

January 21, 2018

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A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM January 30, 2018 via teleconference to consider the following fisheries:

- Eulachon smelt fisheries
- Bonneville Pool recreational sturgeon fisheries

Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – From the I-5 Br. downstream: 7 bank rods had no catch. Upstream from the I-5 Br: 5 bank rods released 1 adult coho and 8 cutts. No boats were sampled.

Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement Sampling Summary

Angler Type	StreamName	Date Range	. Anglers	ST HOR Kept	ST HOR Rlsd	ST NOR Rlsd	CK HOR Kept	CK HOR Rlsd	CK NOR Rlsd	CO HOR Kept	CO HOR Rlsd	CO NOR Rlsd
Shore Anglers	Grays	1/15/2018 - 1/21/2018	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Skamokawa Creek		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Elochoman		17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mill		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abernathy		8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Germany		7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lewis - East Fork		15	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Salmon Creek		39	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boat Anglers	Grays	1/15/2018 - 1/21/2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Skamokawa Creek		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Elochoman		5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mill		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abernathy		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Germany		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lewis - East Fork		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Salmon Creek		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam – Light effort and no steelhead catch was observed.

Sturgeon

Bonneville Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a legal per every 5 rods. Through Jan. 14, an estimated 27 (8.3%) of the 325 fish guideline had been taken.

The Dalles Pool – Closed for retention through the end of the year.

John Day Pool – Boat and bank anglers are catching some legal.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers are catching some walleye. No effort was observed for bass.

The Dalles Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged nearly 4 walleye per rod. No effort was observed for bass.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers averaged 2 walleye per rod when including fish released. Effort and catch for bass is just starting.

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
FORT BORST PRK LK (LEWI) <i>Lewis County - Region 5</i>	Jan 16, 2018	Rainbow	1,600	2.7	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
SILVER LK (COWL) <i>Cowlitz County - Region 5</i>	Jan 16, 2018	Rainbow	3,000	2	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
LTL ASH LK (SKAM) <i>Skamania County - Region 5</i>	Jan 17, 2018	Rainbow	1,450	2.3	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	7-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	4-Feb	Feb	Mar	Apr	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: ¹
Bonneville ²	20	7							27	8.3%	Jan. 14	325
The Dalles ³	30	39							69	69.0%	Jan. 14	100
John Day												105

¹ Guidelines for 2018 have not been finalized yet. Until then, 2017 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.

³ **The Dalles pool closed to retention effective January 20.**

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						16	Jan. 21
The Dalles	7	8	6						21	Jan. 21
John Day	5	1	6						12	Jan. 21

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 15-21, 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	17	3			1		14	39	134	2	6		16	16
The Dalles Pool	14					1	11	26	22	2	6		20	21
John Day Pool	32	5		1		2	24	56	17		5	3	10	12
Total	63	8		1	1	3	49	121	173	4	17	3	46	49

Salmonids

Reservoir	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													
	Steelhead													
Jacks	Chinook													
	Coho													
John Day Pool	2													
Adults	Chinook													
	Coho													
	Steelhead													
Jacks	Chinook													
	Coho													

Walleye

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2018 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2018 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool					3	5	2	3	3	3
The Dalles Pool	2			5	3	6	3	20	46	51
John Day Pool					17	37	16	61	85	85

Bass

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2018 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2018 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool										
The Dalles Pool									1	1
John Day Pool	1						1			

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	82%	none	300%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.61	none	1.00	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.11	none	0.60	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	62%	none	96%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.75	none	2.88	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.15	none	2.50	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	111%	100%	159%	300%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.35	none	2.08	1.00
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.07	none	1.65	none