

## Creel Survey

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### Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – Bank anglers at the hatcheries are catching some fall Chinook, coho, summer run steelhead, and sea run cutthroats.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 1,346 coho adults, 751 jacks, 164 fall Chinook adults, eight jacks, 89 summer-run steelhead and 18 cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 40 fall Chinook adults, 172 coho adult and 200 jacks at Franklin Bridge in Packwood, and they released 160 coho adults and 168 jacks into the Cispus River near the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek.

During the week, Tacoma Power released 781 coho adults, 382 jacks, 117 fall Chinook adults, eight jacks and nine cutthroat trout 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 1,678 have been accounted for through November 20.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 14,900 cubic feet per second on Monday, November 23.

**Coweeman River** – Light effort and no catch of steelhead.

**Kalama River** – Anglers are catching a mix of coho and steelhead.

**East Fork Lewis River** – Bank anglers are catching some coho and steelhead. All salmon must be released. The steelhead were wild and released as required.

**North Fork Lewis River** – Effort and catch was light.

### Trout

**Swift Reservoir** – Anglers continue to limit on trout. The reservoir is 15 feet below full pool. **Be alert for possible regulation changes.**

**Black Friday trout opener is coming up the day after Thanksgiving.** The six lakes to be planted will be closed starting the Monday before Thanksgiving (November 23) through Thanksgiving (November 26) and reopen Friday November 27. The lakes to be planted with 2,000 very large rainbows (averaging 15 to 16 inches in length and weighing 1-1/4 pounds) each are:

#### **Lewis County**

Fort Borst Park Pond

South Lewis County Park Pond

#### **Cowlitz County**

Kress Lake

#### **Clark County**

Battleground Lake

**Klinline Pond**

Klickitat County  
North Rowland Lake

