

Creel Survey

May 13, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Spring Chinook are being caught, primarily around the barrier dam.

Return as of May 10 is 701 adults including 33 wild origin. Hatchery escapement goal is 1,644 adults. River flow ranged between 6,500 and 10,000 cfs last week.

Kalama River – Some steelhead are being caught. Remains closed for spring Chinook.

Return as of May 10 is 25 adults including 4 wild origin & 8 Lewis stock. The hatchery escapement goal is about 400 adults.

Lewis River – Some steelhead are being caught. Remains closed for spring Chinook.

Return as of May 10 is 28 adults including 1 wild origin. The hatchery escapement goal is about 1,300 adults. River flow ranged from about 4,500 to 6,000 cfs last week.

Washougal River – Some steelhead are being caught. Overall effort, catch, and river flows are all low. However, high Columbia flows are backing up the lower Washougal.

Wind River – About the same as the previous week when boat anglers averaged nearly a Chinook per every 5 rods. **However**, fishing was slower this past weekend. About 40% of the catch were jacks.

Drano Lake – Boat anglers averaged almost a Chinook per every 4 rods last week. About 30% of the catch were jacks.

Klickitat River – Bank anglers from Fisher Hill Bridge downstream are catching adult and jack spring Chinook and some summer run steelhead.

Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to I-5 Bridge – Currently closed to fishing for salmon, steelhead, and shad. Scheduled to reopen May 16 for hatchery steelhead, hatchery Chinook jacks, and shad. Scheduled to be open June 16 through June 30 for hatchery adult summer Chinook and sockeye.

I-5 Bridge to Bonneville Dam – Currently closed to fishing for salmon, steelhead, and shad. Scheduled to reopen May 16 for shad and June 16 for hatchery steelhead, hatchery summer Chinook, and sockeye. Scheduled to be open June 16 through June 30 for hatchery adult summer Chinook and sockeye.

Bonneville Dam to Washington/Oregon border – Currently closed to fishing for salmon and steelhead. Scheduled to reopen June 16 for hatchery steelhead, hatchery summer Chinook, and sockeye.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met today and provided an official update for the 2013 upriver spring Chinook return. TAC currently projects a return of 107,500 adults to the Columbia River mouth (100,000 adults at Bonneville Dam). The pre-season forecast was 141,400 adults to the mouth of the Columbia. TAC will continue to monitor the run as it progresses and is scheduled to meet again Monday May 20.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Effort increased with the estuary re-opening for retention last Saturday. 268 private boats, 2 charters, and 79 bank anglers were counted on the lower Columbia mainstem during last Saturday's effort flight count.

Boat anglers are catching some legals in the estuary and between Vancouver and Woodland. Bank anglers are catching some legals in the Camas/Washougal area.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Through April, an estimated 62 (20.7%) of the 300 fish guideline had been taken.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers are catching some legals. An estimated 197 (39.4%) of the 500 fish guideline had been taken through April.

Walleye and Bass

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers averaged 2 walleye and 14 bass kept/released per rod last week.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers averaged a walleye per about every 3 rods and nearly 7 bass per rod last week. Bank anglers are also catching some bass.

Trout

Fort Borst Park Pond near Centralia – Planted with 1,300 catchable size rainbows May 6. No report on angling success.

Effective May 1, anglers may use two poles and the pond is open to all anglers.

Klineline Pond – Planted with 2,000 rainbows averaging 2/3 pound each, 200 averaging over 3 pounds each, and 75 ten pounders May 3. No report on angling success.

Shad

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Will open as scheduled beginning May 16. Daily counts at Bonneville Dam are increasing with nearly 3,500 fish yesterday. Through May 12, almost 7,900 shad had been counted at the dam compared to the recent 10-year average of 1,400 fish.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:							Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Bonneville ¹	102	233	---	---			335	30.5%	Feb. 11 ²	1,100
The Dalles	9	32	13	8			62	20.7%	Apr. 30	300
John Day	35	36	61	65			197	39.4%	Apr. 30	500

¹ 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.

² 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	12-May
The Dalles	2	5	6	1	1		15	12-May
John Day	6	13	22	12			53	12-May

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

May 6 - 12, 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	10	5				1	8	23	43		1	1	14	15		
John Day Pool	8					4	9	21	15	1		1	49	53		
Total	18	5				9	17	44	58	1	1	2	151	160		
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	Jacks Kept Cum	
Bonneville Pool																
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool						59							17	76	8	10
Chinook						56							15	71	8	10
Coho																
Steelhead						3							2	5		
John Day Pool						9							12	21	2	4
Chinook						8							6	14	2	4
Coho																
Steelhead						1							6	7		
Walleye																
	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	2					12	5	11		22			138	150		
John Day Pool	1						13	22	2	6			99	99		
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	3					22	6	11		154			10	32		
John Day Pool	49	5	33			40	14	27	154	33			78	118		

¹ 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)	134%	none	73%	323%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.52	none	1.69	11.00
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.03	none	1.69	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	57%	none	110%	345%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.59	none	0.35	2.96
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	0.26	0.87

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary

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Salmonid

Month/Week	Bank	Chinook					Steelhead	Other	#	Boat	Chinook			Steelhead		
		Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept					Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	
May 6-12, 2013	Sec. Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Boats	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other
Bonneville	1	CLOSED						CLOSED								
Camas/Washougal	2	CLOSED						CLOSED								
	3	CLOSED						CLOSED								
Vancouver	4	CLOSED						CLOSED								
Woodland	5	CLOSED						CLOSED								
Kalama	6	CLOSED						CLOSED								
Cowlitz	7	CLOSED						CLOSED								
Longview	8	CLOSED						CLOSED								
Cathlamet	9	CLOSED						CLOSED								
private boats/bank charter	10	CLOSED						CLOSED								
	10	CLOSED						CLOSED								
Total		CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sturgeon

Month/Week	Bank	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	#	Boat	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	
												Rel.
May 6-12, 2013	Sec. Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	Boats	Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	
Bonneville	1											
Camas/Washougal	2	4	4	0	0	1						
	3	2	0	0	0	0						
Vancouver	4					4	9	21	0	0	2	
Woodland	5					6	18	11	0	1	1	
Kalama	6											
Cowlitz	7											
Longview	8					1	4	0	0	0	0	
Cathlamet	9											
Cathlamet	10											
Knappton-Chinook bank	10	3	0	0	0	0						
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					2	6	3	0	0	1	
Total		9	4	0	0	1	13	37	35	0	1	4

Walleye

Month/Week	Bank	Kept	Rel.	#	Boat	Kept	Rel.
May 6-12, 2013	Sec. Anglers	Kept	Rel.	Boats	Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1						
Camas/Washougal	2						
	3						
Vancouver	4						
Woodland	5						
Kalama	6						
Cowlitz	7						
Longview	8						
Cathlamet	9						
Chinook/Elochoman	10						
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0

