

Creel Survey

June 29, 2015

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A Joint State Hearing scheduled for Tuesday June 30, 2015 via teleconference will start at 1:00 p.m. (one hour earlier than previously scheduled). The agenda has been updated to include the following fisheries: Lower Columbia River mainstem recreational summer Chinook and Bonneville Pool recreational sturgeon.

Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 5 bank anglers had no catch. Effort has been light.

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

- 407 spring Chinook salmon, 82 jacks, 43 maxi-jacks, 168 summer steelhead.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released:

- 137 recycled summer steelhead at the Interstate-5 boat launch.

300 spring Chinook and 73 jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek and 53 spring Chinook mini-jacks were released into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,980 cubic feet per second on Monday, June 29. Water visibility is ten feet.

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Last week we sampled 1,478 salmonid anglers (including 264 boats) with 122 adult and 3 jack summer Chinook, 143 steelhead and 78 sockeye. 76 (62%) of the adult Chinook, 95 (66%) of the steelhead, and 73 (94%) of the sockeye were kept (though it was legal to retain all sockeye, adipose fin clipped or not).

Bonneville Pool – Light effort and catch.

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

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Marker 82 line downstream – Boat anglers from Vancouver to Longview continue to catch-and-release some legals, at the rate of almost a fish per rod.

Bonneville Pool – A little slower for boat anglers with a legal kept per every 6.3 rods compared to the one for every 4.6 rods during June 19-21. Bank anglers were also catching a few legals.

Sturgeon retention is scheduled to be allowed July 3-July 5. A Joint State Hearing to review and update catches from this fishery is scheduled for tomorrow.

Walleye and Bass

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Boat anglers in the Camas/Washougal area are catching some walleye.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers released an average of 6 bass per rod. Effort and catch for walleye was light.

The Dalles Pool – Boat anglers averaged just over a walleye per rod when including fish released.

Trout

Plants of catchable size browns last week. No report on angling success.

MINERAL LK (LEWI) <i>Lewis County - Region 5</i>	Jun 24, 2015	Brown Trout	6,250	2.5	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY
LK SACAJAWEA (COWL) <i>Cowlitz County - Region 5</i>	Jun 23, 2015	Brown Trout	2,000	2.7	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY

Shad

Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam – Despite Bonneville Dam daily counts still in the tens of thousands, catches were poor with less than a fish per rod. Effort is fading fast.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:								Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	21-Jun	28-Jun				
Bonneville ¹	107	46	2	---	---	369		524	47.6%	Jun. 21	1,100
The Dalles ²	20	14	5	47	30			116	116.0%	May 14	100
John Day	40	28	33	92				193	38.6%	Apr. 30	500

¹ Bonneville Pool closed to sturgeon retention effective March 1. It re-opened June 19-21 and June 26-28. A compact hearing on June 30 will consider a fishery for July 3-5.

² The Dalles Pool closed to sturgeon retention effective May 14

³ John Day Pool closed to sturgeon retention effective June 3.

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

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	21-Jun	6/28		
Bonneville	22	12	1	---	---	145	87	267	Jun 28
The Dalles	10	4	1	5	5	---		25	Jun 28
John Day	6	6	8	12	36	2		70	Jun 28

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

June 22 - 28, 2015

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	2015 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2015 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool	81	41		3	2	11	202	524	1542	19	84	59	256	267
The Dalles Pool						9							16	25
John Day Pool						6							64	70
Total	81	41		3	2	26	202	524	1542	19	84	59	336	362
Salmonids														
	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	Jacks Kept Week Cum
Bonneville Pool	16						4	5		1				
Chinook										1				
Coho														
Steelhead														
Sockeye														
The Dalles Pool	16		3	1		25							26	51
Chinook			3	1		23							24	47
Coho														
Steelhead						2							2	4
Sockeye														
John Day Pool						55							75	130
Chinook						50							74	124
Coho														
Steelhead						5							1	6
Sockeye														
Walleye														
Reservoir	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						8	4	10	2	11			837	845
John Day Pool						9							2841	2850
Bass														
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2015 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2015 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool	6		2			2	13	24	146				8	10
The Dalles Pool						2							41	43
John Day Pool						1							220	221

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

	Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville				
Effort (# of angler trips)	605	21	300%	30
Catch Per Unit Effort	2.89	0.05	none	4.93
Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.14	none	none	0.07
The Dalles				
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
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

2:00 PM

Month/Week 6/22-28 2015	Salmonid											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
Bonneville	1	125	11	0	13	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	20	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camas/Washougal	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	100	8	1	6	2	0	2	4	0	0
	3	182	6	0	1	0	10	9	56	0	0	9	24	6	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	0
Vancouver	4	91	8	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	37	71	3	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0
Woodland	5	117	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	36	77	11	0	4	0	0	2	0	1	0
Kalama	6	119	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	80	7	0	7	0	1	2	2	4	0
Cowlitz	7											4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longview	8	207	1	0	1	0	17	9	1	0	0	62	132	4	0	2	0	20	5	0	0	0
Cathlamet	9	59	1	0	0	0	15	8	0	0	0	20	44	0	0	1	0	20	6	3	0	0
private boats/bank charter	10	16	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		919	32	0	22	0	49	27	61	0	0	264	559	44	1	24	2	46	21	12	5	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	1	11	0	1	CLOSED						CLOSED
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED	1	1	0	0	0	CLOSED
	3					CLOSED						CLOSED
Vancouver	4					CLOSED	1	3	0	4	0	CLOSED
Woodland	5					CLOSED						CLOSED
Kalama	6					CLOSED	2	6	53	7	1	CLOSED
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED
Longview	8					CLOSED	4	12	68	8	0	CLOSED
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED
	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED						CLOSED
Total		1	11	0	1	CLOSED	8	22	121	19	1	CLOSED

Shad

	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Bonneville	1	135	126	0	1	2	3	0
Camas/Washougal	2							
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		135	126	0	1	2	3	0

Walleye

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