

Creel Survey

January 9, 2012

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 20 boat anglers kept 9 steelhead while 14 bank anglers kept 2 steelhead and released 2 steelhead and 1 unmarked coho.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 801 coho adults, eleven jacks and 354 winter-run steelhead during three days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 161 coho adults, two jacks and two winter-run steelhead at the Lake Scanewa Day Use Site above Cowlitz Falls Dam and 339 coho adults, two jacks and ten steelhead adults into the Cispus River above Yellow Jacket Creek. Also during the week 149 coho adults and nine winter-run steelhead were released into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 8,300 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 9. Water visibility is six feet.

2011 Upstream totals

Fall Chinook Adults									
		Upstream Transportation							
Week Ending	Total Returns	Tilton River		Lake Scanewa		Cowlitz @ Packwood		Cispus River	
		Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural
Season to date	16,816	2,233	4,275	4,658	0	1,794	1	1,223	6
6-Jan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coho Adults									
		Upstream Transportation							
Week Ending	Total Returns	Tilton River		Lake Scanewa		Cowlitz @ Packwood		Cispus River	
		Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural
Season to date	47,871	6,204	1,949	6,746	6,858	4,927	155	1,944	489
6-Jan	801	16	133	27	136	0	0	108	231
Winter Steelhead Adults									
		Upstream Transportation							
Week Ending	Total Returns	Tilton River		Lake Scanewa		Cowlitz @ Packwood		Cispus River	
		Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural
Season to date	1,652	0	18	0	10	0	0	0	12
6-Jan	354	0	9	0	2	0	0	0	10

Lower Columbia mainstem from Bonneville Dam downstream – Effort and catches are light.

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

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

Hatchery winter run steelhead hatchery returns to date compared to the same time last year - Overall, a little mixed bag; higher returns this year from the Cowlitz downstream, lower returns from the Kalama upstream.

<u>River</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Grays	326	234
Elochoman	442	198
Cowlitz	1,540	1,150
Kalama	312	452
Lewis	968	1,891
Washougal	259	390

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from Bonneville Dam downstream – Effort and catches are light.

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers averaged a legal kept per every 4 rods while bank anglers averaged one per every 22 rods.

The Dalles Pool – Boat and bank anglers are catching some legals.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers are catching some legals; slow from the bank.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools – No effort was found for either specie.

Trout

Plants of rainbows since the beginning of the year (no reports on angling success):

- Fort Borst Park Pond (Juvenile only waters near Centralia) – 3,050 catchable size Jan. 4
- Battleground Lake – 3,000 half-pounders Jan. 3
- Klineline Pond – 1,500 half-pounders Jan. 3
- Kidney Lake near North Bonneville – 1,000 half-pounders Jan. 4
- Rowland Lake near Bingen – 3,060 catchable size Jan. 3
- Spearfish Lake near Dallesport – 1,809 catchable size Jan. 3
- Maryhill Pond – 500 catchable size Jan. 3

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 1 - 8, 2012

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.
 Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool	66	15		3		3	25	71	206	1	18		18	21
The Dalles Pool	26	17		2	7	2	11	22	34		2	1	2	4
John Day Pool	36						33	82	12	1	6		6	6
Total	128	32		5	7	5	69	175	252	2	26	1	26	31

Salmonids

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week	Jacks Kept Cum
Bonneville Pool															
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	8		1	1		1	1	3		2	2		2		3
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead			1	1		1				2	2		2		3
John Day Pool															
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															

Walleye

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2012 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool									
The Dalles Pool									
John Day Pool									

Bass

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2012 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2012 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)	137	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.77	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.15	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (# of angler trips)	48	11	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.31	0.55	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.08	0.27	none	none
John Day	Effort (# of angler trips)	118	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.16	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.05	none	none	none

Salmonid

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Chinook			Steelhead			Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Chinook			Steelhead			Other	
				Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Jacks					Released Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	Other			
Jan. 1-8	1																				
Bonneville	2																				
Camas/Washougal	3																				
Vancouver	4																				
Woodland	5																				
Kalama	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0												
Cowlitz	7																				
Longview	8																				
Cathlamet	9																				
Total	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0												

Sturgeon

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Camas/Washougal	2											
Vancouver	3											
Woodland	4											
Kalama	5											
Cowlitz	6											
Longview	7											
Cathlamet	8	6	0	0	0	0						
Cathlamet	9											
Total	10	12	0	0	0	0						

Walleye

Month/Week	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
Camas/Washougal	2							
Vancouver	3							
Woodland	4							
Kalama	5							
Cowlitz	6							
Longview	7							
Cathlamet	8							
Chinook/Elochoman	9							
Total	10	0	0	0				