WDFW stocking large trout for Father's Day fishing

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OLYMPIA – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) fish hatchery crews will be stocking 10,000 triploid rainbow trout in 20 lakes just before Father’s Day weekend, June 15-16.“This is the second straight year we’ve stocked trout before Father’s Day, and this year we’ve doubled the number of fish and added six more lakes to the list,” said Chris Donley, WDFW Inland Fish Program manager. “A fishing license is a great Father’s Day gift and catching these big fish will make for some wonderful memories.”

Fishing licenses can be purchased online at https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov; by telephone at 1-866-246-9453; or at hundreds of license dealers across the state. For details on license vendor locations, visit WDFW’s website at http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/vendors/.The triploid trout, which average one-and-a-half pounds each, were purchased from contracted private fish growers. The 10,000 trout are in addition to about 42,000 triploids stocked in more than 100 lakes across the state earlier this year.In addition, hundreds of other lakes have been stocked in Washington with millions of trout over the past year, said Donley.Lakes that will be stocked with triploids before Father’s Day have good shore and boat access. More details are available at http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/washington/.

The lakes by region and county, and the number of triploids that will be stocked, are: **North Puget Sound Region:** King County: Green Lake, 1,500Snohomish County: Blackmans Lake, 250; Gissburg Ponds (aka Twin Lakes), 250Skagit County: Campbell Lake, 250Whatcom County: Padden Lake, 250 **Coastal/Olympic Peninsula Region:** Grays Harbor County: Vance Creek (Elma) Pond #2, 100Jefferson County: Sandy Shore Lake, 150Mason County: Mason Lake, 500Pierce County: American Lake, 1,500Thurston County: Clear Lake, 250; Hicks Lake, 250 **Southwest Region:** Clark County: Horseshoe Lake, 250 **Southcentral Region:** Kittitas County: Cooper Lake, 250Yakima County: Clear Lake, 500 **Northcentral Region:** Grant County: Park Lake, 400Okanogan County: Alta Lake, 350; Conconully Reservoir, 750 **Eastern Region:** Spokane County: West Medical Lake, 1,250; Williams Lake, 400Pend Oreille County: Diamond Lake, 600 Fish stocking details, by county and lake, are available in the annual stocking plan on WDFW's website at http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/plants/statewide/.