

Creel Survey

January 22, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 14 bank anglers kept 1 steelhead. 7 boat anglers also kept 1 steelhead.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 24 winter-run steelhead, 43 coho adults and eight jacks during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 19 coho adults, seven jacks and 10 winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam at the Day Use Site and one winter-run steelhead, five coho adults and one jack into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 11,700 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 22.

Washougal River – River is low and clear; fishing is slow. 67 bank anglers kept 1 hatchery steelhead and released 2 wild fish. 31 boat anglers released 1 wild steelhead. Flows at Hathaway Park are currently 650 cfs.

Bonneville Pool – No effort was found there last week.

The Dalles Pool – Light effort and no catch was observed.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers are catching some steelhead; no catch observed from the bank.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Fishing is as cold as the weather. 2 boats/4 anglers in the Vancouver area had no catch. 2 boats/4 anglers in the Kalama area released 1 sublegal.

Bonneville Pool – About 1 in 9 boat anglers handled a legal size fish last week. Just over half were kept. No legals were reported caught by bank anglers.

Through Jan. 13, an estimated 23 (2%) of the 1,150 winter guideline had been taken.

The Dalles Pool – Slow for legal size fish.

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

Walleye and Bass

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

The Dalles Pool – No effort was observed for either specie.

Trout

Lake Sacajawea in Longview – Planted with 163 five pound rainbows on Jan. 12. No report on angling success.

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	21								23	1.2%	Jan. 13	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		
Bonneville	0	10	7							17	Jan. 20
The Dalles	1	1								2	Jan. 20
John Day	3	1	1							5	Jan. 20

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 14 - 20, 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	29	2					38	107	318	5	7	3	17	17
The Dalles Pool	22	9			1	1	4	10	7			1	1	2
John Day Pool	47	2					13	33	13		1	2	5	5
Total	98	13			1	1	55	150	338	5	8	6	23	24
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														
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead														
The Dalles Pool	7													
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead														
John Day Pool	9					1	1	2		2			2	3
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead						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	1						2	4		2			2	2
The Dalles Pool						1							2	3
John Day Pool							5	4	2	2			5	5
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 3-week average)	125%	none	300%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.46	none	0.40	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.05	none	0.40	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	65%	111%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.56	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	85%	122%	109%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.23	0.18	1.00	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.01	none	0.50	none