

LOWER COLUMBIA – WASHOUGAL WINTER STEELHEAD

This stock combines the Mainstem Washougal winter steelhead and West Fork (North Fork) winter steelhead stocks in the 1992 SASSI.

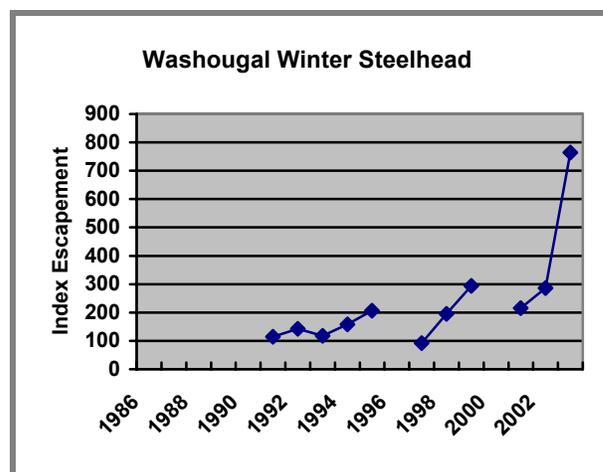
STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS Unknown	2002 STATUS Depressed
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STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

USEFULNESS FOR RATING STOCK STATUS: Fair

YEAR	INDEX ESCAPEMENT
1991	114
1992	142
1993	118
1994	158
1995	206
1996	No data
1997	92
1998	195
1999	294
2000	No Data
2001	216
2002	286
2003	764



Data are escapement index estimates from redd counts from the mouth to Dougan Falls (RM 21.6). The 2001 counts are minimal counts; no foot surveys were conducted, only aerial surveys.

Stock status is rated **Depressed** in 2002 because of **chronically low** escapements. Despite the improved escapement in 2000, escapements have been consistently low over the last decade. An escapement goal of 841 adults has been established for this stock. This value is equivalent to 520 adults for the index. That escapement has been met only once since 1991.

STOCK DEFINITION

Washougal winter steelhead were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution and later run timing.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Spawning takes place in the mainstem Washougal River, its forks and tributaries.

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

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GENETIC ANALYSIS: No genetic analysis has been done on Washougal winter steelhead.

STOCK ORIGIN

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