

Creel Survey

January 26, 2015

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 35 bank anglers kept 3 steelhead.

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

- 270 coho adults and 1 jack
- 68 winter-run steelhead
- one cutthroat trout

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released:

- 33 coho adults, 20 winter-run steelhead and one cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton
- 28 coho adults and four winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 11,100 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 26. Water visibility is nine feet.

Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools – Boat anglers are catching some steelhead though the majority of the fish were wild and had to be released.

Sturgeon

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching some legals; fishing from the bank remains slow.

Only a handful of legals were estimated caught during the week of Jan. 12-18.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers are catching some legals; fishing from the bank is slow.

John Day Pool – Slow for legal size fish.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville Pool – Effort and catches for walleye are light. No effort was observed for bass.

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

Trout

Klineline Pond – 21 bank anglers kept 14 rainbows.

Recent releases of catchable and broodstock rainbows into SW WA waters:

Lake/Pond	Date	Species	Number	Fish per Pound	Hatchery
	Jan 20, 2015	Rainbow	1,500	2.2	VANCOUVER HATCHERY
• ICE HOUSE LK (SKAM)					
	Jan 14, 2015	Rainbow	8	0.1	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY

Jan 14, 2015	Rainbow	34	0.2	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
• <u>KIDNEY LK (SKAM)</u>				
Jan 14, 2015	Rainbow	8	0.1	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
Jan 14, 2015	Rainbow	47	0.2	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
• <u>LTL ASH LK (SKAM)</u>				
Jan 14, 2015	Rainbow	34	0.2	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
Jan 14, 2015	Rainbow	8	0.1	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
• <u>TUNNEL LK (SKAM)</u>				
Jan 14, 2015	Rainbow	62	0.2	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY
Jan 14, 2015	Rainbow	9	0.1	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	4-Jan	11-Jan	18-Jan	25-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: ¹
Bonneville ²	23	44	5							72	6.5%	Jan. 18	1,100
The Dalles													300
John Day													500

¹ Guidelines for 2015 have not been finalized yet. Until then, 2014 guidelines are in effect.

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:													
	4-Jan	11-Jan	18-Jan	25-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Bonneville	3	9	1	7						20		Jan. 25	
The Dalles	5	3	0	2						10		Jan. 25	
John Day	0	3	2	0						5		Jan. 25	

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 19 - 25, 2015

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	2015 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2015 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool	49	16					25	69	251	2	7		20	20	
The Dalles Pool	11					2	10	23	25		2	3	8	10	
John Day Pool	33	1			1	1	14	32	14				4	5	
Total	93	17			1	3	49	124	290	2	9	3	32	35	
Salmonids															
Reservoir	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							1	2		2					
Chinook															
Coho										2					
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	8						3	6		2					
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead										2					
John Day Pool	13					2	5	10		9	1		1	3	
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead						2				9	1		1	3	
Walleye															
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2015 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2015 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool							2	3							
The Dalles Pool							4	7	1	2			2	2	
John Day Pool							5	8	2	8			21	21	
Bass															
Reservoir	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															

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 4-week average)	132%	100%	300%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.34	1.00	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.06	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 4-week average)	68%	98%	311%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.88	0.14	0.43	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.06	none	0.29	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 4-week average)	100%	144%	168%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.25	0.43	1.25	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.04	1.00	none