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Skagit Is Mecca of Many Anglers

Fine fishing on the Skagit River plus fast automobiles plus lots of publicity has resulted in lots of fishermen.

This fact has come to light recently with Sedro-Woolley and the Skagit running rampant through headlines of the metropolitan press while metropolitan fishermen clog up the trails that skirt the log jams along the river bank.

Fred Davison, dean of the local fishermen, is the contact point for most of the publicity and quite a few of the fish to say nothing of the fishermen. According to Fred the local angler must feel his way carefully about in the early morning light for fear of falling over a Waltonite from Seattle, Grants Pass, Longview or some other place.

During the last few weeks the average daily roster compiled by the steelhead that escaped would contain names from nearly every city and hamlet north of the Columbia and local nimrods are finding it difficult to crowd their bait into the ripples of the mighty Skagit.

But even Fred admits that it all proves the Skagit to be a great fishing stream of which any devotee of the rod and line would be proud. He might even be jealous, according to Fred, and drop down to Green River, the Stillaguamish, Elliot Bay or some other good place for a day's steelhead fishing.