

Creel Survey

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Effort and catch dropped with the higher water.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 685 coho adults, 174 jacks, nine fall Chinook adults, 26 summer-run steelhead, **30 winter-run steelhead**, and 42 cutthroat trout during three days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 109 coho adults and 23 jacks into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam at the Day Use Site and one fall Chinook adult, 166 coho adults and 102 jacks into the upper Cowlitz River at Packwood.

A total of 348 coho adults, 48 jacks, eight fall Chinook adults, five cutthroat, and one winter-run steelhead were released into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton during the week.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife released five cutthroat trout into the upper Cowlitz River basin during the week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 14,300 cubic feet per second on Monday, November 26. Water visibility is five feet.

Current flows below Mayfield Dam can be found @

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wa/nwis/uv/?site_no=14238000&PARAMeter_cd=00060,00065.

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	6,986	812	1,904	645	0	2,284	0	398	0
24-Nov	9	0	8	0	0	1	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	12,879	3,981	1,017	616	1,104	342	55	606	252
24-Nov	685	275	73	60	49	126	40	0	0

Lewis River – Effort and catch dropped with the high water. Flows below Merwin Dam have bounced around between 10,000 and 23,000 cfs in the past week.

North Fork Lewis flows at Ariel can be found @ http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wa/nwis/uv/?site_no=14220500&PARAMeter_cd=00060,00065 and East Fork Lewis at Heisson @ http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wa/nwis/uv/?site_no=14222500&PARAMeter_cd=00060,00065

Washougal River – Only a couple summer run steelhead released last week. Still no winter runs sampled in the creel to date.

Flows at Hathaway Park are currently 2,000 cfs, down from just over 9,000 cfs a week ago.

Washougal River flows can be found @ <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/flows/station.asp?sta=28B080#block2>.

Other river flow information can be found @

Grays River – <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/flows/station.asp?wria=25#block2>

Germany Creek – <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/flows/station.asp?sta=25D050#block2>

Abernathy Creek – <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/flows/station.asp?sta=25E060#block2>

Mill Creek (Cowlitz Co.) - <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/flows/station.asp?sta=25F060#block2>

Coweeman River – <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/flows/station.asp?sta=26C075#block2>

East Fork Lewis River (near Dollars Corner) - <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/flows/station.asp?sta=27D090#block2>

Trout

Klineline Pond – 45 bank anglers sampled last (Black) Friday kept 71 rainbows and released 11.

