

March 27, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Warrior Rock line to Bonneville Dam– 128 salmonid boats and 52 Washington bank rods were tallied during last Saturdays flight count.

Sturgeon:

Bonneville Pool- 2 bank anglers had no catch. 14 boats/39 rods kept 9 legal sturgeon, released 5 legal sturgeon and 107 sublegal sturgeon.

The Dalles Pool- Closed for retention. No report.

John Day Pool- 52 bank anglers kept 2 legal sturgeon, released 5 sublegal and 6 oversize sturgeon. 8 boats/10 rods released 1 sublegal sturgeon.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:												
	Jan	Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	Apr	May	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville ¹	258	3	0	4	17				282	56.4%	17-Mar	500
The Dalles ²	78								78	57.8%	3-Mar	135
John Day	0	9							9	8.6%	3-Mar	105

¹ 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.

² The Dalles pool closed to retention effective January 7.

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

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:												
	Jan	Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	Apr	May	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville	54	1	0	3	3	9			70		24-Mar	
The Dalles	33								33		24-Mar	
John Day	0	2	0	0	0	2			4		24-Mar	

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

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool- 17 boats/32 rods kept 14 walleye and released 6 walleye.

John Day Pool- 47 boats/96 rods kept 93 walleye and released 28 walleye.

Bass:

Bonneville Pool- 1 boat/2 rods released 1 bass.

John Day Pool- 5 boats/10 rods kept 1 bass and released 17 bass.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 64 bank rods kept 8 steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br: 34 bank rods kept 20 steelhead and released 2 steelhead. 61 boats/181 rods kept 101 steelhead and released 10 steelhead.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 91 winter-run steelhead adults, one winter-run steelhead jack and one spring Chinook adult during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

Tacoma Power employees released 21 winter-run steelhead adults and one winter-run steelhead jack into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released three winter-run steelhead adults into the Cispus River near Randle.

Tacoma Power released four winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa located in Randle.

The remainder of the fish are being held at the hatchery for broodstock needs.

Kalama River – 28 bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/3 rods had no catch.

Lewis River – 17 bank anglers released 1 steelhead.

Wind River – 1boat/2 rods had no catch.

❖ **Tributaries not listed: Creel checks not conducted.**

Catchable Trout Plants:

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
Horseshoe (COWL)	Mar 19, 2019	Rainbow	2,900	2.9	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY