

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching some steelhead (summer and winter runs) around the trout hatchery.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 421 coho adults, 69 jacks, 63 winter-run steelhead, 37 cutthroat trout, 16 summer-run steelhead, three fall Chinook adults and one jack during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

A total of 173 coho adults, 24 jacks, three fall Chinook adults, 12 cutthroat trout, and one winter-run steelhead were released into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park, 62 coho adults, 33 jacks, and one fall Chinook jack into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam at the Day Use Site, and 103 coho adults and 11 jacks into the upper Cowlitz River at Packwood.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 14,200 cubic feet per second on Monday, December 3. Water visibility is five feet.

2012 Upstream Totals

		Upstream Transportation							
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	6,989	813	1,914	645	0	2,284	0	398	0
1-Dec	3	1	2	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	13,300	4,111	1,017	653	1,129	404	96	606	252
1-Dec	421	130	43	37	25	62	41	0	0

Kalama River – Light effort and catch.

Lewis River – North Fork bank anglers are catching some steelhead while boat anglers are catching some Chinook. Flows below Merwin are currently 11,500 cfs, 158% higher than the long term mean for this date.

Washougal River – Anglers are catching some steelhead, a mix of summer and winter runs. Flows at Hathaway Park have risen to nearly 4,500 cfs, over 4X higher than last Saturday.

Klickitat River – Bank anglers are still catching some coho. Flows at Pitt are currently 2,360 cfs and are expected to double in the next couple days.

Trout

Klineline Pond – 21 anglers kept 20 rainbows and released 1. Power Bait and Rapalas in the SW corner of the swimming area are producing the most fish. However, 100 cormorants were observed recently at the pond.

