

LOWER COLUMBIA – MAINSTEM/NORTH FORK LEWIS

WINTER STEELHEAD

STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS	2002 STATUS
Depressed	Unknown

STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

There are no adequate abundance trend data for Mainstem/North Fork Lewis winter steelhead, so their status is **Unknown** in 2002. Trap counts at the Grist Mill on lower Cedar Creek and redd counts in the mainstem Cedar Creek above the trap have recently been initiated. An escapement goal of 698 fish has been established for this stock. Status may be Depressed because access to 80% of the historic habitat has been lost due to dam construction.

STOCK DEFINITION

Mainstem/North Fork Lewis winter steelhead were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution and run timing.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Spawning takes place the mainstem Lewis and North Fork Lewis rivers and their tributaries.

SPAWNING TIMING: Spawning generally occurs from early March through early June.

GENETIC ANALYSIS: Genetic sampling was conducted in 1996, however comparisons of allele frequencies between this stock and other lower Columbia steelhead stocks for determining stock distinctiveness are not very informative (Myers et al. 2002).

STOCK ORIGIN

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