

Creel Survey

November 4, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers continue to catch a mix of fall Chinook, coho, and sea run cutthroats. Most of the Chinook were dark and were released.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 1,506 coho salmon, 1,227 coho jacks, 294 fall Chinook adults, five jacks, eleven summer-run steelhead, 68 cutthroat trout and four chum salmon adults during seven days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 257 coho adults, 17 coho jacks, 181 fall Chinook adults, one jack and seven cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton, 340 coho adults, 351 coho jacks, and 35 fall Chinook adults into the upper Cowlitz River at the Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood, and 312 coho adults and 198 jacks into Lake Scanewa behind Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,020 cubic feet per second on Monday, November 4. Water visibility is 12 feet.

Kalama River – Anglers are catching a mix of fall Chinook, coho, and steelhead. Most of the fall Chinook were dark and released as were some of the coho. One of the steelhead caught was possibly a winter run.

Lewis River – Anglers are catching a mix of fall Chinook and coho though some of the fish are getting dark and were released.

Drano Lake – Boat anglers are catching some fall Chinook though at least half the fish were released.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching fall Chinook and coho.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some fall Chinook and steelhead.

Sturgeon

The Dalles Pool – No legal size fish were found in the sample last week.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville ¹	102	233	---	---	---	682	---	---	---	---	1,017	92.5%	Jun. 22	1,100
The Dalles	9	32	13	8	7	9	23	71	52	---	224	74.7%	Sep 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	Aug	Sep	Oct ³		
Bonneville	28	64	---	---	---	187	---	---	---	---	279	03-Nov
The Dalles	2	5	6	1	1	2	6	21	11	12	67	03-Nov
John Day	6	13	22	12	1	41	---	---	---	---	95	03-Nov

³ Sampling in October was reduced by 2 days per week compared to prior months.

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

October 28 - November 3, 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	7	42				17	2	5	9			1	50	67
John Day Pool						4							91	95
Total	7	42				45	2	5	9			1	396	441
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													1	
Coho														
Steelhead														
The Dalles Pool	6	3	1			73	1	2					451	524
Chinook		3				69							440	509
Coho													3	3
Steelhead			1			4							8	12
John Day Pool						12							12	24
Chinook						11							6	17
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							303	315
John Day Pool						4							257	261
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							183	208
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	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)	61%	20%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	4.33	0.50	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.38	none	none
John Day	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

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Oct. 28-Nov. 3.

Area	Bank # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	
		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.		
Cowlitz River	149	1	0	12	0	7	10	2	9	0	0	10 cutts 1 chum rel. 1 sublegal stur. rel.	21	0	0	0	0	15	3	4	2	0	0	2 cutts	
Kalama River	76	0	0	0	0	7	3	2	0	2	0	0	12	0	0	3	0	2	1	18	3	1	0	0	
Lewis River mainstem	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
North Fork	78	1	0	3	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	42	9	0	15	0	8	1	7	2	0	0	2 cutts rel.	
Drano Lake													8	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville Pool													12	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0