



Date	November 2006	Time	Afternoon
Location	Boise River - Downtown	Weather	Overcast, drizzly
Fish Species	"A-run" Steelhead	Size Range	Released 4 lbs – 10 lbs
Fish Caught	I witnessed a dozen Steelhead caught that afternoon.		
Flies Used	Purple Egg-Sucking Leech		
Techniques	Wet fly swing with enough weight to tick the bottom		
Comments	I got to fish with two people that caught their first Steelhead		

Idaho Fish and Game dumped Steelhead captured at Hells Canyon damn into the Boise River. This was the first and only week of the three weeks that they dump that I fished. They are dumped at 5 locations in downtown Boise between Barber Park and Glenwood Bridge. As always expect to fish with a lot of lines in the water.

The fishing really slows down after the first ½ hour of being dumped. The Steelhead spread out up and down the river and it becomes more challenging! All the fish that I saw caught were between 4-10 lbs mostly being in the 4-5 lb range. I had one Steelhead on for a while but he escaped. I got to witness Shane and Buttons capture their first Steelhead.



Buttons with her first Steelhead and a nice one at that!

Buttons came up from Arizona just to fish for Steelhead with her brother Jim. I know Jim from working at the State Tax Commission. Jim says it has been a couple of years that he has tried to get her up here and I don't think she was disappointed! It was very exciting to watch.



Shane with his first Steelhead

This was Shane's first of several Steelhead that he caught on his first day of Steelhead fishing. It doesn't surprise me because he always blows me away when we go fishing together. I really know the fish aren't biting when we go together and he doesn't get one.

This is a fun event that I try to do every year. Steelhead are a nice challenge on a fly rod and I don't have to travel far to do it. If you don't like combat fishing then this probably isn't for you. You may want to wait a few days after the Steelhead have been dumped to find some solitude. Good Luck!

