

**North Coast (Derek Wiley, Assistant Project Leader):**

NF Nehalem:

For the week we captured 16 wild winter steelhead and 24 hatchery winter steelhead at Waterhouse Falls and 11 wild winter steelhead and 1 hatchery winter steelhead at Fall Cr Falls. A few more redds were marked this week throughout the basin, however mainstem surveys continue to remain high with marginal visibility. With our lower mainstem float and screw trap install planned for next week, we are keeping our fingers crossed that the prediction for upcoming drier weather holds true.

EF Trask:

For the week we captured 30 wild winter steelhead, 4 hatchery winter steelhead, and 5 sea-run cutthroat trout. New steelhead redds were marked in a couple of EF Trask mainstem surveys including Bales Cr to Steampot Cr and Unnamed Trib to Pothole Cr. Next week will be busy with most steelhead redd surveys due and the lower Nehalem screw trap install planned for Thursday.

**N Scappoose (Ron Constable, Assistant Project Leader):**

It has been an outstanding week on N Scappoose Creek. A lot is happening. Not only are crews just buzzing with excitement to install our smolt trap on 2/23, but we have caught 4 steelhead this week, bringing the total to 10 for the year. Steelhead could out number coho this year. Let's hope they keep coming.

**Chum Reintroduction (Brian Alfonse, Assistant Project Leader):**

Spring trapping season has officially begun on the Lower Columbia River tributaries. After wrapping up the installation of our Clatskanie River screw trap and Stewart Creek fence weir trap last week, we were able to start operating both on Tuesday. We also installed our screw trap on Conyers Creek and started it on Wednesday. As soon as we got all our traps in and operating, the weather forecast showed three straight days of rain ahead; oh, the joys of spring trapping. In our first day of trapping on Conyers Creek we caught a precocious hatchery Chinook yearling. This was interesting, since there are no hatchery releases in this drainage. Next week we will look into a potential screw trap site on Beaver Creek in Columbia County. If we decide to install a trap there, this will be our first year monitoring juvenile out-migrants in Beaver Creek.

**Mid-South Coast (Pat Burns, Assistant Project Leader):**

West Fork Smith:

It was a pretty good week for adults at the trap site. We tagged and released an additional 27 fish giving us a season total of 143 adult winter steelhead (84 males and 59 females). We are beginning to enter what we consider our peak trap catch period at the site so the anticipation is high for us to tag many adults over the next several weeks. Spawning ground surveys continue on in the basin. We are seeing an increase of

redds on both the mainstem and tributary surveys. Counts of live adults seems to be a little low at this time, but 85% of the fish observed have been tagged. The smolt trap continues on with very little in the way of catch. We did have our first coho fry of the season.

Winchester Creek:

The smolt trap continues to spin on its own and is catching and recapturing a few coho smolts. Hopefully this next weather system will push down greater numbers of salmonids into our trap.

**Mid Coast (Adrian Gonzalez, Crew Leader):**

We had another productive week on the Mid-Coast. With little to no rain early in the week, we were able to get both lobster traps installed on Tuesday, with the help of Erik Suring. We still have a few things to tidy up at the Lobsters to be ready for the Feb 28<sup>th</sup> start date.

This Thursday we also installed the Siletz-Mill trap. The rain really came down on us (our dry trap install luck ran out) which made for a cold day. The flows on the creek were too high to get any tripods up for the panel wall, or to deploy the trap, so we secured the trap to our safety line and attached it to the near bank till the flows drop over the weekend. The only trap left to install is at Tenmile Creek.

The adult traps have been running pretty slow with four steelhead caught at the Yaquina-Mill trap, 2 steelhead caught at cascade creek and Siletz-Mill is still observing the dry spell that started Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. Friday, we will have a little stream maintenance project at Tenmile Creek. In the off season a large Alder fell and is blocking our near bank stream, which is problematic for "The Great Panel Wall" Bill builds every season. Lastly, Bill and Wes were able to get everything in place at Cascade Creek, so it is ready to start up next Monday.