

SKAGIT – FINNEY CREEK SUMMER STEELHEAD

STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS Unknown	2002 STATUS Unknown
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STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

There are no adequate abundance trend data for Finney Creek summer steelhead, so their status remains **Unknown** in 2002.. Escapement is not monitored and, sport harvest data are no longer useful for rating status since wild steelhead release was implemented in Finney Creek in 1993.

STOCK DEFINITION

Finney Creek summer steelhead were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution. Stock identification is supported by genetic analysis.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Precise spawning locations are unknown, but spawning is probably confined below the falls at RM 11.7.

SPAWNING TIMING: Spawning timing is unknown but may be from February to April.

GENETIC ANALYSIS: Allozyme analysis of a small number steelhead sampled in 1995 suggests that Finney Creek fish are genetically distinct from other Skagit basin steelhead stocks (Phelps et al. 1997). They are similar to North Fork and South Fork Nooksack winter steelhead, a mixed sample of Cascade summer and winter steelhead, and to Deer Creek (Stillaguamish basin) summer steelhead (Phelps et al. 1997).

STOCK ORIGIN

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