

Creel Survey

October 21, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Lower portions of Abernathy, Cedar (North Fork Lewis tributary), Coal, Germany, Mill (Cowlitz Co.) creeks and the Coweeman River – Re-open to fishing for hatchery steelhead and other game fish November 1.

Cowlitz River – Anglers continue to catch a mix of fall Chinook, coho, sea run cutthroats, and a few steelhead.

Kalama River – Anglers are catching a mix of fall Chinook, coho, and steelhead.

Lewis River – Boat anglers are catching fall Chinook and coho while bank anglers are primarily catching coho jacks.

Drano Lake – Boat anglers are catching some fall Chinook.

Wind River – Light effort and catch. October 31 is the last day to fish for salmon.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Bank anglers are catching some fall Chinook while boat anglers are primarily catching coho. Effort is waning with <100 boats and similar number of bank anglers counted during last Saturday's flight.

Under permanent rules, closed to fishing for salmon from Beacon Rock to Bonneville Dam effective November 1.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching fall Chinook and coho. 62 and 15 boats were observed off the mouths of the Klickitat and White Salmon rivers, respectively, last Saturday morning.

Pool level was very low last weekend making launching difficult at Mayer State Park in Oregon.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers are catching some Chinook.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Less than a dozen sturgeon boats and 7 bank anglers were counted below Bonneville Dam last Saturday.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some legals.

Walleye and Bass

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – No walleye anglers were sampled last week.

The Dalles Dam – Boat anglers are catching some bass. No walleye anglers were sampled 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	20-Oct
The Dalles	2	5	6	1	1	2	6	21	11	8	63	20-Oct
John Day	6	13	22	12	1	41	---	---	---	---	95	20-Oct

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

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

October 14 - 20, 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						24							255	279
The Dalles Pool	10	63		1	1	15	2	9	21				48	63
John Day Pool						4							91	95
Total	10	63		1	1	43	2	9	21				394	437
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	2					68	6	13	1				451	519
Chinook						64			1				440	504
Coho													3	3
Steelhead						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	1	2	3				179	204
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)	91%	14%	71%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	4.53	0.07	1.50
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.05	0.07	none
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

9:00 AM

Month/Week	Salmonid													# Boats	Chinook						Coho						Steelhead	Other
	Bank	Kept		Released		Kept		Released		Kept		Released			Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released						
Sec.	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other	Boats	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other			
Oct. 14-20	1	21	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Bonneville	2														9	19	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0			
Camas/Washougal	3														1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Vancouver	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Woodland	5	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Kalama	6														2	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0			
Cowlitz	7																											
Longview	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Cathlamet	9																											
Washington	10																											
Oregon bank	10																											
Total		56	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	61	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0			

	Sturgeon												
	Bank	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	Kept	# Boats	Boat	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	
Sec.	Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	Boats	Anglers	Rel.	Rel.	Rel.	Kept	
Bonneville	1					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED						CLOSED	
	3					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Vancouver	4					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Woodland	5					CLOSED	1	1	0	0	0	CLOSED	
Kalama	6					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED	
Longview	8					CLOSED						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	CLOSED	1	1	0	0	0	CLOSED	

	Walleye												
	Bank	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat	Kept	Rel.						
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						

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Oct. 14-20.

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	153	3	0	35	0	16	12	2	3	0	1	26 cutts	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	12 cutts
Kalama River	99	5	0	7	1	12	5	3	5	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lewis River mainstem	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
North Fork	86	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	2	0	1	0	79	26	2	2	3	12	22	2	6	0	1	0	0
Wind River													1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drano Lake													10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville Pool													46	22	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0