

SOOES/OZETTE – SOOES/WAATCH WINTER STEELHEAD

STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS	2002 STATUS
Unknown	Unknown

STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

There is little abundance trend information with which to rate stock status. Hatchery escapement data from 1984 to the present are available from the Makah National Fish Hatchery staff. The relevance of these data in determining stock status is currently unresolved between state and tribes. Stock status remains **Unknown** in 2002.

STOCK DEFINITION

Sooes/Waatch winter steelhead were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Spawning takes place in the Sooes and Waatch rivers. In the Sooes River, spawning occurs in the mainstem and in tributaries such as Tyler, Cheeka, Kobusie, Grimes, Miller, Holden, Colby, 30 Cent, Shafter, Snag and Pilchuck creeks. In the Waatch River, spawning occurs in the mainstem and in tributaries such as Educket (below diversion reservoir), Bear, Red and Waatch creeks.

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

GENETIC ANALYSIS: Genetic analysis has not been done on Sooes/Waatch Winter steelhead.

STOCK ORIGIN

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