

# Creel Survey

February 9, 2015

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – 24 bank anglers kept 2 steelhead. 3 boat anglers kept 1 steelhead.

During five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator, last week Tacoma Power recovered:

- 29 coho adults
- 29 winter-run steelhead

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released:

- seven winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton
- seven coho adults and three winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,260 cubic feet per second on Monday, February 9.

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

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some steelhead though all of the fish sampled were wild and had to be released.

## Sturgeon

**Bonneville Pool** – Boat anglers are catching a few legals.

**The Dalles Pool** – Light effort and catch. Through Feb. 1, an estimated 20 (20%) of the 100 fish guideline had been taken.

**John Day Pool** – Slow. An estimated 40 (8%) of the 500 fish guideline had been taken through Feb. 1.

## Walleye and Bass

**Bonneville Pool** – Light effort and no catch observed for walleye. No effort observed for bass.

**The Dalles and John Day pools** – Boat anglers are catching some walleye as are bank anglers in The Dalles Pool. No effort was observed for bass.

## Trout

Recent plants of catchable size rainbows and surplus adult hatchery winter steelhead (no reports on angling success):

Lake/Pond	Date	Species	Number	Fish per Pound	Hatchery
• <a href="#">SILVER LK (COWL)</a>	Jan 28, 2015	Rainbow	2,999	2.1	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY

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- [LK SACAJAWEA \(COWL\)](#)

Jan 30, 2015	Rainbow	1,334	2.3	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
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- [KRESS LK \(COWL\)](#)

Jan 27, 2015	Rainbow	2,000	2	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
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22 adult steelhead captured at Kalama Fall Hatchery were planted in Kress Lake this past week. 16 were Early Winter stock and 6 were Kalama integrated stock.

- [HORSESHOE LK \(COWL\)](#)

Jan 29, 2015	Rainbow	2,398	2.1	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
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- [BATTLE GROUND LK \(CLAR\)](#)

Feb 03, 2015	Rainbow	1,500	2.06	VANCOUVER HATCHERY
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- [KLINELINE PD \(CLAR\)](#)

Feb 03, 2015	Rainbow	2,176	2.05	VANCOUVER HATCHERY
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## Smelt

**Cowlitz River** – Last Saturday morning, limits were the general rule from Castle Rock downstream to the mouth. Majority of the catch were males.

Cowlitz River flows at Castle Rock are currently 16,900 cfs, down from the 25,000 cfs observed yesterday morning and a bit lower than the flows observed during last Saturday's fishery.

Last scheduled Washington fishery: Saturday, Feb. 14 from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon). Dip net gear may be used from the bank only. 10-pound daily limit (about ¼ of a five gallon bucket). Possession limit is equal to one daily limit.

The mainstem Columbia and all other Washington Columbia River tributaries remain closed.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	Jan	1-Feb	8-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville <sup>1</sup>	107	0								107	9.7%	Feb. 1	1,100
The Dalles	20									20	20.0%	Feb. 1	100
John Day	40									40	8.0%	Feb. 1	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.

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

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:													
	Jan	1-Feb	8-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Bonneville	22	0	3							25		Feb. 8	
The Dalles	10	0	0							10		Feb. 8	
John Day	6	1	0							7		Feb. 8	

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

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

February 2 - 8, 2015

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

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

<b>Sturgeon</b>															
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2015 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2015 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool	39	14				1	22	57	161		3		24	25	
The Dalles Pool	11	1				2	1	3					8	10	
John Day Pool	32					1	15	36	4				6	7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>15</b>				<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>165</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	
<b>Salmonids</b>															
	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2015 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2015 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week Cum
Bonneville Pool															
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	3						2	6		5					
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead										5					
John Day Pool	18					2							1	3	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead						2							1	3	
<b>Walleye</b>															
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2015 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2015 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool							1	3							
The Dalles Pool	2	1					2	5		3			11	11	
John Day Pool							4	8	4	5			44	44	
<b>Bass</b>															
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2015 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2015 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 6-week average)	99%	none	257%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.85	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.03	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	33%	69%	156%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.07	0.56	0.57	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	0.43	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	105%	101%	123%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.06	none	1.13	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	0.63	none