

December 16th, 2010

Steelhead have finally decided on a consistent bite. The last cold spell seemed to be the key to getting them on the bite. The last week of November was the turning point for this year, and it has stayed very consistent to date. The size this year seems to be a little larger than last year. Six of the last eight keepers were right at eight pounds. The wilds we released look to be weighing about the same. The last three trips we averaged right at six fish released or kept. Last week was a much better mix of hatchery compared to wild with 50% being able to be taken home. I have heard reports of a few anglers having double digit days of fish caught. When that starts to happen the bite is on for sure. The water temperature was at a low of 47 early in the week but was up to 48 yesterday.

Remember to dress warm and in layers so that you can adjust as the day progresses. There are heaters on the boat to help but it does get cold. There is not a lot of physical activity when fishing for Steelhead normally. The little bit of movement during fishing does not generate a lot of body heat. The weather has been fairly cooperative with days just below to above freezing. Yesterday was a classic Steelhead day...started off at 18 degrees and ended just above freezing with huge fluffy snowflakes falling. One client said "I never thought I would be fishing in a snow storm...this is when I am snowmobiling". A good solution are those small heater packs to put in your gloves and boots. They really work great. Open them up an hour before you need them for best results. Also keep your exterior layer of clothing one that will be a wind barrier.

Rufus Woods: IS SMOKING HOT...AND YOU NEED TO GET UP THERE FISHING. Lots of 3-5lb fish being caught with limits the norm again. It was confirmed of a 22lb Triploid being caught last week

This will be my last report for this year. I really want to thank everyone from clients, family, and friends for their support. 2010 was a really great year, and I am so excited for 2011. I am fully confident next year will be even better.

Thank you all again.

Ron

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.