

STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA– ELWHA PINK

STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS

Critical

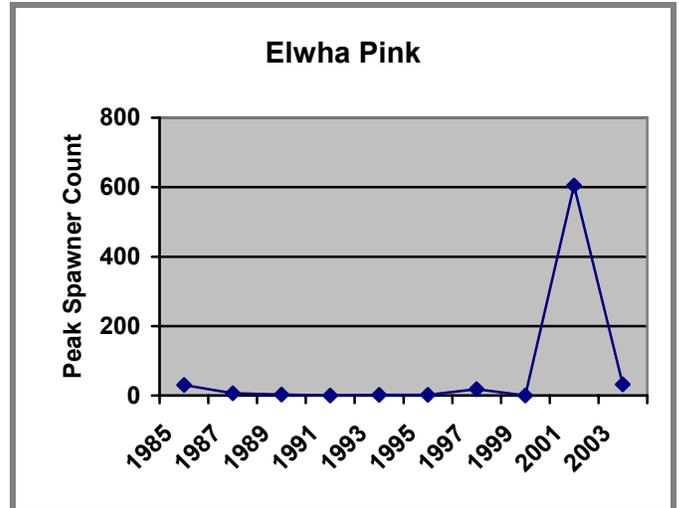
2002 STATUS

Critical

STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

USEFULNESS FOR STOCK STATUS RATING: Poor

YEAR	PEAK SPAWNER COUNT
1985	30
1987	20
1989	3
1991	0
1993	2
1995	2
1997	18
1999	0
2001	605
2003	32



Data are peak spawner counts made during chinook surveys. In the early 1970s instantaneous counts of over a thousand pinks were made, however since 1981 not more than 30 pinks have been seen on any one day. Numbers of spawners from 1989 to 1999 averaged only six. These numbers are so low that they may not represent a self-sustaining stock but may be strays from other stocks. Stock status is rated **Critical** in 2002 based on **chronically low** peak spawner counts.

STOCK DEFINITION

Elwha pinks were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Spawning is confined to the lower 4.9 miles of the Elwha River, below the Elwha Dam.

SPAWNING TIMING: Spawning occurs from September through October.

GENETIC ANALYSIS: No genetic analysis has been done on Elwha pinks.

STOCK ORIGIN

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

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