

# Creel Survey

January 26, 2016

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – 14 bank anglers kept 1 hatchery winter run steelhead. 3 boat anglers had no catch.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 90 coho adults, 18 jacks and 21 winter run steelhead during four days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 69 coho adults, eight jacks and 12 winter-run steelhead adults into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton. They also released 17 coho adults, 10 coho jacks and two winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa at Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 10,000 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 25.

**Bonneville Pool** – No effort for steelhead.

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some steelhead.

**John Day Pool** – Light effort and no steelhead catch was observed.

## Sturgeon

**Bonneville Pool** – Effort and catch picked up last week. Boat anglers legal kept/released a legal for about every 5 rods. No legals were observed caught by bank anglers.

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers averaged about a legal kept per every 7 rods last week. No catch was observed for bank anglers.

**John Day Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Fishing was slow for bank anglers.

## Walleye and Bass

**Bonneville and The Dalles pools** – No effort was observed for either specie in either pool.

**John Day Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some walleye at about a fish per every 5 rods when including fish released. No effort was observed for bass.

## Trout

Recent plants of catchable size rainbows. No report on angling success.

### • [KIDNEY LK \(SKAM\)](#)

Jan 19, 2016	Rainbow	2,600	2.7	VANCOUVER HATCHERY
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### • [KLINELINE PD \(CLAR\)](#)

Jan 19, 2016	Rainbow	1,900	2.7	VANCOUVER HATCHERY
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Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	3-Jan	10-Jan	17-Jan	24-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: <sup>1</sup>
Bonneville <sup>2</sup>	11	13	5							29	2.6%	Jan. 17	1,100
The Dalles													100
John Day													500

<sup>1</sup> Guidelines for 2016 have not been finalized yet. Until then, 2015 guidelines are in effect.  
<sup>2</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:

	3-Jan	10-Jan	17-Jan	24-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Bonneville	4	4	2	27						37	Jan. 24
The Dalles	11	4	2	7						24	Jan. 24
John Day	5	3	1	1						10	Jan. 24

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

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

January 18 - 24, 2016

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	2016 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2016 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool	38	11			1		50	138	648	1	27		37	37		
The Dalles Pool	20					1	21	46	86		7	1	23	24		
John Day Pool	21						24	53	19		1	1	10	10		
Total	79	11			1	1	95	237	753	1	35	2	70	71		
Salmonids	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2016 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2016 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool																
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool							1	2		2			7	7		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead										2			7	7		
John Day Pool	3						7	12					1	1		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead													1	1		
Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2016 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2016 Cum Leg Kept			
Bonneville Pool																
The Dalles Pool																
John Day Pool							15	36	1	6			12	12		
Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2016 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2016 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 4-week average)	177%	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	3.91	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.15	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 4-week average)	131%	35%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.42	1.00	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.11	none	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 4-week average)	128%	125%	240%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.28	none	0.19	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.01	none	0.17	none