

Sport catch - winter steelhead (from ODFW sport catch statistics)

	Chetco	Elk	Sixes		Chetco	Elk	Sixes
78-79	2386	834	317	05-06	1893	235	98
79-80	2145	871	530	06-07	2352	207	136
80-81	3121	622	516	07-08	2078	231	161
81-82	2495	682	206	08-09	740	227	158
82-83	788	220	133	09-10	425	207	225
83-84	2213	458	156	10-11	1834	246	253
84-85	6147	857	570	11-12	2489	245	254
85-86	3426	485	330	12-13	2254	213	256
86-87	3464	582	231	13-14	2016	235	225
87-88	1701	245	159	14-15	1636	245	278
88-89	2360	357	126	15-16	3,225	487	234
89-90	1681	247	164	16-17	1,591	195	159
90-91	1252	303	208				
91-92	1671	286	234				
92-93	1,587	375	244				
93-94	1,295	477	143				
94-95	missing						
95-96	1243	211	157				
96-97	1904	227	140				
97-98	1424	205	135				
98-99	751	77	24				
99-00	619	31	22				
00-01	543	38	28				
01-02	1263	60	12				
02-03	1462	227	98				
03-04	1476	327	178				
04-05	2451	62	89				

Pretty consistant catch rates for Chetco, Elk, and Sixes rivers indicate that the winter steelhead populations are healthy. Lean years and boom years are most likely due to environmental conditions being better or worse than norm. Good bounces back up after lean years.

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