

# Creel Survey

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Mainstem Grays from Hwy. 4 Bridge to South Fork and West Fork Grays River from mouth to 300 yards below hatchery road bridge** – Opens to fishing for hatchery steelhead, hatchery coho, and adipose and/or ventral fin clipped Chinook beginning December 1. Mainstem Grays below the Hwy. 4 Bridge and West Fork from 300 yards below the salmon hatchery road bridge upstream to the hatchery intake/footbridge are already open.

Night closures, anti-snagging rules, and stationary gear restrictions are no longer in effect on the mainstem and West Fork Grays River.

**Green River, North Fork Toutle River, and mainstem Toutle from mouth to forks** – November 30 is the last day to fish for hatchery steelhead and hatchery salmon.

**South Fork Toutle River** – From 4100 Bridge upstream, November 30 is the last day to fish for hatchery steelhead. From the mouth to the bridge remains open with selective gear rules in effect beginning December 1.

**Cowlitz River** – Fishing has slowed though some fall chinook, coho, steelhead, and sea run cutthroats are still being caught between the hatcheries.

Flows below Mayfield are currently 14,100 cfs this morning, more than double the long term mean for this date.

Under permanent rules, Nov. 30 is the last day of the night closure and anti-snagging rule from Mill Creek to the barrier dam.

**Mill creek (tributary to Cowlitz River)** – Beginning December 1, opens to fishing for hatchery steelhead from the mouth to the salmon hatchery road crossing culvert. Night closures and anti-snagging rules will be in effect for the one month fishery.

**Kalama River** – Slow for coho even when the river was fishable last week.

**Lewis River** – North Fork boat anglers were catching good numbers of fall chinook and some coho. Fishing from the bank was slow although some winter run steelhead were reported hooked on the mainstem Lewis. Two hatchery winter run steelhead showed up at the Lewis River traps last week.

Flows below Merwin Dam are currently 11,600 cfs, nearly double the long term mean for this date.

Under permanent rules, the night closure and anti-snagging rule are lifted from Johnson Creek to Colvin Creek beginning December 1.

**Washougal River** – Not much catch in the creel though a couple winter steelhead have been reported caught.

Flows at Hathaway Park have more than tripled since yesterday and were over 5,000 cfs this morning.

**Wind River** – Under permanent rules, November 30 is the last day of the catch and release game fish season above Shipherd Falls.

**Klickitat River** – The lower river is producing coho for bank anglers.

Flows at Pitt are currently nearly 1,300 cfs, about 50% higher than the long term mean for this date.

Under permanent rules, the Klickitat (except for the salmon fishery from the Fisher Hill Bridge downstream) closes to fishing for trout including hatchery steelhead and salmon beginning December 1. The salmon season from the Fisher Hill Bridge downstream remains open through January.

The whitefish only season from 400 feet above Fishway #5 upstream to the Yakama Reservation boundary begins December 1. Whitefish gear rules will be in effect

## **Trout**

**Merwin Reservoir** – Through Nov. 30, the daily limit is 5 trout and 10 kokanee. Kokanee are not included in the trout daily limit. Anglers may fish with two poles with a Two-Pole Endorsement.

Swift Reservoir – Remains open to fishing through November 30. Until then, the daily limit is 10 trout (except closed to fishing for bull trout). Landlocked rules will be in effect (salmon count towards the trout daily limit); however, all salmon larger than 15 inches must be released.

**Lacamas Lake in Camas** – Planted with 9,600 catchable size rainbows Nov. 14.

## **Fish Black Friday for big rainbows**

Six SW Washington ponds and lakes are closed to fishing through Nov. 22. The following waters are scheduled to reopen Nov. 23 and each will receive plants of 2,000 rainbow trout averaging 1¼ pounds apiece:

- Battleground Lake and Klineline Pond in Clark County
- Kress Lake in Cowlitz County
- Fort Borst Park Pond (juvenile anglers only) and South Lewis County Park Pond in Lewis County
- Rowland Lake in Klickitat County

