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# Winter steelhead citizen science opportunity

**WDFW is seeking anglers to assist with collecting scale samples from natural-origin winter steelhead in Southwest Washington.**

## How it works



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- During normal angling and under existing permanent rules seasons, participating anglers are asked to collect scale samples from incidentally caught natural-origin winter steelhead with intact adipose and ventral fins.
- Sampling will take place between **Jan. 1 and March 15, 2025**, or until the listed closure dates for specific waterbodies.

### Priority sampling locations

- Grays River
- Elochoman River
- Skamokawa Creek
- Mill Creek
- Abernathy Creek
- Germany Creek
- South Fork Toutle River
- Green River (NF Toutle)
- Coweeman River
- East Fork Lewis River
- Washougal River

*Other waterbodies in Southwest Washington are also included, with the exception of the Cowlitz, North Fork Lewis, and Kalama river systems.*

## Angler requirements

- Participants must supply their own fishing equipment.
- WDFW will provide all scale sampling materials.
- Participants are responsible for following fishing regulations and local, state, and federal laws, such as respecting private property.
- WDFW will not be liable for any loss or damage to personal gear.

## Training session

<b>Dec. 19 2024</b>	• 6-8 p.m.
	• <b>WDFW Region 5 HQ</b> 5525 11st St. Ridgefield, WA 98642

The meeting will cover project goals and sampling protocols, and participants will receive sampling gear and supplies.

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