

Creel Survey

October 28, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers continue to catch a mix of fall Chinook, coho, steelhead, and sea run cutthroats. Most of the fish caught were Chinook and coho though a majority of the Chinook were dark and were released. More coho jacks were caught than adults.

Almost 1,000 hatchery sea run cutthroats had returned to the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery through Oct. 23.

Kalama River – Producing mainly coho. Most of the Chinook were dark and were released.

Don't look now, but the first winter run steelhead (a wild fish) of the season had returned to Kalama Falls Hatchery as of Oct. 23.

Lewis River – Boat anglers continue to catch mainly Chinook while bank anglers are catching a mix of fall Chinook and coho. Some of the Chinook are becoming darker and were released.

Klickitat River – Bank anglers on the lower river continue to do well for fall Chinook though the fish are getting more mature. In the upper river, 132 anglers kept 31 salmon and 1 steelhead and released 7 salmon.

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Anglers are still catching some fall Chinook.

Thursday Oct. 31 is the last day of the 2013 creel census program on the lower Columbia mainstem. It will resume in February 2014.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are doing well for coho.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some Chinook.

Sturgeon

The Dalles Pool – Boat and bank anglers are catching some legals.

Walleye

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Boat anglers are catching some walleye in the Camas/Washougal area.

Bass

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers are catching some bass.

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
The Dalles	2	5	6	1	1	2	6	21	11	12	67
John Day	6	13	22	12	1	41	---	---	---	---	95

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 21 - 27, 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	28	61		2	5	17	2	5	12	1	2	1	50	67
John Day Pool						4							91	95
Total	28	61		2	5	45	2	5	12	1	2	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	2				70	4	6					451	521
Chinook		2				66							440	506
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	1					25	1	3		4			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
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	141%	16%	185%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.55	0.17	1.00
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.12	0.17	1.00
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						Steelhead	Other
	Bank	Kept			Released			Coho			Released				Kept	Rel.						
Sec.	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Boats	Anglers	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other
Oct. 21-27	1	21	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bonneville	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	3																					
Vancouver	4	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Cowlitz	7																					
Longview	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9																					
Washington	10																					
Oregon bank	10																					
Total		84	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	34	4	0	1	0	0	0	0

	Sturgeon												
	Bank	Sublegals	Legals	Oversize	Legals	Kept	#	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						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		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	

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

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Oct. 21-27.

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	175	5	0	65	0	28	19	7	19	1	0	7 cutts kept 2 cutts rel.	26	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 chum rel.
Kalama River	47	0	0	5	0	5	2	11	1	1	0	1 trout rel.													
Lewis River mainstem	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Fork	133	1	1	6	0	4	2	6	3	0	0	0	79	39	3	13	0	12	18	5	4	0	0	0	0
Klickitat River	11	12	0	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville Pool													12	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0