

January 29, 2018

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Effort and catches are light. From the I-5 Br. downstream –14 bank rods kept 1 steelhead. Above the I-5 Br: 14 bank rods released 1 adult coho and 3 cutts. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 38 coho adults and six winter-run steelhead during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

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

Tacoma Power also released 16 coho adults and two 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 13,100 cubic feet per second (cfs) on Monday, January 29. Water visibility is five feet and water temperature is 43.1 degrees F.

Bonneville and John Day pools – Little to no effort and no steelhead catch was observed.

Sturgeon

Bonneville Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a legal per every 3 rods last week. Bank anglers also caught some legals.

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

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville and John Day pools – Boat anglers averaged nearly 2 walleye per rod. A few bass were also caught.

Trout

Plants of half-pound rainbows into SW WA waters last week. No report on angling success.

Lake/Pond	Date	Species	Number	Fish per Pound	Hatchery	Notes
BATTLE GROUND LK (CLAR) <i>Clark County - Region 5</i>	Jan 22, 2018	Rainbow	1,500	2	VANCOUVER HATCHERY	
ICE HOUSE LK (SKAM) <i>Skamania County - Region 5</i>	Jan 22, 2018	Rainbow	1,000	2	VANCOUVER HATCHERY	
KLINELINE PD (CLAR) <i>Clark County - Region 5</i>	Jan 22, 2018	Rainbow	1,500	2	VANCOUVER 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	18						45	13.8%	Jan. 21	325
The Dalles ³	30	39	10						79	79.0%	Jan. 21	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	19					35	Jan. 28
The Dalles	7	8	6	---					21	Jan. 28
John Day	5	1	6	2					14	Jan. 28

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 22-28, 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	31	7		1		1	22	63	228	4	18	4	34	35
The Dalles Pool						1							20	21
John Day Pool	37	3				2	33	73	18	1	2	2	12	14
Total	68	10		1		4	55	136	246	5	20	6	66	70

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	2													
Adults	Chinook													
	Coho													
	Steelhead													
Jacks	Chinook													
	Coho													
The Dalles Pool														
Adults	Chinook													
	Coho													
	Steelhead													
Jacks	Chinook													
	Coho													
John Day Pool														
Adults	Chinook													
	Coho													
	Steelhead													
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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	7		12	15	15
The Dalles Pool				5					46	51
John Day Pool					17	35	20	38	123	123

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								2	2	2
The Dalles Pool									1	1
John Day Pool								4	4	4

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 4-week average)	126%	400%	233%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.79	none	1.71	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.20	none	1.71	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 4-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 4-week average)	127%	none	133%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.24	none	1.66	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.02	none	1.09	none