

## Creel Survey

June 10, 2013

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### Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Some spring Chinook are being caught, primarily near the barrier dam. Effective June 16, bank anglers may fish the south side of the river from Mill Creek to 400 feet or the posted markers below the barrier dam.

**Lewis River** – Some spring Chinook were caught on the Saturday opener but effort and catch have dwindled since then.

**Wind River and Drano Lake** – Light effort and no catch.

**Klickitat River** – Bank anglers continue to catch some spring Chinook from the Fisher Hill Bridge downstream.

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Last week we sampled 1,776 salmonid anglers (including 288 boats) with 155 adult and 32 jack spring Chinook, 50 steelhead, and 5 sockeye. 83 (54%) of the adult Chinook were kept as were 45 (90%) of the steelhead. Slightly more than half the adult Chinook CWT sampled were lower river origin based on Visual Stock Identification (VSI).

All the sockeye were released as required.

**Effective Sunday June 16, up to two hatchery adult Chinook may be retained from the Megler-Astoria Bridge to Priest Rapids Dam. Sockeye (which count towards the adult daily limit) may be retained upstream to the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco. Below Bonneville Dam, hatchery adult Chinook and sockeye may be retained through June 30.**

**Bonneville and John Day pools** – No effort observed for salmonids.

**The Dalles Pool** – Bank anglers are catching some spring Chinook.

### Sturgeon

**Ports of Chinook and Ilwaco** – Data is current not available.

**Cathlamet to the Marker 82 line** – Last week we sampled 185 sturgeon anglers (including 68 boats) with 42 legals kept. All the legals kept were caught by boat anglers.

**The Dalles Pool** – Bank anglers caught some legals last week. Through May, an estimated 69 (23%) of the 300 fish guideline had been taken.

**John Day Pool** – No legals were observed in the sample. An estimated 211 (42%) of the 500 fish guideline had been taken through May.

### Walleye and Bass

**The Dalles Pool** – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a walleye and over 7 bass per rod. Bank anglers are catching some bass.

**John Day Pool** – Boat anglers averaged nearly a walleye and almost 11 bass per rod when including fish released. Bank anglers are catching some bass.

## Trout

### Recent plants of rainbows (no report on angling success) -

- **Rainey Creek (tributary to Cowlitz River)** – Planted with 2,125 catchable size rainbows June 4.
- **Klinline Pond** – Planted with 1,364 catchable size rainbows June 3.
- **Rowland Lake** – Planted with 1,364 almost half-pound rainbows June 4.

## Shad

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Last week we sampled almost **11,200** shad kept/released by 1,118 anglers.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:							Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Bonneville <sup>1</sup>	102	233	---	---			335	30.5%	Feb. 11 <sup>2</sup>	1,100
The Dalles	9	32	13	8	7		69	23.0%	May 31	300
John Day	35	36	61	65	14		211	42.2%	May 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.

<sup>2</sup> Bonneville Pool closed to retention effective February 11, with a balance of 765 sturgeon allocated for a summer retention season.

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

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Bonneville	28	64	---				92	09-Jun
The Dalles	2	5	6	1	1	2	17	09-Jun
John Day	6	13	22	12	1	9	63	09-Jun

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

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

June 3 - 9, 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						4							88	92
The Dalles Pool	38	24		2	1	3	2	5	35				14	17
John Day Pool	3					4	7	14	17				59	63
Total	41	24		2	1	11	9	19	52				161	172
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	10		1	1		60	1	2					17	77
Chinook			1	1		57							15	72
Coho														
Steelhead						3							2	5
John Day Pool						9							12	21
Chinook						8							6	14
Coho														
Steelhead						1							6	7
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	6	13	9	4			182	194
John Day Pool						4	34	69	7	51			216	220
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	4	2				25	6	11	11	69			96	121
John Day Pool	9	9	6			74	10	16	158	14			158	232

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

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	200%	16%	111%	150%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.44	0.17	1.00	5.47
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.05	0.08	0.31	4.60
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	50%	none	225%	67%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.00	none	0.84	7.48
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	0.74	0.80

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Month/Week	Salmonid										Chinook									
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Released Jacks	Released Adults	Released Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Steelhead Rel.	Other		
June 3-9																				
Bonneville	1	261	17	8	20	2	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Camas/Washougal	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	71	3	0	5	0	0	0	0		
	3									9	22	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
Vancouver	4	190	8	1	3	3	0	0	1 sockeye released	51	100	6	2	5	0	0	0	0		
Woodland	5	177	6	0	3	0	1	0	0	28	57	1	2	2	1	0	0	0		
Kalama	6	186	9	3	11	0	3	0	1 sockeye released	43	108	13	2	11	2	0	0	1 sockeye rel.		
Cowlitz	7									6	20	5	0	2	0	0	0	0		
Longview	8	235	1	0	0	0	15	2	2 sockeye released	87	201	13	3	7	3	14	1			
Cathlamet	9	40	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	18	41	1	0	1	0	3	1	0		
private boats/bank charter	10	33	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	8	0	0	1	0	1	1	0		
<b>Total</b>		1138	41	12	37	5	27	2	4 sockeye released	288	638	42	9	35	6	18	3	1 sockeye rel.		

Month/Week	Sturgeon											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Bonneville	1											
Camas/Washougal	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	5	7	0	0	0
	3						4	8	4	0	0	0
Vancouver	4						4	10	5	0	0	1
Woodland	5						6	15	35	1	0	4
Kalama	6	3	0	0	0	0	16	41	95	1	0	8
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8						10	19	39	0	0	5
Cathlamet	9						3	6	5	0	0	2
Cathlamet	10						3	7	5	0	0	2
Deep River + Knappton boats	10						19	66	52	0	4	20
Knappton-Chinook bank	10											
<b>Total</b>		8	0	0	0	0	68	177	247	2	4	42

Month/Week	Shad									
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.		
Bonneville	1	928	9528	53	5	13	210	40		
Camas/Washougal	2	82	573	24	28	63	528	119		
	3				8	18	54	31		
Vancouver	4									
Woodland	5				1	3	13	0		
Kalama	6				3	7	8	0		
Cowlitz	7									
Longview	8				3	4	0	0		
Cathlamet	9									
Chinook/Elochoman	10									
<b>Total</b>		1010	10101	77	48	108	813	190		

