

## Creel Survey

December 9, 2013

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### Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Boat and bank anglers are catching steelhead mainly around the trout hatchery while bank anglers at the barrier dam are mainly catching coho.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 583 coho salmon, 194 coho jacks, 107 winter-run steelhead, one summer-run steelhead and 14 cutthroat trout during seven days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 242 coho adults, 104 coho jacks and one fall Chinook adult into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton, 19 coho adults and 27 coho jacks into the upper Cowlitz River at the Skate Creek Bridge in Packwood, 201 coho adults and 44 jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, and 55 coho adults and 11 jacks into Lake Scanewa behind Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 14,500 cubic feet per second on Monday, December 9. Water visibility is seven feet.

**Kalama River** – Low effort and catches last week though some coho jacks were released.

**Lewis River** – Mixture of fall Chinook, coho, and steelhead on the North Fork Lewis. Mainstem Lewis was slow.

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

**Washougal River** – Mixture of coho and winter/summer steelhead are being caught, primarily by boat anglers.

**Klickitat River** – Light effort and no catch was observed.

### Trout

Plants of catchable size rainbows last week:

- **Battle Ground Lake** – 4,000
- **Klinline Pond** – 1,900
- **Lacamas Lake** – 4,800

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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	68	0	0	0	0	7	1	1	0	5	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	
Kalama River	24	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lewis River mainstem	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
North Fork	50	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	1	0	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Washougal River	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	6	0		
Klickitat River	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0														
Bonneville Pool													2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5 sublegal sturgeon released.