

Creel Survey

January 27, 2014

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – No report on angling success.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 76 coho salmon, ten coho jacks and 24 winter-run steelhead during four days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 20 coho adults, six coho jacks and one winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and 45 coho adults and four coho jacks into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 8,220 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 27. Water visibility is ten feet.

Washougal River – 28 bank anglers with 1 hatchery steelhead kept and 3 wild fish released. 1 boat angler released 1 wild steelhead. Wild fish released were chrome bright 4-7 pounders.

The Dalles and John Day pools – Boat anglers are last year's summer run steelhead. Majority of the fish were wild and had to be released.

Sturgeon

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers are catching some legals.

John Day Pool – Slow for legal size fish.

Walleye and Bass

The Dalles and John Day pools – Bank anglers are catching some walleye in The Dalles Pool while boat anglers are catching fish in John Day Pool. No effort observed for bass in either pool.

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	closed ³						247	22.5%	Jan. 26	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.
³ Bonneville Pool closed to retention January 20. Re-opening in February is being considered.

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	closed						58	Jan. 26
The Dalles	2			2						4	Jan. 26
John Day			2							2	Jan. 26

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 20 - 26, 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						7							51	58
The Dalles Pool	6						8	20	59		2		4	4
John Day Pool	18					1	13	30	2				1	2
Total	24					8	21	50	61		2		56	64
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							4	10		11	2		2	2
Chinook														
Coho										11	2		2	
Steelhead														
John Day Pool	2						1	3		3	2		4	4
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead										3	2		4	
Walleye														
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool														
The Dalles Pool	1	1	2			2								2
John Day Pool							4	5		4			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														

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 4-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 4-week average)	67%	182%	100%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.35	1.30	3.00	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.08	0.20	2.00	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 4-week average)	88%	91%	105%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.04	1.00	0.80	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.40	0.80	none