

February 5, 2018

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Creel sampling data is currently unavailable.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered nine coho adults, three cutthroat trout, and 14 winter-run steelhead during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released three coho adults and two winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa near Randle. They released two coho adults into the Cispus River located near Yellow Jacket Creek in Randle.

Tacoma Power also released three cutthroat trout and five winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton. The Franklin Bridge release site in Packwood currently is damaged due to recent high water. Repairs are ongoing and the release site should be useable soon.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 14,200 cubic feet per second (cfs) on Monday, February 5. Water visibility is five feet and water temperature is 44.1 degrees F.

Lower Columbia mainstem from the I-5 Br. downstream – 2 bank anglers in the Vancouver area had no catch.

Bonneville and John Day pools – No effort was found for steelhead.

Sturgeon

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers averaged a legal kept per every 3.6 rods. No legals were sampled from bank anglers.

Through Jan. 28, almost half of the 325 fish guideline had been taken.

All sturgeon must be released until further notice.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers caught a few legals. Fishing was slow from the bank.

Sturgeon may be retained through Sun. Feb. 11.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville Pool – The few boat anglers sampled averaged a handful of walleye kept per rod. No effort was observed for bass.

John Day Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged just over 2 walleye per rod. No effort was observed for bass.

Trout

Recent plants of catchable size rainbows into SW WA waters. No report on angling success.

Lake/Pond	Date	Species	Number	Fish per Pound	Hatchery	Notes
MARYHILL PD (KLC) <i>Klickitat County - Region 5</i>	Jan 29, 2018	Rainbow	500	2.45	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
SPEARFISH LK (KLC) <i>Klickitat County - Region 5</i>	Jan 29, 2018	Rainbow	1,920	2.45	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	7-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	4-Feb	Feb	Mar	Apr	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville ¹	20	7	18	117					162	49.8%	Jan. 28	325
The Dalles ²	30	39	10	---					79	79.0%	Jan. 28	100
John Day ³	22	15	24	3					64	61.0%	Jan. 28	105

¹ Bonneville Pool closed to retention effective February 4.
² The Dalles Pool closed to retention effective January 20.
³ John Day Pool will close to retention effective February 12.

The Dalles and John Day harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:

	7-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	4-Feb	Feb	Mar	Apr		
Bonneville	8	2	6	19	10				45	Feb. 4
The Dalles	7	8	6	---	---				21	Feb. 4
John Day	5	1	6	2	1				15	Feb. 4

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WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 29-February 4, 2018

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	2018 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2018 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool	22	6				1	12	36	86		10		44	45	
The Dalles Pool						1							20	21	
John Day Pool	33	2				2	24	50	3		1	1	13	15	
Total	55	8				4	36	86	89		11	1	77	81	
Salmonids															
	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2018 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2018 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool															
Adults	Chinook														
	Coho														
	Steelhead														
Jacks	Chinook														
	Coho														
The Dalles Pool															
Adults	Chinook														
	Coho														
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John Day Pool															
Adults	Chinook														
	Coho														
	Steelhead														
Jacks	Chinook														
	Coho														
Walleye															
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2018 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2018 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool							2	3		17			32	32	
The Dalles Pool						5							46	51	
John Day Pool							21	38	24	59			182	182	
Bass															
	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2018 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2018 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool													2	2	
The Dalles Pool													1	1	
John Day Pool													4	4	

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 5-week average)	81%	none	100%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.76	none	5.67	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.17	none	5.67	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 5-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 5-week average)	97%	none	133%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.08	none	2.18	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.01	none	1.55	none