

Steelhead Trip Fall 2014

This was the least productive trip I have taken for fall fishing. Spring time can be slow because the steelhead are spawning and they aren't too interested in eating. They will eat, but not like they do in the fall.

I fish with a friend that I met up there about 6 years ago. In the past we have always had excellent success for our fall trips, but instead of hooking up over a hundred times in a week and landing half of them, we only hooked up a little over 40 times and landed 16. There were not many steelhead in the system while I was there. Reports on the Salmon run that precedes the fall steelhead run were also dismal. All of the other fishermen that we saw were having the same lack of luck. I lost considerably more than I landed and for the first time, I had one straighten a hook. I only have to assume that it was hooked by the tip of the hook in a solid place, OR it was a weak hook to begin with. I had one that I hooked near a tree that had fallen into the river, dash upstream and jump up and over a limb that was about three feet off the water. Needless to say it broke the tippet. My largest steelhead landed on this trip, was a 13 pound female that I hooked in the early morning hours of the fourth day. The second largest was a 12.5 male I landed on the second day.



