

STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA – SALT CREEK/INDEPENDENTS WINTER STEELHEAD

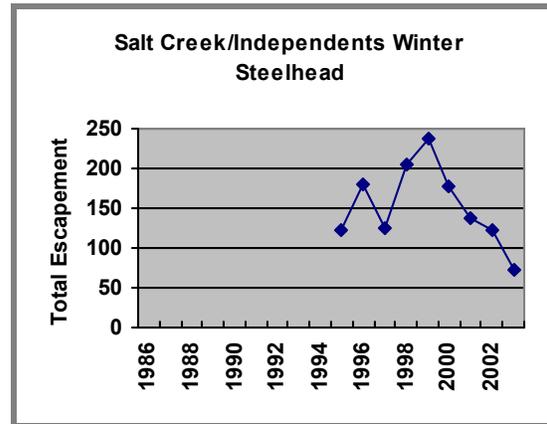
STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS Unknown	2002 STATUS Healthy
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STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

USEFULNESS FOR RATING STOCK STATUS: Fair

YEAR	TOTAL ESCAPEMENT
1995	123
1996	181
1997	125
1998	206
1999	237
2000	178
2001	137
2002	122
2003	73



Data are total escapement estimates based on redd counts in index areas in Salt Creek and its tributaries.

Stock status is rated **Healthy** in 2002 because of relatively stable escapement estimates meeting or exceeding the goal of 137 adults in 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

STOCK DEFINITION

Salt Creek/Independents winter steelhead were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Spawning takes place in the Salt, Whiskey, Colville and Field creeks.

SPAWNING TIMING: Spawning occurs from mid-February to mid-June.

GENETIC ANALYSIS: No genetic analysis has been done on Salt Creek/Independents winter steelhead.

STOCK ORIGIN

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