

# MID-COLUMBIA – KLICKITAT WINTER STEELHEAD

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## STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS	2002 STATUS
Unknown	Unknown

## STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

There are no adequate abundance trend data for Klickitat winter steelhead, so their status is **Unknown** in 2002. Poor visibility hampers survey work and assessment of spawner escapement.

## STOCK DEFINITION

Klickitat winter steelhead were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution.

**SPAWNING TIMING:** Most spawning takes place in the Klickitat and Little Klickitat rivers and in Swale, White and Trout creeks and their tributaries.

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

**GENETIC ANALYSIS:** Genetic analysis of the wild steelhead in the Klickitat system is ongoing. Samples have been taken by various entities, but analysis has not been completed.

## STOCK ORIGIN

This is a **native** stock with **wild** production. While non-native hatchery winter steelhead smolts have been stocked in this and nearby streams, there is little contribution to the wild winter steelhead stock from hatchery fish spawning in the wild due to separation in spawning timing. However, there are likely survival complications for wild juvenile steelhead associated with very large plants of hatchery juvenile salmon.