

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Really improved for steelhead around the trout hatchery. Fishing for salmon has slowed.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 3,243 coho adults, 114 jacks, 73 fall Chinook adults, five jacks, 257 winter-run steelhead, 29 summer-run steelhead and nine sea-run cutthroat trout during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 224 coho adults, nine jacks and seven fall Chinook adults into the upper Cowlitz River at the Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood, 1,265 coho adults, 31 jacks, seven fall Chinook adults and five winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa behind Cowlitz Falls Dam, and 402 coho adults, eleven jacks and seven fall Chinook adults into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek.

Also during the week 474 coho adults, 25 jacks, 48 fall Chinook adults, four jacks and three cutthroat trout were released into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 9,470 cubic feet per second on Monday, December 5. Water visibility is 8 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	16,819	2,231	4,273	4,657	0	1,794	1	1,221	6
3-Dec	74	24	24	7	0	7	0	7	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	44,477	5,902	1,518	6,279	6,073	4,946	155	1,619	101
3-Dec	3,248	187	287	387	878	244	0	383	19

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	408	0	2	0	15	0	0	0	0
3-Dec	257	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0

Kalama River – Anglers are catching some coho and steelhead.

Lewis River – Improved for steelhead especially around the salmon hatchery.

Flows below Merwin Dam are currently 4,300 cfs.

Under permanent rules, Colvin Creek upstream to the overhead powerlines below Merwin Dam opens to fishing for Chinook, hatchery coho, and hatchery steelhead Friday Dec. 16.

Lower Columbia mainstem upstream to Beacon Rock – Light effort and catch.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam – Light effort and catch.

Area	Bank <u>Anglers</u>	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat <u>Anglers</u>	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	
		<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>			<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>		
Cowlitz River	107	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	26	3	2 cutthroats	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	2	0
Kalama River	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Lewis River mainstem	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0													
North Fork	78	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	3	0	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	

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