

Creel Survey

January 24, 2012

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Salmon/Steelhead

Bonneville and The Dalles pools – No salmonid anglers were sampled.

John Day Pool – The few bank anglers sampled had no catch.

Sturgeon

Bonneville Pool – Boat anglers averaged nearly a legal kept per boat.

Through Jan. 22 an estimated 737 legals have been kept. The 2011 guideline was 2,000 fish. The guidelines for 2012 have not been finalized yet. Note: There was an error made last week in calculating the estimate for the week ending Jan. 15. That estimate has been corrected.

The Dalles and John Day pools – No legals were sampled.

Walleye and Bass

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

Trout

Battleground Lake – Planted with 5,029 catchable size and 24 ten pound rainbows Jan. 17. No report on angling success.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	08-Jan	15-Jan ²	22-Jan	29-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: ¹
Bonneville ³	589	104	44							737	36.9%	Jan. 15	2,000
The Dalles													300
John Day													500

¹ Guidelines for 2012 have not been finalized yet.
² An error was made last week in calculating the estimate for the week ending January 15. The number here has been corrected.
³ Due to the high effort and harvest in Bonneville Pool, we are providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis.

Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:

	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Bonneville ⁴	21	18	12							51	Jan. 15
The Dalles	4	1	0							5	Jan. 15
John Day	6	3	0							9	Jan. 15

⁴ Bonneville weekly sample rate:
January 1-8 bank was low at 9% and boat was very low at 4% of estimated angler trips sampled, with a total of 4 "sampler days", and 1 of 4 weekend/holiday days sampled.
January 9-15 bank was 18% and boat was 19% of estimated angler trips sampled, with a total of 7 "sampler days", and 1 of 2 weekend/holiday days sampled.
January 16-22 bank was 33% and boat was 60% of estimated angler trips sampled, with a total of 7 "sampler days", and 3 of 3 weekend/holiday days sampled.

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

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 16 - 22, 2012

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

Sturgeon														Combined	
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	Leg Kept	Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool	12	2				3	13	36	90		12		48		51
The Dalles Pool	3					3	1	2	3				2		5
John Day Pool	24						3	8	1				9		9
Total	39	2				6	17	46	94		12		59		65
Salmonids														Jacks Kept	
	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	Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool															
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool						3							3		6
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead						3							3		6
John Day Pool	3														
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
Walleye															
	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	1							
Bass															
	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.

	Current week's estimates of:	Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	48%	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.17	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.25	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	11%	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.60	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 3-week average)	37%	53%	60%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.03	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none