

Creel Survey

February 22, 2016

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Salmon/Steelhead

Deep River – Effective March 1 through June 15, the salmonid daily limit in Deep River will be the same as mainstem Columbia River when the mainstem Columbia below Bonneville Dam is open for hatchery Chinook retention. On days when the mainstem Columbia River is closed to Chinook retention, permanent salmonid daily limits for Deep River apply.

Cowlitz River – No creel sampling summaries are available but the river is clearing and effort and steelhead catch is increasing at the trout hatchery. Bright 8-12 pound steelhead were reported being caught there.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 164 winter run steelhead, five coho adults and two spring Chinook adults during four days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 54 winter-run steelhead adults and four coho adults into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton. They also released 31 winter-run steelhead, two spring Chinook adults and one coho adult into the Cispus River near the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 14,300 cubic feet per second on Monday, February 22. Water visibility is four feet.

Lower Columbia mainstem from the I-5 Bridge downstream – Not much to report on the fishing side as 13 bank anglers and 2 boats/4 anglers had no catch. Effort continues to increase with 80 boats and 137 bank anglers counted during the Sat. Feb. 20 effort flight count.

Mainstem Columbia from Buoy 10 upstream to the I-5 Bridge – Open to fishing for hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead through April 9 (except closed Tuesdays March 29 and April 5). The salmonid daily limit is 6 fish. Through February, up to 2 may be hatchery steelhead or 2 adult hatchery Chinook or 1 of each. Effective March 1, only 1 may be a hatchery adult Chinook.

Mainstem Columbia from the I-5 Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam – Effective March 1 through April 9 (except closed Tuesdays March 29 and April 5), will be open to fishing for hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead. No boats (bank only) from Beacon Rock upstream. The salmonid daily limit will be 6 fish. Up to 2 may be hatchery steelhead or 1 hatchery adult Chinook and 1 hatchery steelhead.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead.

John Day Pool – Little to no effort and catch.

Sturgeon

The Dalles and John Day pools – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Fishing was slow from the bank.

Walleye and Bass

The Dalles Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged nearly 3 walleye per rod. In addition, they also released a few bass.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers averaged just over a walleye kept/released per rod. No effort was observed for bass.

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary
2/22/2016

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Month/Week	Salmonid			Chinook			Steelhead			Other	# Boats	Chinook			Steelhead			Other
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Kept			Rel.	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept	
Bonneville	1		CLOSED	CLOSED														
Camas/Washougal	2		CLOSED	CLOSED														
	3																	
Vancouver	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Woodland	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Cowlitz	7																	
Longview	8																	
Cathlamet	9																	
private boats/bank charter	10																	
Total	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sturgeon

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

Walleye

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