

SKAGIT – SAUK 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 Sauk 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 parts of the Skagit basin in 1988.

It is likely that the stock has historically been small and that it is currently stable but fragile due to its small population size. Numbers are probably limited by habitat availability and by competition with wild winter steelhead in the system.

STOCK DEFINITION

Sauk summer steelhead were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Spawning takes place in the North Fork and South Fork Sauk and possibly slightly below the forks. This distribution separates the stock from other summer steelhead stocks in the Skagit basin by more than 50 miles.

SPAWNING TIMING: Spawning generally occurs from mid-April to early June.

GENETIC ANALYSIS: No genetic analysis has been done on Sauk summer steelhead.

STOCK ORIGIN

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