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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – From the I-5 Br. downstream: 330 bank rods kept 5 adult spring Chinook and 2 steelhead and released 1 adult spring Chinook and 4 steelhead. 88 boat rods kept 6 adult spring Chinook and 1 steelhead. Above the I-5 Br: 131 bank rods kept 15 adult and 1 jack spring Chinook and 3 steelhead and released 1 steelhead. 55 boat rods kept 1 adult and 1 jack spring Chinook and released 1 adult spring Chinook.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 329 winter-run steelhead, 101 spring Chinook adults, five spring Chinook jacks, seven summer-run steelhead and two cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released 12 winter-run steelhead and one cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released 40 winter-run steelhead and eight spring Chinook adults into the Cispus River, near Yellow Jacket Creek.

Tacoma Power also released nine winter-run steelhead, one cutthroat trout, 14 spring Chinook adults and one spring Chinook jack into Lake Scanewa near Randle.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,390 cubic feet per second (cfs) on Monday, May 7. Water visibility is ten feet and the water temperature is 46.6 degrees F.

Kalama River – 79 bank anglers kept 2 adult spring Chinook and 2 steelhead. 51 boat anglers kept 10 adult spring Chinook.

Mainstem Lewis River – 8 bank and 4 boat rods had no catch. Closed to fishing for Chinook.

North Fork Lewis River – 13 bank rods had no catch. 3 boat rods released 2 steelhead. Closed to fishing for Chinook.

Wind River – 13 bank rods had no catch. 485 boat rods kept 120 adult and 1 jack spring Chinook and released 11 adult spring Chinook.

Drano Lake - 41 bank rods kept 7 adult spring Chinook. 426 boat rods kept 146 adult spring Chinook and released 5 adult spring Chinook.

Klickitat River - 12 bank anglers kept 3 steelhead.

Trout

Recent plants of catchable size rainbows. No report on angling success.

Lake/Pond	Date	Species	Number	Fish per Pound	Hatchery	Notes
LTL ASH LK (SKAM) <i>Skamania County - Region 5</i>	Apr 30, 2018	Rainbow	1,019	2.24	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
TUNNEL LK (SKAM) <i>Skamania County - Region 5</i>	Apr 30, 2018	Rainbow	2,000	2.45	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
LK SACAJAWEA (COWL) <i>Cowlitz County - Region 5</i>	May 01, 2018	Rainbow	3,361	2.5	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	

Also, Tacoma Power released 5,000 rainbow trout into Mayfield Lake.