

## Creel Survey

July 8, 2014

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### Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – 20 boat anglers kept 6 hatchery summer run steelhead. 31 bank anglers kept 2 hatchery spring Chinook and 5 hatchery summer run steelhead. The fish were sampled between the hatcheries.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 298 spring Chinook adults, 119 jacks, 120 mini-jacks, 457 summer-run steelhead and two sockeye salmon adults during four days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 47 spring Chinook adults and 18 jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, 159 spring Chinook adults and 94 jacks into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam, and 29 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park. The two sockeye salmon were recycled downstream to the Massey Bar boat launch.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,550 cubic feet per second on Monday, July 7.

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – For the 4 days (July 3-6) when hatchery adult summer Chinook could be retained again:

We sampled 878 salmonid anglers (including 98 boats) with 66 adult and 5 jack summer Chinook, 25 sockeye, and 80 steelhead.

23 (35%) of the adult Chinook kept. 21 (84%) of the sockeye were kept though all were legal to be retained. 44 (55%) of the steelhead were kept.

**By the time you read this, there will be a new record return for Columbia River sockeye. Through July 7, a total of 507,280 fish had been counted at Bonneville Dam. With daily counts 20,000+ for the last 2.5 weeks plus adding some recreational and commercial catch below the dam, this year's return should easily beat the 520,959 fish that returned to the mouth of the Columbia in 2012.**

**The Dalles Pool** – Bank anglers are catching some summer Chinook.

### Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia mainstem from the Marker 82 line downstream** – Boat anglers in the Kalama area are doing well in the current catch-and-release only fishery.

**Bonneville Pool** - Retention will be allowed July 11-12 and July 18-19. White sturgeon between 38-inches and 54-inches fork length may be retained. Daily limit is 1 fish.

Angling for sturgeon is prohibited through July 31 between The Dalles Dam downstream 1.8 miles to a line from the east (upstream) dock at the Port of The Dalles boat ramp straight across to a marker on the Washington shore.

**The Dalles Pool** – Slow for legals.

### Walleye and Bass

**The Dalles Pool** – Anglers are catching some bass.

## Trout

Recent plants of rainbows (no reports on angling success):

### TAKHLAKH LK (SKAM)

Jun 29, 2014	Rainbow	160	0.3	Goldendale Hatchery
Jun 27, 2014	Rainbow	3,325	2.14	Goldendale Hatchery

## Shad

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Fishing for shad is pretty much over for the year.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville <sup>1</sup>	163	27	51	---	---	391				632	57.5%	Jun 30	1,100
The Dalles	12	0	35	24	0	28				99	33.0%	Jun 30	300
John Day <sup>2</sup>	10	14	133	110	161	37				465	93.0%	Jun 30	500

<sup>1</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. Bonneville Pool was closed to retention January 20-31 and February 18-23.  
**Bonneville Pool is scheduled to re-open to sturgeon retention July 11-12 and July 18-19.**  
<sup>3</sup> The winter fishery in John Day Pool closed to retention effective June 14.

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		
Bonneville	58	14	13	---	---	66				151	Jul 6
The Dalles	4	0	12	3	0	4				23	Jul 6
John Day	3	5	42	18	18	5				91	Jul 6

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

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

June 30 - July 6, 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						23							128	151
The Dalles Pool						4	4	10	11			2	19	23
John Day Pool						19							72	91
Total						46	4	10	11			2	219	265
Salmonids														
Reservoir	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													2	2
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead														
Sockeye													2	
The Dalles Pool	12			1		79	1	2					51	130
Chinook				1		78							46	124
Coho														
Steelhead						1							5	6
Sockeye														
John Day Pool						42							45	87
Chinook						42							41	83
Coho														
Steelhead													4	4
Sockeye														
Walleye														
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool														
The Dalles Pool						7							500	507
John Day Pool													401	401
Bass														
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool						1							2	3
The Dalles Pool	2	2				4	1	2	16				89	93
John Day Pool						15							90	105

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

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 6-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 6-week average)	52%	79%	none	83%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.30	0.07	none	4.50
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.07	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none

5:00 PM

Month/Week	Salmonid										# Boats	Chinook											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Rel.		Other	Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Rel.	Other
July 3-6, 2014	1	108	12	1	16	0	3	9	0	0	1 legal stur. rel.	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville	2											8	15	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0 2 sublegal stur. rel.
Camas/Washougal	3	45	0	0	0	0	2	2	9	1	0												0 1 walleye kept
	4	91	0	3	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	15	26	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Woodland	5	112	3	0	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	103	4	0	4	0	0	5	0	1	0	26	61	2	0	4	0	2	3	2	1	1	1 sublegal sturg. rel.
Cowlitz	7											4	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	136	1	0	2	0	9	2	0	0	0	23	50	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	65	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	14	31	0	0	3	0	11	10	1	0	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10											2	6	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		660	20	4	32	0	23	21	16	3	0	98	218	3	1	11	0	21	15	5	1	0	0

	Sturgeon											
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Bonneville	1					CLOSED						CLOSED
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED						CLOSED
	3					CLOSED						CLOSED
Vancouver	4					CLOSED						CLOSED
Woodland	5					CLOSED	1	4	0	1	0	CLOSED
Kalama	6					CLOSED	2	8	20	20	0	CLOSED
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED
Longview	8					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
<b>Total</b>		0	0	0	0	CLOSED	3	12	20	21	0	CLOSED

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

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