

Creel Survey

January 14, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 4 bank anglers and 1 boat angler sampled near Blue Creek had no catch.

Washougal River – 25 boat anglers kept 7 hatchery steelhead and released 4 hatchery and 12 wild fish. 45 bank anglers kept 1 hatchery steelhead and released 1 hatchery and 1 wild fish.

Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools – Bank anglers in The Dalles Pool and boat anglers in John Day Pool are catching some steelhead. Light effort and no catch observed in Bonneville Pool.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Just below Bonneville Dam: 2 bank anglers had no catch. Camas: 1 boat/1 angler and 1 bank angler had no catch. Vancouver: 4 boats/9 anglers had no catch.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers averaged a legal kept per every 7.4 rods. Bank anglers are also catching some legals.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some legals. Slow for legal size fish by boat anglers.

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

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville Pool – No effort was observed for either specie.

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

Trout

Plants of trout in SW WA waters last week (no reports of angling success):

Fort Borst Pond near Centralia (juvenile anglers only) – 1,380 catchable size rainbows;

Klineline Pond – 1,840 catchable size, 1,500 half pound, 72 five pound and 28 ten pound rainbows;

Battle Ground Lake – 1,840 catchable size, 1,500 half pound, 78 five pound and 22 ten pound rainbows;

Kidney Lake near North Bonneville – 1,000 half pound and 58 ten pound rainbows;

Ice House Lake near Bridge of the Gods – 751 catchable size, 28 five pound and 17 five pounds rainbows;

Little Ash Lake near Stevenson – 920 catchable size rainbows;

Rowland Lake near Lyle – 28 five pound and 64 ten pound rainbows.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	6-Jan ³	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: ¹
Bonneville ²	2									2	0.1%	Jan. 6	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.
³ In Bonneville Pool, 2 kept fish were observed by enforcement.

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	10								10	Jan. 13
The Dalles	1	1								2	Jan. 13
John Day	3	1								4	Jan. 13

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 7 - 13, 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	52	10	1				28	74	353	1	10	2	10	10	
The Dalles Pool	25	2		1		1	8	16	10			1	1	2	
John Day Pool	55	4			1		18	46	10		1	2	4	4	
Total	132	16	1	1	1	1	54	136	373	1	11	5	15	16	
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							1	1							
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	8		2				1	3							
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead			2												
John Day Pool	6					1	3	6		1	2		2	3	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead						1				1	2		2	3	
Walleye															
	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	4		2			2	3	
John Day Pool							4	7		3			3	3	
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															
John Day Pool															

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 2-week average)	132%	200%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.99	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.08	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 2-week average)	71%	183%	167%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.34	0.18	0.40	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.02	none	0.40	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 2-week average)	100%	150%	200%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.18	0.25	0.43	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.01	0.17	0.43	none