
The Dalles Pool	54	26			4		8	21	16		1	1	1	1	1
John Day Pool	44	2					22	56	14	1	3	4	3	3	3
Total	134	32			4		39	106	100	1	4	5	4	4	4
Salmonids														Jacks Kept	
Reservoir	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	1		1												
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead			1												
John Day Pool	2			1		1	1	2						1	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead				1		1								1	
Walleye															
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			1								1	
John Day Pool							2								
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															
John Day Pool															

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (# of angler trips)	65	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.14	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (# of angler trips)	75	1	1	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.64	1.00	1.00	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.01	none	1.00	none
John Day	Effort (# of angler trips)	100	4	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.24	0.25	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.03	0.25	none	none