

April 10, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Warrior Rock line to Bonneville Dam– 516 salmonid boats and 118 Washington bank rods were tallied during last Sundays flight count.

Sturgeon:

Bonneville Pool- 14 bank anglers kept 1 legal sturgeon and released 5 sublegal sturgeon. 9 boats/23 rods kept 14 legal sturgeon, released 77 sublegal and 2 oversize sturgeon.

The Dalles Pool- Closed for retention. No report.

John Day Pool- 8 bank anglers kept 1 legal sturgeon. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	1-Apr	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	May	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville ¹	258	3	79	61						401	80.2%	7-Apr	500
The Dalles ²	78									78	57.8%	7-Apr	135
John Day ³	0	9	118	5						132	125.7%	7-Apr	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.

³ **John Day Pool closed to retention effective April 3.**

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

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	1-Apr	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	May	Totals:			
Bonneville	54	1	24	15						94		7-Apr	
The Dalles	33									33		7-Apr	
John Day	0	2	19	1						22		7-Apr	

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

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool- 2 bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/5 rods kept 5 walleye.

John Day Pool- 2 bank anglers had no catch. 7 boats/13 rods kept 2 and released 10 walleye.

Bass:

Bonneville Pool- 3 boats/6 rods kept 2 bass and released 71 bass.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 37 bank rods kept 2 steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br: 58 bank rods kept 13 steelhead. 38 boats/110 rods kept 42 steelhead and released 4 steelhead.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 272 winter-run steelhead adults, one winter-run steelhead jack and four cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released 40 winter-run steelhead adults, one winter-run steelhead jack and two cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released 17 winter-run steelhead adults and two cutthroat trout adults into Lake Scanewa located in Randle.

Tacoma Power also tagged and recycled 109 winter-run steelhead adults to the lower river.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,970 cubic feet per second on Monday, April 8. Water visibility is 9 feet and the water temperature is 45.7 F. River flows could change at any time so boaters and anglers should remain alert for this possibility.

Kalama River – 14 bank anglers had no catch.

Lewis River – 3 bank anglers released 1 steelhead.

Drano Lake – 3 boats/5 rods had no catch.

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

Catchable Trout Plants: No report of angler success.

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
Battle Ground (CLARK)	April 1, 2019	Rainbow	2,000	2.53	GOLDENDALE

