

Creel Survey

November 12, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Coho were the primary specie found in the catch last week.

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 – The catch was comprised mostly of coho and some steelhead.

Lewis River – Boat anglers continue to catch some fall Chinook and coho. Bank anglers are primarily catching coho.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers off the Klickitat River averaged nearly a coho per rod.

The Dalles Pool – Light effort and catch.

Sturgeon

The Dalles Pool – The fishery is now catch and release only through the end of the year.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:							Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
	Jan-Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov				
Bonneville ¹	1017	---	---	---	---	---	1,017	92.5%	Jun. 22	1,100
The Dalles	78	23	71	52	43	---	267	89.0%	Oct 31	300
John Day ²	507	---	---	---	---	---	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-Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct ³	Nov		
Bonneville	279	---	---	---	---	---	279	10-Nov
The Dalles	17	6	21	11	12	8	75	10-Nov
John Day	95	---	---	---	---	---	95	10-Nov

³ Beginning in October, sampling was reduced by 2 days per week compared to prior months.
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WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

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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	38	65		2	8	19	6	22	93		6	6	56	75	
John Day Pool						4							91	95	
Total	38	65		2	8	47	6	22	93		6	6	402	449	
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													1	1	
Chinook													1	1	
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	1					73	2	5					451	524	45
Chinook						68							440	508	44
Coho													3	3	1
Steelhead						5							8	13	
John Day Pool						12							12	24	4
Chinook						11							6	17	4
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)	217%	43%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	3.00	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.13	none	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

<u>Other</u>	<u>Boat # Rods</u>	<u>Chinook Kept</u>		<u>Chinook Rel.</u>		<u>Coho Kept</u>		<u>Coho Rel.</u>		<u>Steelhead</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Other</u>
		<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Kept</u>		
0	23	0	0	0	0	11	2	2	0	0	0	2 cutts rel.
0	14	0	0	1	0	4	3	1	1	0	0	0
0 2 cutts rel.	37	11	0	5	0	13	5	6	3	0	0	0
	34	1	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0