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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – From the I-5 Br. downstream – 6 bank rods kept 1 steelhead and released 1. 2 boat rods had no catch. From the I-5 Br. upstream – 23 bank rods kept 2 steelhead. 40 boat rods kept 7 steelhead.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 16 winter-run steelhead adults during four days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released two winter-run steelhead into the Cispus River located near Yellow Jacket Creek in Randle and released two winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

The Franklin Bridge release site in Packwood is currently damaged due to recent high water. Parts needed for repair are now available to fix the flume and we plan to have the site available before the first spring Chinook returns to the separator.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 14,300 cubic feet per second (cfs) on Monday, February 26. Water visibility is eight feet and water temperature is 40.6 degrees F.

Trout

Klineline Pond – Planted with 1,500 half pound rainbows on Feb. 26. No report on angling success.

Battle Ground Lake – Planted with 1,500 half-pound rainbows on Feb. 28. No report on angling success.