

Creel Survey

December 14, 2015

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 10 bank anglers released 1 adult and 3 jack coho. No boat anglers were sampled.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 505 coho adults, 175 jacks, six summer-run steelhead, six winter run steelhead, and six cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 79 coho adults, 68 jacks and one winter-run steelhead at Franklin Bridge in Packwood and they released 101 coho adults and 42 jacks into the Cispus River near the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek.

During the week, Tacoma Power released 118 coho adults, 64 jacks, two cutthroat trout and three winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

Of the 3,300 summer-run steelhead that have been recycled during the 2015 season, a total of 1,681 have been accounted for through December 11.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 19,200 cubic feet per second on Monday, December 14.

Cowlitz River hatchery winter run steelhead program update:

The non-endemic early winter steelhead program was eliminated in 2012 to reduce impacts on the winter-late steelhead. The program is now operated as an “integrated type” program, as defined by the Hatchery Scientific Review Group, since 2012. An “integrated” program is one in which natural-origin individuals are used in hatchery broodstock. Integration is achieved by utilizing adult natural-origin winter-late steelhead (distinguished by an intact adipose fin) returning to the Cowlitz River at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery trap (Rkm 79.0 collected and spawned from mid-March through May. All fish released through this hatchery program have been 100% mass-marked (adipose fin-clipped) since 1995.

For more info see http://wdfw.wa.gov/hatcheries/hgmp/pdf/lower_columbia/cowlitz_wl_sthd_2014_draft.pdf

Trout

Plants of catchable size rainbows on Dec. 7. No report on angling success.

- Klineline Pond – 2,000
- Lacamas Lake – 7,000

Swift Reservoir – Effective Thursday December 10, 2015, due to the recent high flow event Swift Camp is closed until further notice for debris removal and to provide public safety.