

Creel Survey

January 21, 2014

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – No report on angling success.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 273 coho salmon, 34 coho jacks and 79 winter-run steelhead during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 121 coho adults, 20 coho jacks and six winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and 126 coho adults, 13 coho jacks and one winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 8,070 cubic feet per second on Tuesday, January 21. Water visibility is nine feet.

Washougal River – 60 bank anglers kept 2 steelhead and released 1. 21 boat anglers kept 2 steelhead and released 9.

Bonneville and The Dalles pools – Little to no effort.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers are catching some steelhead.

Sturgeon

Bonneville Pool – Now closed for sturgeon retention. An estimated 247 (22.5%) of the 1,100 annual guideline has been taken.

The Dalles Pool – Slow for legal size fish.

John Day Pool – Boat and bank anglers are catching some legal.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville and The Dalles pools – Little to no effort for either species.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers averaged nearly 2.5 walleye per rod. No effort was observed for bass.

Trout

Plants of brood stock rainbows on Jan. 13 (No report on angling success):

<u>Lake</u>	<u>5 pounders</u>	<u>10 pounders</u>
Kidney	31	24
Icehouse	24	18
Little Ash	24	18
Tunnel	48	30

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: ¹
Bonneville ²	88	46	113							247	22.5%	Jan. 19	1,100
The Dalles													300
John Day													500

¹ Guidelines for 2014 have not been finalized yet.
² 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:

	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Bonneville	25	10	23							58	Jan. 19
The Dalles	2									2	Jan. 19
John Day			2							2	Jan. 19

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 13 - 19, 2014

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	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool	107	18	1	1	1	7	96	222	452	2	22	1	51	58	
The Dalles Pool	30	1					4	6	1				2	2	
John Day Pool	25			1		1	17	39	21	5	1	1	1	2	
Total	162	19	1	2	1	8	117	267	474	7	23	2	54	62	
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		Jacks Kept Week Cum
Bonneville Pool															
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool							1	1							
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
John Day Pool	1						3	7		1	2		2	2	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead										1	2		2	2	
Walleye															
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool							1	1							
The Dalles Pool	2														
John Day Pool							5	11	1	27			29	29	
Bass															
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool	1														
The Dalles Pool															
John Day Pool															

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	123%	none	300%	300%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.51	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.07	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	83%	25%	200%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.06	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	113%	141%	236%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.45	0.38	2.55	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.03	0.25	2.45	none