

SKAGIT - SAUK FALL CHUM

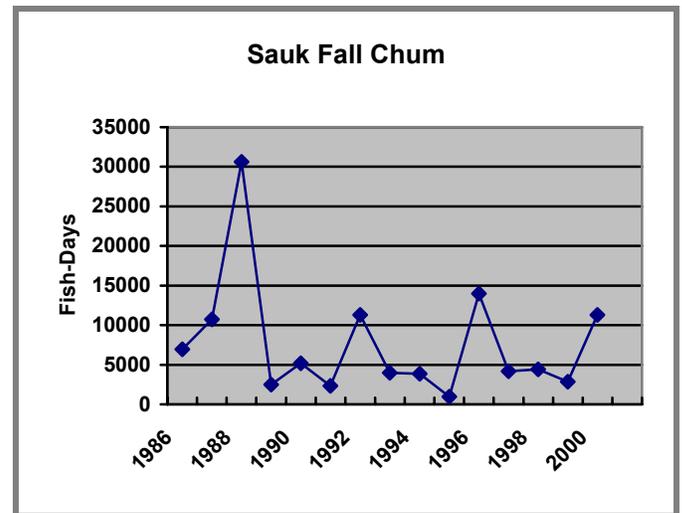
STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS Healthy	2002 STATUS Healthy
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STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

USEFULNESS FOR RATING STOCK STATUS: Good

YEAR	FISH-DAYS
1986	6,959
1987	10,740
1988	30,621
1989	2,502
1990	5,186
1991	2,339
1992	11,292
1993	3,991
1994	3,861
1995	956
1996	14,002
1997	4,160
1998	4,424
1999	2,836
2000	11,283



Data are fish-days for index areas in Dan Creek and Dan Creek Slough located on right bank of the Skagit River between RM 16.5 and 19.

The Sauk fall chum stock has a long-term pattern of stable escapement estimates since the late 1970s. Stock status is rated **Healthy** in 2002.

STOCK DEFINITION

Sauk fall chum were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawner distribution and spawning timing.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Spawning takes place throughout the Sauk drainage from the mouth at least to RM 39 (Martin Creek).

SPAWNING TIMING: Spawning generally occurs from mid-October through mid-December. This is earlier than the Mainstem Skagit fall chum stock and later than the Lower Skagit Tribs fall chum stock.

GENETIC ANALYSIS: No genetic analysis has been done on Sauk fall chum.

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STOCK ORIGIN

This is a **native** stock with **wild** production.