

Creel Survey

July 22, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Deep River – Effective August 1, any Chinook may be retained.

Grays (including West Fork) and Elochoman rivers – Beginning August 1, night closure, anti-snagging rule, and stationary gear restrictions will be in effect.

Cowlitz River – 20 bank anglers kept 19 mini jack Chinook and 1 cutthroat. 74 boat anglers kept 43 steelhead and released 1 cutthroat.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 400 summer-run steelhead, 132 spring Chinook adults, 29 jacks, 379 mini-jacks, two sockeye and one cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 17 spring Chinook adults and ten jacks into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam, five spring Chinook adults and 14 jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, and 252 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,530 cubic feet per second on Monday, July 22. Water visibility is 17 feet.

Mainstem Lewis River – 9 boat anglers released 1 steelhead.

North Fork Lewis River – 11 bank anglers had no catch.

Green, Kalama, Toutle (including North Fork), and Washougal rivers – Open to fishing for salmon beginning August 1. Hatchery fall Chinook and hatchery coho may be retained. On the Kalama and Washougal rivers, stationary gear rules will no longer be in effect.

Lower Wind – Beginning August 1, anti-snagging rule will be in effect.

Drano Lake – 2 bank anglers had no catch. 15 boat anglers kept 1 steelhead and released 8 fish. Half dozen boats here yesterday morning. Beginning August 1, any Chinook or coho may be retained. Anti-snagging rule will be in effect.

Klickitat River – Effective August 1, any Chinook may be retained. On the lower Klickitat, night closures and anti-snagging rule will be in effect.

Like last year, anglers will be allowed to retain up to six adult hatchery coho on all tributaries to the lower Columbia River with hatchery programs. Those rivers include the Cowlitz, Deep, Elochoman, Grays (including West Fork), Kalama, Klickitat, Lewis (including North Fork), Toutle (including Green and North Fork) and Washougal.

Buoy 10 – Will be open for Chinook and hatchery coho August 1-September 1. Anglers will have a two-salmonid daily limit, only one of which may be a Chinook. From September 2-30, anglers will have a daily limit of two hatchery coho or hatchery steelhead or one of each, but must release Chinook.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Last week we sampled 1,981 salmonid anglers (including 237 boats) with 726 steelhead, 4 adult and 4 jack summer Chinook, and 4 sockeye. Only 263 (36%) of the steelhead were kept; 463 wild fish were found in the unexpanded sample. 1 (25%) of the jack Chinook were kept. Of the adult Chinook released, half were wild and half were hatchery origin. All of the sockeye were kept.

The mainstem Columbia River from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam will be open for Chinook (adipose fin clipped or not) and hatchery coho but close for sockeye beginning August 1. Anglers will be allowed to retain one adult Chinook as part of their two adult salmonid daily limit. From the Lewis downstream, wild Chinook must be released between September 6-12 and all Chinook must be released in that same section September 13-30.

Camas Slough – Effect August 1, anglers may fish with two poles with a Two-Pole Endorsement.

Bonneville Pool – Effort and catches are light. Night closure will be in effect for salmon and steelhead beginning August 1.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead.

Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam – Anti-snagging rule will be in effect for salmon and steelhead beginning August 1.

Bonneville Dam to Priest Rapids Dam – Effective August 1, any Chinook, adipose fin clipped or not, may be retained.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia from the Marker 82 line downstream – Last week we sampled 11 sturgeon anglers (including 5 boats) with 1 legal released.

The Dalles Pool – Slow for legal size fish.

Walleye and Bass

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Last week we sampled 12 walleye boats/20 anglers with 8 walleye kept.

The Dalles Pool – The few boat anglers sampled did well for walleye and bass.

Shad

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – We sampled one lonely shad bank angler with no fish last week.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:								Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul				
Bonneville ¹	102	233	---	---	---	682		1,017	92.5%	Jun. 22	1,100
The Dalles	9	32	13	8	7	9		78	26.0%	Jun. 30	300
John Day ²	35	36	61	65	14	296		507	101.4%	Jun. 29	500

¹ Bonneville Pool closed to retention effective June 22.
² John Day Pool closed to retention effective June 29.

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

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:									
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul		
Bonneville	28	64	---	---	---	187	---	279	21-Jul
The Dalles	2	5	6	1	1	2	1	18	21-Jul
John Day	6	13	22	12	1	41	---	95	21-Jul

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

July 15 - 21, 2013

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.
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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						24							255	279
The Dalles Pool	3	20				4	5	9	52			1	14	18
John Day Pool						4							91	95
Total	3	20				32	5	9	52			1	360	392
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								3		2			1	1
Chinook													1	1
Coho														
Sockeye														
Steelhead										2				
The Dalles Pool	14		1			62							17	79
Chinook						58							15	73
Coho						1								1
Sockeye														
Steelhead			1			3							2	5
John Day Pool						13							12	25
Chinook						10							6	16
Coho						1								1
Sockeye														
Steelhead						2							6	8
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						12	2	4	4	2			201	213
John Day Pool						4							251	255
Bass														
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2013 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool													2	2
The Dalles Pool						25	2	4	50				134	159
John Day Pool						82							178	260

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

	Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	76%	158%	80%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	6.08	0.07	1.50
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	0.50
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none

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Month/Week	Salmonid											Chinook											
	Bank	Kept		Released			Sockeye		Steelhead		Other	#	Boat	Kept	Chinook			Sockeye		Steelhead		Other	
July 15-21	Sec.	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.		Boats	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Kept	Rel.		
Bonneville	1	188	CLOSED	1	2	0	0	0	9	59													
Camas/Washougal	2	69	CLOSED	0	0	0	2	0	2	11	0	20	35	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	
	3	71	CLOSED	0	0	0	1	0	8	16	0	14	32	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	
Vancouver	4	176	CLOSED	0	1	0	0	0	21	43	0	44	92	CLOSED	0	0	1	0	0	7	25	0	
Woodland	5	295	CLOSED	0	0	1	0	0	34	58	0	26	53	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	13	21		
Kalama	6	209	CLOSED	0	1	1	0	0	20	50		48	119	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	22	39	0	
Cowlitz	7		CLOSED											CLOSED									
Longview	8	323	CLOSED	0	0	0	1	0	39	36	0	67	159	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	43	69		
Cathlamet	9	63	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	12	5	0	7	16	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	
Washington	10	51	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	11	30	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	22	14	0	
Oregon bank	10		CLOSED											CLOSED									
Total		1445	CLOSED	1	4	2	4	0	150	285		237	536	CLOSED	0	0	1	0	0	113	178		

	Sturgeon										
	Bank	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	#	Boat	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals
Sec.	Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	Boats	Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept
Bonneville	1				CLOSED						CLOSED
Camas/Washougal	2				CLOSED						CLOSED
	3				CLOSED	2	5	7	0	0	CLOSED
Vancouver	4				CLOSED	2	3	1	0	0	CLOSED
Woodland	5				CLOSED						CLOSED
Kalama	6				CLOSED						CLOSED
Cowlitz	7				CLOSED						CLOSED
Longview	8				CLOSED	1	2	3	1	1	CLOSED
Cathlamet	9				CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	10				CLOSED						CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10				CLOSED						CLOSED
Knappton-Chinook bank	10				CLOSED						CLOSED
Total		0	0	0	0	5	10	11	1	1	CLOSED

	Shad			
	Bank	Kept	Rel.	#
Sec.	Anglers	Kept	Rel.	Boats
Bonneville	1	1	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2			
	3			
Vancouver	4			
Woodland	5			
Kalama	6			
Cowlitz	7			
Longview	8			
Cathlamet	9			
Chinook/Elochoman	10			
Total	1	0	0	0

	Walleye			
	Bank	Kept	Rel.	#
Sec.	Anglers	Kept	Rel.	Boats
Bonneville	1			
Camas/Washougal	2			7
	3			1
Vancouver	4			
Woodland	5			4
Kalama	6			
Cowlitz	7			
Longview	8			
Cathlamet	9			
Chinook/Elochoman	10			
Total	0	0	0	12