

# LOWER COLUMBIA – COWEEMAN COHO

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## STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS <b>Depressed</b>	2002 STATUS <b>Unknown</b>
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## STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

There are no adequate abundance trend data for Coweeman coho, so their status is **Unknown** in 2002.

## STOCK DEFINITION

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

**SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION:** Most spawning takes place in the mainstem Coweeman River and in tributaries such as Goble, Baird and Mulholland creeks.

**SPAWNING TIMING:** Spawning generally occurs from late October through February.

**GENETIC ANALYSIS:** No genetic analysis has been done on Coweeman coho.

## STOCK ORIGIN

This is a **mixed** stock with **composite** production. Native populations of coho were present in all lower Columbia River tributaries historically. Under the Columbia River Development Program in the 1950s, salmon hatchery construction was expanded on the lower Columbia River tributaries, and hatcheries began to trap broodstock in many areas. Broodstock, eggs or juvenile coho have been transferred throughout the lower Columbia River hatcheries and areas above Bonneville Dam. Hatchery off-station release of juvenile coho was commonplace throughout lower Columbia tributaries. The result is a widely mixed coho stock.