

# Creel Survey

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Some steelhead are being caught throughout the river but most were sampled around the trout hatchery. A few coho are still being caught at the barrier dam.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 371 coho adults, 50 jacks, 94 winter-run steelhead, 29 cutthroat trout and seven summer-run steelhead during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

A total of 192 coho adults, 18 jacks, ten cutthroat trout, and three winter-run steelhead were released into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton, 74 coho adults, 13 jacks, and one winter steelhead into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam at the Day Use Site, and 32 coho adults and 19 jacks into the upper Cowlitz River at Packwood during the week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 14,200 cubic feet per second on Monday, December 10. Water visibility is six feet.

Coho Adults		Upstream Transportation							
		Tilton River		Lake Scanewa		Cowlitz @ Packwood		Cispus River	
Week Ending	Total Returns	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural
<i>Season to date</i>	<b>13,671</b>	<b>4,262</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>252</b>
8-Dec	371	151	41	44	30	32	0	0	0

**Kalama River** – Catches have been light.

**Lewis River** – Some steelhead are being caught on the mainstem Lewis. North Fork is generally slow with only a few coho, chinook, and steelhead being caught.

Flows below Merwin Dam are currently 11,500 cfs, about 1.5 times the long term mean for this date.

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

**Washougal River** – Generally slow except for a few winter and summer run steelhead. Flows at Hathaway Park are currently 1,500 cfs.

## Trout

**Battle Ground Lake** – Planted with 4,500 nearly half pound rainbows Dec. 3. No report on angling success.

**Klineline Pond** – 20 bank anglers kept 32 rainbows and released 8. Planted with 3,200 nearly half pound rainbows Dec. 4.

Ice House Lake near Bridge of the Gods – Planted with 500 nearly half pound rainbows Dec. 4. No report on angling success.

Area	Bank # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other	Boat # Rods	Chinook Kept		Chinook Rel.		Coho Kept		Coho Rel.		Steelhead		Other
		Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.			Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Kept	Rel.	
Cowlitz River	141	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	12	2	0	89	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	32	1	0
Kalama River	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0												
Lewis River mainstem	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0												
North Fork	55	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Washougal River	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0