



# Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's Inland Trout Program

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# Program History

- \* Stocking trout in Washington has occurred since the 1930's
- \* Most stocking was done by backpacking fish into lakes with barrels or boxes
- \* Backpacking fish into lakes still occurs today



# Program Background

More than 8,000 lakes in Washington State

- 5,000 Lowland lakes (400 managed for trout)
  - Most rely on hatchery production
  - Also includes healthy populations of fish from natural production
- 3,000 Alpine “High” lakes (800 managed)

# Diverse Angling Opportunity

## \* **Traditional**

- *The waters under this management strategy use hatchery fish to provide the highest harvest opportunities through larger bag limits, and liberal gear regulations.*

## \* **Wild / Native Management**

- *Provides angling opportunity on wild or native trout stocks. Most of the waters under this management strategy use selective gear restrictions and catch and release regulations.*

## \* **Quality management**

- *Provides an opportunity to catch more and/or larger hatchery trout through catch and release regulations or where harvest is allowed, minimum size requirements and reduced bag limits.*

# Trout Program Species List

Fish Species	Hatchery Production	Natural Production	Native to Washington
Rainbow Trout	✓	✓	✓
Brown Trout	✓	✓	
Westslope Cutthroat Trout	✓	✓	✓
Coastal Cutthroat Trout	✓	✓	✓
Lahontan Cutthroat Trout	✓	✓	
Lake Trout		✓	
Eastern Brook Trout	✓	✓	
Tiger Trout	✓		
Golden Trout	✓	✓	
Kokanee	✓	✓	✓
Bull trout/Dolly Varden		✓	✓

# Natural Production



Redband Rainbow Trout

- \* Majority of the waters in Washington State have some Natural Production
- \* Streams/Rivers
  - Rainbow Trout (Westside) and Redband Rainbow Trout (Eastside)
  - Coastal Cutthroat
  - Bull Trout
- \* Some Lakes
  - Brook trout (high lakes)
  - Kokanee (Eastside)

# Hatchery Production

- \* Eells Springs Trout Hatchery
  - 300k Rainbow
  - 250k Kokanee
  - 97k Cutthroat
- \* Lakewood Salmon Hatchery
  - 100k Rainbow
  - 800k Kokanee
- \* Puyallup Trout Hatchery
  - 300k Rainbow



# Annual Stocking



## Pierce County

### \* Catchables

- 150,000 Rainbow
- 10,000 Jumbos
- 21 Lowland Lakes

### \* Fry Production

- 33,000 Rainbow (Net Pens)
- 460,000 Kokanee
- American Lk. and Clear Lk.

# Pierce County Lakes



Lake	Fishing Schedule	# of Trout Stocked
American Lake	Year Round	25,750
Bay Lake	Opening Day	10,000
Bonney Lake	Year Round	1,370
Bradley Lake	Year Round	5,400
Carney Lake	Opening Day	3,300
Carter Lake	Year Round	1,000
Clear Lake	Opening Day	7,725
Crescent Lake	Opening Day	4,200
Florence Lake	Year Round	4,000
Harts Lake	Year Round	3,050
Jackson Lake	Opening Day	1,350
Kapowsin Lake	Year Round	31,650
Louise Lake	Year Round	1,600
Ohop Lake**	Year Round	2,500
Rapjohn Lake	Opening Day	6,000
Silver Lake *	Opening Day	4,100
Spanaway Lake	Year Round	18,000
Steilacoom Lake	Year Round	8,000
Tanwax Lake *	Opening Day	7,000
Wapato Lake	Year Round	4,000
Whitman Lake	Year Round	2,000

\* Lakes with Net Pens - Silver (18,000), Tanwax (15,000)

\*\*Ohop Lk. - Triploids only

# Monitoring and Research Programs

- \* Creel surveys
  - Angler interviews
- \* Warmwater surveys
  - Enumerate species in the lake
  - Use of Electroshocking boats, Fyke nets, gillnets, etc.
- \* Research projects
  - Currently seeking funding for a study to look at fish migration
  - Use of radio tags, fin clips, freeze branding, otolith marking.



# Weekly Catchable Trout Plants



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**Fishing Hotline**  
360-902-2500

**Shellfish Rule Change Hotline**  
1-866-880-5431

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For more information on fishing, please contact the WDFW Fish Program.  
360-902-2700  
Fish Program District Biologists

For fishing regulation questions, e-mail us at:  
fishregs@dfw.wa.gov

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For fish 3 per pound or larger, including broodstock

#### Search 2015 Catchable Trout Plants

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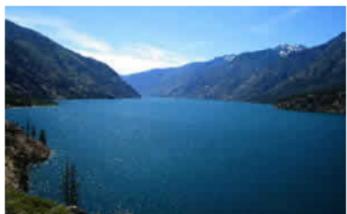
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# Questions?

