

QUINAULT – COOK CREEK COHO

STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS Healthy	2002 STATUS Unknown
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STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

Total stock abundance is largely dependent upon hatchery program production. Natural escapement is monitored by Quinault tribal fisheries staff however, escapements have not been generated based on those counts. Therefore stock status is rated **Unknown** in 2002.

STOCK DEFINITION

Cook Creek coho were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Spawning takes place in Cook Creek and adjoining tributaries such as Elk and Red creeks.

SPAWNING TIMING: Spawning generally occurs from October through January.

GENETIC ANALYSIS: Genetic analysis has not been done on Cook Creek coho.

STOCK ORIGIN

This is a **mixed** stock with **composite** production. The Quinault River has been stocked with large numbers of hatchery smolts and fry from various Puget Sound and North Coast stocks in recent years. Some of the returning hatchery coho are thought to spawn in the wild.