

BIOBLITZ YOUTH STREAMKEEPING REPORT – Sofia Nybida

On April 28th, 25 youth and 14 adults woke up to meet at James Creek. We set 6 traps in three locations.

We split into three groups. My group set three traps. There were four kids and one adult in my group. We looked along maybe fifty feet of the creek. When we found them we baited the traps.

We took a piece of thin fabric and put a few salmon eggs in it and tied it with a twist tie, then we attached it to the back of the cage, and put it in the creek. We then tied it to a log and turned the opening facing up stream. We then left some flagging tape and went to the next one.

Altogether we caught 8 live cutthroat, 2 coho, 3 sculpins, and saw 3 dead cutthroat.

I learned more about where to place traps to get better results: where it was dark, the water is slow moving, and there is some cover (like branches, logs, overhanging banks) for them to hide. It's interesting to get into "thinking like a fish."