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## Many Fish Caught Final Day; 2,500 Total for Season

More than 2,500 steelhead probably were caught in the Skagit river during the recent season, reports from local fishing guides and Game Protector Vern Gee indicate.

Five guides reported a total of 1,117 steelhead taken during the season. The tally, compiled by Gee, showed Cecil Jordan, Lyman with 287; Fred Hagan, Lyman, 270; Bud Meyers, Lyman, 259; Ed Wolfe, Lyman, 187, and Francis (Punk) Atwell, Utopia, 114. Three other guides, who were not able to work the entire season and who went out fewer times led parties that caught more than 200 steelhead. Claude Moody, Ray Jungbluth and Roy Sweeten added to the over-all total.

Local fishermen who do not use guides would account for enough to push the total well over the 2,500 mark.

At least eight anglers from this district caught fish on the season's last day, March 31. Fred Leber boated an 18-pound male below Utopia and Al Lisherness caught a nine-pound buck there. Howard Miller caught an eight-pound female steelhead near Day Creek.

At least 13 fish were taken at Gillam Creek Thursday. Ed Goode caught a 10-pounder there and Luke Morgan, Jim Wise, Jack Johnson and Herb Johnson all took fish at Gillam.