

Creel Survey

December 30, 2013

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Salmon/Steelhead

Overall, fishing was pretty slow on the Cowlitz, Kalama, Lewis, and Washougal rivers last week.

Washington lower Columbia hatchery winter run steelhead returns are down from the same time last year:

| Station | 2013 | 2012 |
|---------|------|------|
| Cowlitz | 349 | 634 |
| Kalama | 40 | 177 |
| Lewis | 29 | 283 |

Notice of Columbia River Working Group Meeting: ODFW & WDFW have scheduled a workgroup meeting from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday January 3, 2013 at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum (5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon) to review spring chinook harvest and allocation. A public comment period is scheduled for 4 p.m.

The Winter Compact Hearing is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday January 29, location to be determined. The purpose of this hearing is to review salmon and steelhead stock status and consider non-Indian commercial and recreational fishing seasons in the Columbia River and Select Areas, including:

2014 recreational spring salmon fisheries.

2014 Select Area winter-summer commercial fisheries.

2014 non-Indian commercial winter/spring commercial salmon fishing plan.

Trout

Recent releases of catchable size rainbows (no report on angling success):

Lacamas Lake near Camas – 4,648 fish Dec. 20;

Icehouse near Bridge of the Gods – 1,000 fish Dec. 23;

Little Ash Lake near Stevenson – 1,000 fish Dec. 23;

Maryhill Pond – 500 fish Dec. 23

| 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 | 296 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 5 cutthroats | 141 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Kalama River | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lewis River mainstem | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| North Fork | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Washougal River | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 |