

Creel Survey
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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Fishing is good for steelhead, especially for boat anglers around the trout hatchery.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 666 coho adults, seven jacks, one fall Chinook adults, 275 winter-run steelhead, one summer-run steelhead and three sea-run cutthroat trout during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 399 coho adults, two jacks and seven winter-run steelhead at the Day Use Site on Lake Scanewa behind Cowlitz Falls Dam and 87 coho adults, two jacks, one fall Chinook adults, five winter-run steelhead and one cutthroat trout were released into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam have been reduced to approximately 5,000 cubic feet per second on Monday, December 19. Water visibility is nine 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	16,825	2,232	4,275	4,658	0	1,794	1	1,223	6
10-Dec	6	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	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	45,475	6,091	1,621	6,471	6,352	4,946	155	1,741	101
10-Dec	994	189	109	192	279	0	0	122	0

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	744	0	3	0	16	0	0	0	0
10-Dec	336	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

Kalama River – Anglers are catching some steelhead, both winter and summer runs.

Lewis River – Anglers are catching winter run steelhead, especially near the salmon hatchery.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - Effort is light but some winter run steelhead are being caught.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam - Effort and catches are light.

Trout

South Lewis County Park Pond - 5 anglers with 17 rainbows kept; 0 released.

Mayfield Lake - 4 anglers with 6 rainbows kept; 0 released.

Battle Ground Lake - 5 anglers with 3 rainbow kept; 1 released.

Klinline Pond – 27 bank anglers with 32 rainbows kept; 0 released. Planted with 2,500 catchable size rainbows Dec. 13.

Lacamas Lake – Planted with 8,500 nearly half-pound rainbows Dec. 12. No report on angling success.

Rowland Lake - 4 anglers with 9 rainbow kept; 0 released. Planted with 641 rainbows averaging over a pound each Dec. 12.

Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - Dec. 12-18.

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