

# Creel Survey

February 2, 2014

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Generally light effort and catch. 27 bank anglers kept 4 hatchery winter run steelhead. All the catch was sampled at the trout hatchery.

**Washougal River** – 42 bank anglers kept 1 hatchery steelhead and released 4 wild fish. 22 boat anglers kept 4 hatchery steelhead and released 2 hatchery and 10 wild fish.

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – A few anglers prospecting for winter steelhead or an early spring Chinook, especially on the Oregon bank. Almost 100 bank anglers and 20 salmonid boats were counted during the Sat. Feb. 1 flight. Nearly two-thirds of the bank anglers were counted at Prescott and Willow bars. Half the boats were found around Vancouver. No report on angling success is currently available.

**Bonneville and John Day pools** – No effort found for salmonids.

**The Dalles Pool** – Bank and boat anglers are catching some steelhead though two-thirds of the fish were wild and had to be released.

## Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Effort is light with only 2 boats counted during the Sat. Feb. 1 flight. No report on angling success in the catch-and-release only fishery.

**Bonneville Pool** – About 1 of every 10 boat anglers kept a legal. No legals were checked from bank anglers.

**The Dalles Pool** – Slow for legal size fish.

**John Day Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some legals.

## Walleye and Bass

**Bonneville Pool** – No walleye were sampled from the couple boats checked.

**The Dalles Pool** – Bank anglers are catching some walleye. No fish sampled from the few boats checked.

**John Day Pool** – No effort observed for bass or walleye.

## Trout

**Recent plants of catchable size rainbows on Jan. 27. No report on angling success.**

**Battle Ground Lake** – 1,250 fish.

**Klinline Pond** – 1,000 fish.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	Jan	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: <sup>1</sup>
Bonneville <sup>2</sup>	247									247	22.5%	Jan. 26	1,100
The Dalles													300
John Day													500

<sup>1</sup> Guidelines for 2014 have not been finalized yet.  
<sup>2</sup> Due to the short season in Bonneville Pool, we will be providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis.

Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:													
	Jan	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Bonneville	58	4								62		Feb. 2	
The Dalles	4									4		Feb. 2	
John Day	3	1								4		Feb. 2	

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

## WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary <sup>1</sup>

January 27 - February 2, 2014

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	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool	71	36			1	7	13	41	151		4	1	55	62	
The Dalles Pool	12	2					2	6					4	4	
John Day Pool	15					1	12	28	4		2		3	4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>38</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>155</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>70</b>	
Salmonids															
	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week Cum
Bonneville Pool															
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	4		2				4	9		4	3		5	5	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead			2							4	3		5	5	
John Day Pool													4	4	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead													4	4	
Walleye															
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool							2	4							
The Dalles Pool	1		1			3	3	6						3	
John Day Pool													33	33	
Bass															
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool															
The Dalles Pool															
John Day Pool															

<sup>1</sup> Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 5-week average)	61%	none	400%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.72	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.04	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 5-week average)	52%	186%	318%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.11	0.69	0.14	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.23	0.14	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 5-week average)	82%	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.14	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.05	none	none	none