

LAMPREY STEELHEAD SURVEYS – Checklist & FAQ’s

Complete the following activities before you survey:

- Save your survey date(s) on your personal & professional calendars.
- Communicate with your designated survey partner(s) and let them know how best to reach you:
 - Exchange cell phone numbers
 - Decide on a time for your survey. Ensure you have a minimum of 3 hours to survey.
 - Discuss transportation
 - Do you want to carpool, or meet at the survey site & set up a shuttle car?
 - Confirm which person will be responsible for equipment check-out and return
 - Share shoe size for waders!
 - Pro tip: bring a laundry basket or tote to help carry bulky items!
 - Pick up equipment on from 9am-5pm on the Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday before your survey. If you’re not available then, coordinate with Alexis to schedule a time. Equipment needs to be returned no later than the following Monday or Tuesday for other teams to use.
 - Determine who is responsible for data entry
- Make sure you are in good physical health! Do not enter the water with injuries or open wounds.
- If a partner cancels, contact your substitute then update Alexis

Equipment needed

Provided by JCWC		Bring your own
<i>Per person:</i>	<i>For group:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Waders	<input type="checkbox"/> Garbage bag: for carcass	<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle & snack
<input type="checkbox"/> Wading Belt	<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves	<input type="checkbox"/> Weather- appropriate clothing
<input type="checkbox"/> Two wading poles	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitizer	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone: photos, GPS, in case of emergency
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Vest	<input type="checkbox"/> Map & directions to reach	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash (for ice, in case of carcass found)
<input type="checkbox"/> Polarized sunglasses (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Survey Data Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> Hat
<input type="checkbox"/> Field vest (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reach Marking Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack
<input type="checkbox"/> Ziploc bag for electronics	<input type="checkbox"/> Flagging and sharpies for marking redds	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes for after survey (optional)

Complete the following activities after you survey:

- Enter your data and photos via the form found at JCWC.org > Volunteer > Community Science > Lamprey and Steelhead Surveyors. Your data is so valuable to us for future projects.
 - Online form and then hard copy with gear return OR Online form + emailed photo of Reach Marking Sheet, then Sheet via snail mail in to JCWC
- Please return your equipment and data forms on the Monday or Tuesday following your survey – other surveyors need your equipment! Our offices are open M-F from 9am-5pm. If you and your partner(s) cannot make it during those hours, contact Alexis to set up a meeting time.
- If you found a carcass and purchased ice - please give us the receipt so we can reimburse you!
- Please give us feedback on the Lamprey and Steelhead Surveys and your volunteer experience by filling out our **volunteer survey** at jcw.org/volunteer-survey
- Stay tuned for Surveyor Happy Hours and our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in the fall/winter!

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What if...?

Question: What if we find a fish carcass?

First, take a photo! Then carefully place the carcass in a bag, keeping as much of it intact as possible. Swing by your local gas station and pick up a bag of ice. Keep the receipt so JCWC can reimburse you. Bring the fish and ice to JCWC and leave it in the cooler that is kept outside our main entrance.

Question: What if my partner has not shown up and I cannot get a hold of them?

Do not survey in the water by yourself! Call your substitute. If they do not respond, send Alexis an email and she will ensure you can survey again.

Question: What if I need to cancel/ My partner notifies me that they are not able to do the planned survey date?

We are counting on you to show up to your survey. However, if this happens, contact your substitute as soon as you find out. If your substitute is unavailable, notify Alexis.

Question: What if waders have a leak?

You do not have to complete your stretch if you become too cold or uncomfortable. Please notify us when you return the equipment so they can be repaired before lending them out again.

Question: What if there is an injury during our survey?

If the person is responsive and able to communicate, they decide their own course of treatment. If a person is unconscious, call 911. When you are able, notify Alexis.

Question: What if we are approached and asked what you are doing?

Take a moment to help do some valuable community outreach! Explain that you're a volunteer with JCWC & ODFW, looking for lamprey and steelhead. Ask them if they have seen salmon here recently. Direct them to JCWC if they have further questions or comments (you can hand out Alexis' business card). We are happy to hear reports on conditions and fish sightings from residents!

Question: What if we encounter people living along the creek?

You are likely to encounter people living along the creek. If you feel unsafe or have a negative interaction, do not engage and leave immediately. If creek residents are friendly or indifferent, feel free to smile and wave; they may know a lot about the creek.

Question: We meet an upset landowner.

Reaches of the creek are owned by adjacent landowners. Landowners have been notified. If you encounter someone who accuses you of trespassing, simply apologize, tell them to contact JCWC, and leave.

Question: What if I didn't have the best time with my partner, and we've been scheduled to survey again together....?

We want you to have an enjoyable experience. Let Alexis know and she can reassign you, with discretion.



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