

Creel Survey

January 3, 2010

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching steelhead at the trout and salmon hatcheries.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 180 coho adults, three jacks and 106 winter-run steelhead during four days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. During the week Tacoma Power employees released eight coho adults and three winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and 41 coho adults, one jack and three winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa behind Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 8,240 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 4. Water visibility is eight feet.

Kalama River – Anglers continue to catch steelhead though just over half the fish were released.

Through December, 320 hatchery winter run steelhead had returned to Kalama Falls Hatchery. In comparison, a total of 94 fish had returned through December 2008.

Lewis River – North Fork anglers continue to catch steelhead, in particular around the salmon hatchery. Flows at Merwin Dam were 8,500 cfs this morning.

Through December, 1,337 hatchery winter run steelhead had returned to the Lewis River traps. In comparison, a total of 1,219 fish had returned through December 2008.

Washougal River – No report on angling success. Through December, a total of 384 hatchery winter run steelhead had returned to Skamania Hatchery. In comparison, 182 fish had returned through December 2008.

The Dalles Pool – The few anglers sampled the first few days of the new year averaged just over a steelhead per rod though the majority were wild fish that had to be released.

Sturgeon

The Dalles Pool – Bank and boat anglers are catching some legals.

Trout

Recent plants of catchable size rainbows include:

- **Battleground Lake** – 2,500 (Dec. 21)
- **Klineline Pond** – 2,500 (Dec. 21)
- **Fort Borst Park Pond** – 3,029 (Dec. 28) Reminder – Open only to juveniles under 15 years old
- **Icehouse Lake** (near Bridge of the Gods) – 1,022 (Dec. 29)
- **Spearfish Lake** (near Dallesport) – 2,002 (Dec. 24)
- **Rowland Lake** (near Lyle) – 4,057 (Dec. 24)
- **Maryhill Pond** (in Klickitat County) – 501 (Dec. 29)

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

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The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

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

There was no creel sampling in Bonneville or John Day Reservoirs this week.

Sturgeon

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool														
The Dalles Pool	29	4		1	4	1	3	6	23		2	3	2	3
John Day Pool														
Total	29	4		1	4	1	3	6	23		2	3	2	3

Salmonids

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool																
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool	4		3				2	7		10	1	2	1	1		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead																
John Day Pool																
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead																

Walleye

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool									
The Dalles Pool									
John Day Pool									

Bass

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool									
The Dalles Pool									
John Day Pool									

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (# of angler trips)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (# of angler trips)	35	11	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.06	1.45	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.09	0.09	none	none
John Day	Effort (# of angler trips)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none

Washington lower Columbia tributaries and Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Dec. 25-31.

Area	Bank Anglers	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat Anglers	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other
		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Cowlitz River	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	1	0	
Kalama River	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Lewis River mainstem	10	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		CLOSED	CLOSED									
North Fork	136	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	9	0	26	CLOSED	CLOSED	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	

Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - Dec. 25-31.

Area

Anglers

Catch

No report.