

May 29, 2018

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River - (I-5 Br downstream)** – 7 bank rods and 1 boat rod had no catch. Above the I-5 Br. – 64 bank rods kept 12 adult and 1 jack spring Chinook. 12 boat rods kept 2 adult spring Chinook and 1 steelhead.

Last week Tacoma Power employees recovered 34 winter-run steelhead, 134 spring Chinook adults, six spring Chinook jacks, and nine summer-run steelhead during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

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

Tacoma Power also released five spring Chinook adults and one spring Chinook jack into Lake Scanewa near Randle.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,320 cubic feet per second (cfs) on Tuesday, May 29. Water visibility is 14 feet and the water temperature is 48.7 degrees F.

**From the Lexington (Sparks) Road Bridge upstream to 400 feet or boundary markers below the barrier dam** – From June 1 through July 31, barbed hooks will be allowed for salmon, steelhead, and cutthroats.

Starting June 1, the area that is closed to fishing below the Cowlitz River barrier dam will expand from 100 feet to 400 feet to help increase the number of spring Chinook arriving at the salmon hatchery. We had projected that 5,000 spring Chinook would return to the river this year, but they're tracking well below that now. Expanding the area that's closed to fishing will help ensure we can meet hatchery broodstock goals and continue to move fish to the upper Cowlitz watershed for fishing opportunities and reintroduction efforts. The no-fishing zone will be posted with signs until further notice.

**East Fork Lewis River from the mouth to 400 feet below Horseshoe Falls (except closures around various falls) and the Washougal River from the mouth to Salmon Falls Bridge** – Under permanent rules these areas will be open to fishing with bait for hatchery steelhead beginning the first Saturday in June.

**Kalama River** – 9 bank and 3 boat anglers had no catch.

**Lewis River (mainstem)** – 5 bank rods had no catch. 11 boat rods kept 1 adult spring Chinook.

**Lewis River (North Fork)** – 33 bank rods kept 7 adult spring Chinook and 1 steelhead. 8 boat rods had no catch.

**Wind River (mouth)** – 3 bank rods kept 1 adult spring Chinook. 96 boat rods kept 32 adult and 2 jack spring Chinook and released 1 adult spring Chinook.

**Drano Lake** – 145 boat rods kept 53 adult and 2 jack spring Chinook and released 7 adult spring Chinook.

**Klickitat River from the mouth (Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge) upstream to the Fisher Hill Bridge and from 400 feet upstream from #5 fishway upstream to the boundary markers below the salmon hatchery** – Effective June 1, the salmon daily limit is 6 hatchery Chinook of which no more than two may be adults. In addition, up to 3 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Wild chinook must be released. Open 7 days per week.

**Lower Columbia mainstem from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam** – Last week we sampled 495 anglers, including 74 boats, with 32 adult and 1 jack spring Chinook and 16 steelhead. 23 (72%) of the adult Chinook and 14 (88%) of the steelhead were kept.

Fish were caught throughout the river.

## Trout

Recent plants of rainbows and cutthroats into SW WA waters. No report on angling success.

Lake/Pond	Date	Species	Number	Fish per Pound	Hatchery	Notes
<b>GOOSE LK (SKAM)</b> <i>Skamania County - Region 5</i>	May 21, 2018	Cutthroat	3,259	1.88	SKAMANIA HATCHERY	
<b>GOOSE LK (SKAM)</b> <i>Skamania County - Region 5</i>	May 21, 2018	Rainbow	1,500	1.3	VANCOUVER HATCHERY	
<b>GOOSE LK (SKAM)</b> <i>Skamania County - Region 5</i>	May 22, 2018	Cutthroat	3,237	2.26	SKAMANIA HATCHERY	
<b>GOOSE LK (SKAM)</b> <i>Skamania County - Region 5</i>	May 22, 2018	Rainbow	1,700	1.3	VANCOUVER HATCHERY	
<b>HORSETHIEF LK (KLIC)</b> <i>Klickitat County - Region 5</i>	May 22, 2018	Rainbow	4,000	2.5	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
<b>LITTL WHITE SALMON R</b> <i>Skamania County - Region 5</i>	May 22, 2018	Rainbow	3,022	2.25	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
<b>SPRING CR 30.0106</b> <i>Klickitat County - Region 5</i>	May 22, 2018	Rainbow	3,030	2.27	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
<b>BATTLE GROUND LK (CLAR)</b> <i>Clark County - Region 5</i>	May 23, 2018	Rainbow	1,835	2.26	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
<b>LEWIS CO PRK PD-S (LEWI)</b> <i>Lewis County - Region 5</i>	May 24, 2018	Rainbow	720	1.8	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY	
<b>SWIFT POWER CANAL (SKAM)</b> <i>Skamania County - Region 5</i>	May 24, 2018	Rainbow	2,670	2.67	SPEELYAI HATCHERY	
<b>SWOFFORD PD (LEWI)</b> <i>Lewis County - Region 5</i>	May 24, 2018	Rainbow	3,600	1.8	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY	

**Swift Reservoir** – Expected to be planted with 45,000 catchable size rainbows before the June 2<sup>nd</sup> opener.

## Shad

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – 60 shad anglers (including 10 boats) kept 289 and released 191 fish, an average of 6 fish per person. A check of bank anglers just below Bonneville Dam today averaged 11.6 fish kept/released per person based on mainly incomplete trips. Some anglers had up to 50 fish!

