Root River Steelhead Facility



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Abstract – A total of 1,432 Chinook salmon, 1,215 coho salmon, 149 steelhead and nine brown trout were examined during fall 2019 and spring 2020 at the Root River Steelhead Facility (RRSF). A total of 728 coho were spawned, and approximately 1,017,000 eggs were collected for our hatcheries.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the Governor's Executive Order #12, steelhead spawning activities at RRSF were modified during the spring of 2020. Restrictions were placed on the number of staff present at the facility, and therefore, no biological data was collected from fish after March 23. The focus of our effort was egg collection for our hatchery system to provide steelhead for stocking in the future. The facility was in operation for two processing dates prior to the Governor's Executive Order #12. 128 steelhead were captured during those processing days.

A total of 108 female steelhead were spawned at the Root River, and 140 females were spawned at the Besadny Anadromous Fisheries Facility.

The number of fish captured at RRSF is a subset of the seasonal migration in the Root River. RRSF does not stop every fish in the river, as they are able to move upstream past the facility before it is operational in early spring and fall, and some fish are able to bypass the facility during the sampling season when the river is at high flows.

Due to Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) protocols, no Skamania strain steelhead brood fish have been collected from RRSF since the fall of 2006. Historically, adult Skamania were transported in the fall from RRSF to Kettle Moraine Springs State Fish Hatchery, where they were held until they were ready to spawn the following January/February. VHS rules now prohibit the transfer of live fish from RRSF to a hatchery, and therefore, the Skamania program was suspended, with none stocked between 2008 and 2017. Skamania were stocked in 2018 and 2019, which were raised from eggs collected by Indiana DNR. Without Skamania brood stock collection, RRSF is operated later in the fall, allowing Chinooks to migrate upriver past the facility

early in the season. This accounts for lower numbers of fish processed at RRSF in recent fall seasons.

In 2018, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's mass-marking program began marking all rainbow trout stocked into Lake Michigan with an adipose clip and coded-wire tag. All rainbow trout will continue to be marked with coded-wire tags and adipose clips for a period of five years, which will provide opportunities for analysis of movement and straying rates of stocked fish, growth rates and estimates of natural reproduction.

In the fall of 2019 at RRSF the standard weight of a 30-inch Chinook salmon was 10.1 pounds, which was slightly higher than the previous year. The standard weight for a 22-inch coho salmon was 3.7 pounds, which was about the same as the previous fall. The standard weight for a 22-inch steelhead was 4.1 pounds, which was slightly higher than the previous year. We did not encounter enough brown trout at RRSF to calculate a standard weight.

The following tables and figures report the results of data collected at the RRSF during the fall of 2019 and spring 2020. These data contribute to a long-term index of Chinook, coho and steelhead populations in the Root River and are collected to fulfill three objectives: 1) track the abundance of salmonid returns, 2) measure the growth and condition of each species and/or strain, and 3) estimate return rate of each species. For a complete description of methods and calculations, see Thompson and Eggold (2007).

For spring 2020, growth, age and return rates of steelhead were only calculated for the Chambers Creek strain, the primary strain handled in the two processing dates that occurred.

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Table 1. Summary of Chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead and brown trout captured at the Root River Steelhead Facility during 2010 to 2020.

Harvest Year	Harvested	Passed	Misc. Samples	Total
		Upstream	·	
CHINOOK SALMON				
Fall 2010	7	1,067	434	1,508
Fall 2011	117	1,798	206	2,121
Fall 2012	201	1,462	167	1,830
Fall 2013	486	1,070	392	1,948
Fall 2014	533	1,646	44	2,223
Fall 2015	384	880	45	1,309
Fall 2016	518	1,375	152	2,045
Fall 2017	696	1,542	524	2,762
Fall 2018	794	326	5	1,125
Fall 2019	578	818	36	1,432
COHO SALMON				,
Fall 2010	256	1,355	71	1,682
Fall 2011	240	1,258	130	1,628
Fall 2012	153	659	37	849
Fall 2013	216	1,281	169	1,666
Fall 2014	60	1,295	33	1,388
Fall 2015	60	1,351	25	1,436
Fall 2016	60	1,324	133	1,517
Fall 2017	66	2,290	180	2,536
Fall 2018	61	2,397	29	2,330
Fall 2019	60		38	
STEELHEAD	00	1,117	30	1,215
Fall 2010	0	65	0	65
	120	642		766
Spring 2011			4	
Fall 2011	0	18	0	18
Spring 2012	116	113	3	232
Fall 2012	0	16	2	18
Spring 2013	120	179	2	301
Fall 2013	0	7	0	7
Spring 2014	120	852	7	979
Fall 2014	0	11	0	11
Spring 2015	60	711	3	774
Fall 2015	0	9	0	9
Spring 2016	60	1,293	0	1,353
Fall 2016	0	43	0	43
Spring 2017	120	774	1	895
Fall 2017	0	9	0	9
Spring 2018	62	990	0	1,052
Fall 2018	0	20	0	20
Spring 2019	91	651	0	742
Fall 2019	8	13	0	21
Spring 2020	18	110	0	128
BROWN TROUT				
Fall 2010	0	78	1	79
Fall 2011	0	57	4	61
Fall 2012	0	112	22	134
Fall 2013	0	166	1	167
Spring 2014	0	1	0	1
Fall 2014	13	174	5	192
Fall 2015	0	52	34	86
Fall 2016	0	11	5	16
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Fall 2017 Fall 2018	0	12 80	3	15 80

Table 2. Number of Chinook salmon harvested, passed upstream and sampled at the Root River Steelhead Facility during fall 2019.

Date	Number Harvested	Number Passed Upstream	Number of Miscellaneous Samples	Total Number of Fish
Sep 19, 2019	10	4	0	14
Sep 23, 2019	22	13	0	35
Sep 26, 2019	59	24	0	83
Sep 30, 2019	50	148	23	221
Oct 03, 2019	50	112	3	165
Oct 09, 2019	53	7	1	61
Oct 12, 2019	0	183	2	185
Oct 14, 2019	49	0	0	49
Oct 17, 2019	70	91	0	161
Oct 21, 2019	73	140	1	214
Oct 24, 2019	87	76	3	166
Oct 28, 2019	46	13	3	62
Oct 31, 2019	5	3	0	8
Nov 04, 2019	3	2	0	5
Nov 07, 2019	1	2	0	3
Totals	578	818	36	1,432

Table 3. Average weight, average length, standard weight (predicted weight at a given length based on a length-weight regression) and trophy weight (95th percentile) for the major salmonid species returning to the Root River Steelhead Facility from fall 2010 to spring 2020. The lengths used for the calculation of standard weight are: 30 inches for Chinook, 22 inches for coho, 22 inches for steelhead and 20 inches for brown trout. Note: Fall 2016, Fall 2017, and Fall 2019 were omitted for brown trout due to low returns.

Season	Number Used In	Average Weight	Average Length (Inches)	Standard Weight	Trophy Weight
	Analysis	(Pounds)	,,	<u> </u>	- 3
CHINOOK SALMON					
2010-11	674	9.5 ± 3.6	29.9 ± 4.4	8.8	15.0
2011-12	564	10.9 ± 5.0	30.3 ± 5.0	9.6	18.5
2012-13	694	10.6 ± 3.4	31.5 ± 3.9	8.6	16.0
2013-14	1,085	12.5 ± 6.2	31.6 ± 5.8	9.6	21.5
2014-15	945	11.8 ± 3.0	32.2 ± 3.2	9.0	16.4
2015-16	920	11.7 ± 3.7	31.6 ± 4.2	9.0	16.9
2016-17	870	10.1 ± 5.3	29.5 ± 5.4	9.5	19.1
2017-18	868	11.1 ± 5.3	30.3 ± 5.0	9.5	19.1
2018-19	852	13.8 ± 6.0	32.6 ± 5.6	9.8	22.5
2019-20	1,415	15.3 ± 5.6	33.6 ± 4.5	10.1	24.6
COHO SALMON					
2010-11	1,249	5.4 ± 2.2	24.9 ± 4.0	3.4	8.6
2011-12	, 786	7.4 ± 2.3	26.9 ± 3.7	3.6	10.3
2012-13	715	4.0 ± 1.7	22.4 ± 3.8	3.5	6.4
2013-14	786	8.2 ± 2.4	28.1 ± 3.4	3.6	11.3
2014-15	1,353	6.2 ± 1.8	25.9 ± 3.3	3.5	8.6
2015-16	1,161	4.5 ± 1.5	23.3 ± 2.9	3.5	7.0
2016-17	1,042	5.2 ± 2.8	23.8 ± 5.0	3.6	9.4
2017-18	1,249	8.3 ± 2.4	27.7 ± 3.2	3.9	11.6
2018-19	1,742	7.8 ± 2.4	26.9 ± 3.3	3.8	11.2
2019-20	1,177	7.4 ± 3.2	26.5 ± 4.7	3.7	11.6
STEELHEAD					
2010-11	827	4.8 ± 2.3	23.5 ± 4.1	3.7	8.8
2011-12	247	5.7 ± 1.8	25.4 ± 2.8	3.7	8.9
2012-13	315	4.5 ± 2.1	23.2 ± 4.3	3.6	7.7
2013-14	605	5.6 ± 2.5	24.6 ± 4.3	3.6	9.6
2014-15	779	4.1 ± 1.9	22.6 ± 3.9	3.3	7.6
2015-16	1,047	4.9 ± 1.9	24.0 ± 2.2	3.8	7.3
2016-17	933	6.6 ± 2.2	25.9 ± 3.5	3.8	9.8
2017-18	1,044	6.9 ± 2.1	26.3 ± 2.9	3.9	10.8
2018-19	747	6.7 ± 2.5	25.7 ± 3.4	3.8	11.1
2019-20	143	6.2 ± 2.8	24.9 ± 4.6	4.1	10.3
BROWN TROUT					
2010-11	78	6.5 ± 2.9	24.0 ± 3.3	3.4	14.7
2011-12	57	5.6 ± 2.5	22.0 ± 4.5	4.0	11.1
2012-13	112	5.5 ± 1.6	23.1 ± 2.5	3.8	8.1
2013-14	167	5.8 ± 1.4	22.8 ± 1.7	4.1	8.3
2014-15	184	5.7 ± 2.0	22.7 ± 2.7	4.0	10.2
2015-16	84	5.9 ± 2.1	22.6 ± 2.5	4.0	10.8

Table 4. Number of coho salmon harvested, passed upstream and sampled at the Root River Steelhead Facility during fall 2019.

Date	Number Harvested	Number Passed Upstream	Number of Miscellaneous Samples	Total Number of Fish
Sep 19, 2019	0	8	0	8
Sep 23, 2019	0	3	0	3
Sep 26, 2019	0	8	0	8
Sep 30, 2019	0	28	0	28
Oct 03, 2019	0	25	0	25
Oct 09, 2019	0	56	0	56
Oct 12, 2019	0	116	0	116
Oct 14, 2019	0	22	0	22
Oct 17, 2019	0	15	0	15
Oct 21, 2019	0	18	0	18
Oct 24, 2019	0	34	0	34
Oct 28, 2019	0	396	17	413
Oct 31, 2019	0	6	1	7
Nov 04, 2019	60	303	19	382
Nov 07, 2019	0	79	1	80
Totals	60	1,117	38	1,215

Table 5. Estimated age composition of coho salmon (sexes combined) examined at the Root River Steelhead Facility during fall, 2010 through 2019. Ages were assigned by length-frequency of measured fish.

Year of	Percent Age	Composition	Number Used	Total
Return	1+	2+	in Analysis	Return
2010	12%	88%	1,249	1,682
2011	6%	94%	761	1,628
2012	21%	79%	715	849
2013	5%	95%	786	1,666
2014	6%	94%	1,353	1,388
2015	9%	91%	1,161	1,436
2016	29%	71%	1,042	1,517
2017	5%	95%	1,249	2,536
2018	5%	95%	1,746	2,487
2019	15%	85%	1,178	1,215

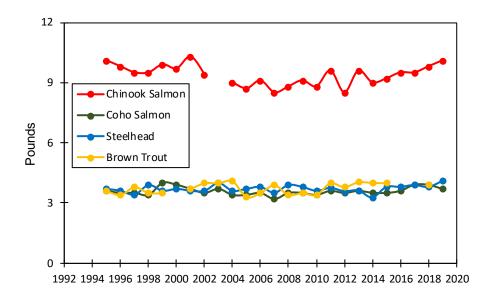


Figure 1. Standard weight for the major salmonid species returning to the Root River Steelhead Facility from 1995 to 2019. Note: Fall 2016, fall 2017 and fall 2019 were omitted for brown trout due to low returns.

Table 6. Number of steelhead harvested, passed upstream and sampled at the Root River Steelhead Facility during fall 2019 and spring 2020.

Date	Number Harvested	Number Passed Upstream	Number of Miscellaneous Samples	Total Number of Fish
Sep 23, 2019	0	1	0	1
Sep 26, 2019	1	0	0	1
Sep 30, 2019	1	0	0	1
Oct 09, 2019	1	0	0	1
Oct 12, 2019	0	1	0	1
Oct 21, 2019	1	2	0	3
Oct 24, 2019	2	3	0	5
Oct 28, 2019	1	1	0	2
Oct 31, 2019	2	2	0	4
Nov 07, 2019	0	2	0	2
Mar 19, 2020	4	15	0	19
Mar 23, 2020	14	95	0	109
Totals	27	122	0	149

Table 7. Return rate of steelhead to the Root River weir during 2004 through 2019. Number at age were estimated by expanding the proportion at each age in the aged sample against the return of known-strain steelhead. Fall data include only Skamania; spring data combine Chambers Creek and Ganaraska returns.

Year	Number	Return				Numbe	r at Age				Retur
Class	stocked	Time	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5	Age 6	Age 7	Total	Rate
2004	35,930	Fall	0	3	29	0	1	0	0	33	0.09%
	55,033	Spring	0	30	73	18	16	5	0	142	0.26%
	90,963	Total	0	33	102	18	17	5	0	175	0.19%
2005	34,452	Fall	0	3	0	14	2	1	0	20	0.06%
	54,346	Spring	0	60	90	133	32	1	2	318	0.59%
	88,798	Total	0	63	90	147	34	2	2	338	0.38%
2006	35,210	Fall	0	0	63	27	1	1	0	92	0.26%
	57,934	Spring	0	67	486	191	67	4	0	815	1.41%
	93,144	Total	0	67	549	218	68	5	0	907	0.979
2007	34,556	Fall	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.019
	47,628	Spring	2	13	36	49	15	1	0	116	0.249
	82,184	Total	2	15	36	49	16	1	0	119	0.149
2008	0	Fall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	84,275	Spring	0	14	252	47	2	0	0	315	0.379
	84,275	Total	0	14	252	47	2	0	0	315	0.379
2009	0	Fall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	57,165	Spring	0	145	115	97	47	1	2	407	0.719
	57,165	Total	0	145	115	97	47	1	2	407	0.719
2010	0	Fall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	55,119	Spring	0	3	47	99	15	2	0	166	0.309
	55,119	Total	0	3	47	99	15	2	0	166	0.309
2011	0	Fall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	54,029	Spring	0	74	316	81	23	3	0	497	0.929
	54,029	Total	0	74	316	81	23	3	0	497	0.929
2012	0	Fall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	54,111	Spring	0	182	336	318	74	60	0	970	1.799
	54,111	Total	0	182	336	318	74	60	0	970	1.79%
2013	0	Fall	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
	56,723	Spring	0	198	835	559	139	41		1772	3.129
	56,723	Total	0	198	835	559	139	41		1772	3.129
2014	0	Fall	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
	62,848	Spring	0	21	87	64	12			184	0.299
	62,848	Total	0	21	87	64	12			184	0.299
2015	0	Fall	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
	55,352	Spring	0	78	495	219	5			797	1.449
	55,352	Total	0	78	495	219	5			797	1.449
2016	0	Fall	-	-	-	-				-	_
	55,133	Spring	0	36	214	9				259	0.479
	55,133	Total	0	36	214	9				259	0.479
2017	0	Fall	-	-	-	*				-	-
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	90,572	Total	0	28	37					65	0.079
2018	0	Fall	-	-	٠.					-	-
		Spring	0	15						15	0.029
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^{*}Note – Skamania strain broodstock are no longer collected at the Root River weir, and none were stocked from 2008 - 2017. Skamania were stocked in 2018, which is reflected in the total number stocked for the 2017 year class.

Table 8. Estimated age composition of steelhead (sexes combined) examined at the Root River Steelhead Facility during 2004 – 2020. Age is based on age-length key developed from known-age fin clipped steelhead. Total number represents the number of steelhead used in the analysis. Spring 2020 ages are based only on the Chambers Creek strain, and coded-wire tag ages are not included in the table below*.

Year of			Percer	nt Age Compo	osition			Total
Return	1+	2+	3+	4+	5+	6+	7+	Number
Fall - 2004	-	8.0	41.6	52.8	8.0	4.0	-	125
Spring - 2005	-	14.7	15.3	54.5	14.5	0.6	0.4	490
Fall - 2005	-	-	79.8	7.3	0.1	6.4	5.5	109
Spring - 2006	-	4.2	38.4	18.4	38.1	0.6	0.3	354
Fall - 2006	-	0.6	55.6	24.2	15.6	1.9	1.3	475
Spring - 2007	-	17.4	21.1	28	7.8	22.0	3.7	218
Fall - 2007	-	4.8	43.5	6.5	-	40.4	4.8	62
Spring - 2008	-	34.6	46.2	9.3	6.6	2.2	1.1	182
Spring - 2009	0.3	1.9	73.5	20.1	2.4	0.8	0.3	370
Fall - 2009	_	2.8	76.4	16.7	1.4	2.8	_	72
Spring - 2010	-	5.0	12.8	68.0	11.4	1.8	1.1	281
Fall - 2010	-	14.3	-	78.6	7.1	-	-	14
Spring - 2011	0.2	28.2	48.9	9.4	13.1	0.2	-	497
Fall - 2011	-	33.3	66.7	-	-	-	-	6
Spring - 2012	-	1.7	61.6	25.0	8.1	2.3	1.2	172
Fall - 2012	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	1
Spring - 2013	-	33.5	21.2	43.9	0.9	0.5	-	212
Spring - 2014	-	28.3	49.1	15.3	7.3	-	-	399
Spring - 2015	-	31.4	53.2	12.8	2.4	0.2	-	617
Spring - 2016	-	1.7	69.5	26.5	1.9	0.2	0.2	909
Spring - 2017	-	9.7	10.9	69.7	9.3	0.4	-	775
Spring - 2018	-	4.5	62.4	8.0	17.5	7.6	-	794
Spring - 2019	-	5.4	41.6	42.6	2.4	8	-	500
Spring - 2020	-	22.7	56.1	13.6	7.6	-	-	66

^{*}Coded-wire tags were recovered from 16 adipose-only clipped steelhead in spring 2020. All 16 fish were age-3 and ranged in size from 21.4 inches to 27.2 inches.

Table 9. Average length (inches) and weight (pounds) at age (± 1 SD) of fall-run Skamania-strain steelhead at the Root River Steelhead Facility during 1996 to 2012. No Skamania were captured from Fall 2013 – Fall 2019. Data from 2000 - 2004 were taken from fish transported and held at Kettle Moraine Springs Hatchery, so some weight loss likely occurred.

Season	Strain	Age 2+	Age 3+	Age 4+	Age 5+	Age 6+	Age 7+
			25.8 (<u>+</u> 1.4)	30.0 (<u>+</u> 2.1)	31.9 (<u>+</u> 2.0)		
Fall 1998	Skamania		5.1 (<u>+</u> 0.8)	8.0 (<u>+</u> 1.6)	9.5 (<u>+</u> 1.5)		
			N = 22	N = 44	N = 19		
			28.3 (<u>+</u> 1.6)	29.0 (<u>+</u> 1.2)	31.6 (<u>+</u> 2.1)	32.2 (<u>+</u> 0.6)	
Fall 1999	Skamania		7.3 (<u>+</u> 0.8)	8.0 (<u>+</u> 1.1)	10.6 (<u>+</u> 0.4)	10.0 (<u>+</u> 1.1)	
			N = 14	N = 25	N = 2	N = 4	
		26.4 (<u>+</u> 0)	27.8 (<u>+</u> 1.2)	30.2 (<u>+</u> 2.0)	28.9 (<u>+</u> 0.5)	31.2 (<u>+</u> 1.0)	32.3 (<u>+</u> 2.3)
F-11 2000	Clara a a ia	7.0 (<u>+</u> 1.4)	7.5 (<u>+</u> 1.0)	8.5 (<u>+</u> 2.0)	8.6 (<u>+</u> 1.0)	10.6 (<u>+</u> 1.8)	10.1 (<u>+</u> 1.8)
Fall 2000	Skamania	N = 2	N = 19	len N = 37	N = 8	N = 6	N = 8
				wt $N = 38$			
			27.0 (<u>+</u> 1.3)	25.5 (<u>+</u> 0.6)	31.5 (<u>+</u> 1.4)	30.5 (<u>+</u> 1.1)	32.6 (<u>+</u> 1.6)
Fall 2001	Ckamania		6.8 (<u>+</u> 1.1)	6.6 (<u>+</u> 0.2)	9.3 (<u>+</u> 1.5)	10.1 (<u>+</u> 1.9)	10.9 (<u>+</u> 1.3)
Fall 2001	Skamania		len N = 135	len N = 3	len N = 5	len N = 15	len N = 7
			wt $N = 53$	wt $N = 2$	wt $N = 3$	wt N = 10	wt $N = 5$
			26.6 (±1.4)	28.7 (± 1.6)	30.0 (± 0.9)	30.3 (± 0.7)	32.2 (± 0.9)
F-11 2002	Cl:-		6.2 (± 1.4)	8.0 (± 1.3)	7.3	7.8 (± 1.1)	10.4 (± 1.1)
Fall 2002	Skamania		len N = 69	len N = 132	len N = 4	len N = 6	len N = 31
			wt N = 11	wt N = 41	wt N = 1	wt N = 2	wt N = 8
		25.4 (± 1.6)	26.1 (± 1.9)	29.5 (± 1.4)	32.1 (± 2.4)	30.7	
Fall 2003	Skamania	6.3 (± 1.7)	6.4 (± 1.2)	8.6 (± 1.0)	10.9 (± 1.8)	7.5	
		N = 10	N = 66	N = 16	N = 17	N = 1	
		24.0 (± 0)	26.3 (± 2.1)	29.2 (± 1.7)	31.8 (± 0)	32.5 (± 2.6)	
Fall 2004	Skamania	4.4 (± 0)	6.2 (± 1.3)	7.9 (± 1.5)	10.1 (± 0)	10.0 (± 1.6)	
		N = 1	N = 52	N = 66	N = 1	N = 5	
			27.0 (± 1.2)	28.6 (± 1.1)	29.1 (± 0)	30.1 (± .9)	32.2 (± 0.7)
Fall 2005	Skamania		6.0 (± 0.8)	7.3 (± 1.0)	7.1 (± 0)	8.1 (± 1.1)	9.1 (± 1.1)
			N = 85	N = 12	N = 1	N = 7	N = 6
		27.3 (± 0.6)	27.3 (± 1.2)	30.2 (± 1.7)	29.7 (± 1.4)		32.0 (± 1.0)
Fall 2006	Skamania	6.0 (± 1.5)	7.0 (± 1.0)	9.4 (± 1.8)	8.7 (± 1.6)		11.6 (± 1.3)
		N = 4	N = 262	N = 114	N = 81		N = 6
			27.5 (± 0.9)	27.0 (± 1.5)		31.7 (± 1.2)	30.2 (± 0.3)
Fall 2007	Skamania		6.2 (± 1.2)	7.2 (± 2.2)		9.2 (± 1.4)	9.0 (± 0.8)
			N = 28	N = 5		N = 27	N = 3
			26.8 (± 1.9)		27.1 (± 0)		30.9 (± 0)
Fall 2008	Skamania		6.1 (± 1.5)		8.6 (± 0)		8.3 (± 0)
			N = 2		N = 1		N = 1
			27.8 (± 1.4)	30.3 (± 1.6)		33.0 (± 0)	
Fall 2009	Skamania		6.8 (± 1.1)	8.5 (± 1.7)		13.1 (± 0)	
			N = 65	N = 10		N = 1	
				28.8 (± 2.1)	28.7 (± 0)		
Fall 2010	Skamania			7.2 (± 1.3)	8.2 (± 0)		
				N = 20	N = 1		
					30.0 (± 0)		
Fall 2011	Skamania				9.6 (± 0)		
					N = 1		
						28.9 (± 0)	32.3 (± 0)
Fall 2012	Skamania					7.6 (± 0)	10.1 (± 0)
						N = 1	N = 1
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Table 10. Average length (inches) and weight (pounds) at age (± 1 SD) of spring-run Chambers Creek-strain steelhead at the Root River Steelhead Facility during 2010 to 2020.

Season	Strain	Age 2+	Age 3+	Age 4+	Age 5+	Age 6+	Age 7+
Spring 2010	Chambers Cr.	18.0 (± 0.7)	24.5 (± 1.9)	27.9 (± 2.0)	28.6 (± 2.0)	29.0 (± 2.0)	34.0 (± 1.4)
		2.0 (± 0.1)	4.6 (± 0.3)	6.8 (± 1.3)	7.3 (± 1.7)	7.7 (± 0.7)	12.1 (± 1.5)
		N = 5	N = 8	N = 102	N = 22	N = 3	N = 2
Spring 2011	Chambers Cr.	18.4 (± 1.8)	25.0 (± 1.8)	28.3 (± 1.5)	29.0 (± 1.5)		
		2.1 (± 0.9)	5.4 (± 1.3)	7.0 (± 0.8)	8.0 (± 1.4)		
		N = 47	N = 82	N = 12	N = 31		
Spring 2012	Chambers Cr.	16.9 (± 0)	25.0 (± 1.4)	28.2 (± 1.5)	27.3 (± 1.6)	30.2 (± 1.1)	30.9 (± 0.2)
		1.6 (± 0)	5.2 (± 0.8)	7.6 (± 1.5)	6.4 (± 1.2)	8.2 (± 0.7)	8.7 (± 0.2)
		N = 1	N = 48	N=17	N = 2	N = 4	N = 2
Spring 2013	Chambers Cr.	17.8 (± 0.8)	23.8 (± 1.2)	27.5 (± 1.7)			
		1.9 (± 0.3)	4.4 (± 0.6)	6.4 (± 1.1)			
		N = 30	N = 15	N = 41			
Spring 2014	Chambers Cr.	18.0 (± 1.6)	25.9 (± 1.6)	27.8 (± 1.7)	29.2 (± 1.3)		
		2.0 (± 0.9)	5.9 (± 0.9)	7.3 (± 1.1)	8.5 (± 1.5)		
		N = 72	N = 120	N = 29	N = 14		
Spring 2015	Chambers Cr.	16.6 (± 1.8)	22.8 (± 1.4)	27.7 (± 1.8)	27.6 (± 1.7)	32.4 (± 0)	
		1.5 (± 0.6)	3.7 (± 0.7)	6.6 (± 1.4)	6.7 (± 1.6)	9.2 (± 0)	
		N = 77	N = 149	N = 48	N = 8	N = 1	
Spring 2016	Chambers Cr.	18.0 (± 0.5)	23.4 (± 1.4)	25.8 (± 1.2)	28.3 (± 1.4)	28.0 (± 0)	28.4 (± 0.1)
		2.1 (± 0.2)	4.4 (± 0.8)	5.6 (± 0.9)	8.2 (± 1.4)	6.5 (± 0)	7.3 (± 0.3)
		N = 6	N = 260	N = 101	N = 6	N = 1	N = 2
Spring 2017	Chambers Cr.	18.1 (± 1.1)	25.4 (± 1.8)	27.7 (± 1.9)	28.1 (± 1.7)	30.7 (± 1.5)	
		2.2 (± 0.6)	6.0 (± 1.1)	7.6 (± 1.5)	7.7 (± 1.6)	11.2 (± 1.6)	
		N = 53	N = 52	N = 247	N = 42	N = 3	
Spring 2018	Chambers Cr.	18.9 (± 1.7)	25.8 (± 1.4)	28.1 (± 1.5)	28.8 (± 2.0)	29.7 (± 1.2)	
		2.7 (± 0.9)	6.2 (± 1.0)	8.4 (± 1.6)	8.9 (± 1.9)	8.8 (± 1.3)	
		N = 19	N = 282	N = 43	N = 59	N = 32	
Spring 2019	Chambers Cr.	17.2 (± 1.3)	24.3 (± 1.5)	28.3 (± 2.1)	29.1 (± 1.2)	30.6 (± 1.6)	
		1.8 (± 0.5)	5.3 (± 1.0)	8.1 (± 1.8)	8.9 (± 1.0)	10.3 (± 2.0)	
		N = 8	N = 90	N = 127	N = 5	N = 21	
Spring 2020	Chambers Cr.	17.4 (± 4.2)	25.4 (± 4.3)	30.6 (± 2.7)	29.6 (± 2.9)		
		2.1 (± 2.2)	5.9 (± 2.4)	10.3 (± 2.6)	8.7 (± 2.1)		
		N = 15	N = 37	N = 9	N = 5		

Table 11. Average length (inches) and weight (pounds) at age (± 1 SD) of spring-run Ganaraska-strain steelhead at the Root River Steelhead Facility during 2002 to 2019.

Season	Strain	Age 2+	Age 3+	Age 4+	Age 5+	Age 6+	Age 7+
Spring 2010	Ganaraska	17.0 (± 1.1)	23.8 (± 1.8)	26.2 (± 1.9)	26.6 (± 1.8)	29.3 (± 0.6)	33.0 (± 0)
		1.8 (± 0.3)	4.5 (± 1.0)	6.1 (± 1.2)	6.1 (± 1.4)	9.9 (± 1.7)	10.2 (± 0)
		N = 11	N = 18	N = 91	N = 11	N = 3	N = 1
Spring 2011	Ganaraska	17.7 (± 1.1)	23.3 (± 1.5)	26.8 (± 1.6)	27.2 (± 1.5)	30.4 (± 0)	
		2.0 (± 0.4)	4.5 (± 0.8)	6.6 (± 1.5)	7.0 (± 1.4)	8.9 (± 0)	
		N = 95	N = 161	N = 26	N = 34	N = 1	
Spring 2012	Ganaraska	17.2 (± 2.0)	24.4 (± 1.9)	26.5 (± 1.5)	25.0 (± 1.8)		
		2.3 (± 1.4)	4.8 (± 1.1)	6.3 (± 1.4)	5.2 (± 0.8)		
		N = 4	N = 62	N = 26	N = 11		
Spring 2013	Ganaraska	17.4 (± 1.9)	23.2 (± 0.9)	26.1 (± 1.6)	27.7 (± 1.0)	27.4 (± 0)	
		1.9 (± 0.8)	4.1 (± 0.5)	5.9 (± 1.0)	6.75 (± 1.3)	7.4 (± 0)	
		N = 42	N = 30	N = 52	N = 2	N = 1	
Spring 2014	Ganaraska	17.4 (± 0.9)	24.6 (± 2.0)	27.9 (± 2.1)	27.8 (± 2.3)		
		1.9 (± 0.3)	5.4 (± 1.2)	7.9 (± 1.5)	7.9 (± 1.9)		
		N = 41	N = 76	N = 32	N = 15		
Spring 2015	Ganaraska	16.5 (± 2.0)	22.3 (± 1.2)	26.4 (± 1.6)	27.8 (± 1.0)		
		1.5 (± 0.6)	3.6 (± 0.7)	5.9 (± 1.1)	6.9 (± 1.0)		
		N = 117	N = 179	N = 31	N = 7		
Spring 2016	Ganaraska	17.8 (± 0.8)	22.9 (± 1.2)	25.5 (± 1.6)	27.1 (± 1.0)	29.5 (± 0)	
		1.9 (± 0.3)	4.3 (± 0.7)	5.8 (± 1.0)	6.8 (± 1.1)	8.8 (± 0)	
		N = 9	N = 372	N = 140	N = 11	N = 1	
Spring 2017	Ganaraska	17.7 (± 1.1)	23.2 (± 1.5)	26.8 (± 1.6)	27.6 (± 1.4)		
		1.9 (± 0.4)	4.7 (± 0.9)	7.1 (± 1.3)	7.6 (± 1.5)		
		N = 22	N = 33	N = 293	N = 30		
Spring 2018	Ganaraska	17.7 (± 0.7)	25.2 (± 1.7)	27.8 (± 1.3)	28.1 (± 1.8)	29.5 (± 0.9)	
		1.8 (± 0.4)	6.1 (± 1.1)	8.2 (± 1.2)	8.6 (± 1.7)	9.9 (± 1.4)	
		N = 16	N = 208	N = 20	N = 78	N = 28	
Spring 2019	Ganaraska	17.9 (± 1.2)	23.7 (± 1.6)	28.0 (± 1.9)	28.4 (± 1.5)	28.8 (± 1.4)	
		2.0 (± 0.5)	5.1 (± 1.1)	8.6 (± 1.7)	8.4 (± 1.3)	8.8 (± 1.6)	
		N = 10	N = 118	N = 86	N = 7	N = 19	

Table 12. Population estimates for Chinook, coho and steelhead returning to the Root River during spring 2007 through fall 2017. Population estimates were not calculated in fall 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2018 and spring 2012, 2015, 2018, 2019 and 2020 due to a lack of recaptured fish. Fall steelhead are mostly Skamania, but also include other strains.

Year	Species	# marked fish	# recaptured fish	# marked fish in recapture sample	Population size (±) 1 SD
	RBT - Chambers Cr.	139	13	1	973 ± 520
Spring 2007	RBT - Ganaraska	65	6	0	455 ± 298
, 3	RBT - Skamania	17	2	0	51 ± 29
	Chinook salmon	3,501	28	13	7,540 ± 1,530
F-11 2007	Coho salmon	592	3	0	2,368 ± 1,450
Fall 2007	Fall steelhead	98	1	1	98 ± 0
	Brown trout	242	3	0	968 ± 593
	RBT - Chambers Cr.	48	6	0	336 ± 219
Spring 2008	RBT - Ganaraska	34	6	0	238 ± 155
	RBT - Skamania	6	2	0	18 ± 10
	Chinook salmon	987	28	18	1,535 ± 216
Fall 2008	Coho salmon	2,071	7	2	5,523 ± 2,183
	Brown trout	243	1	1	243 ± 0
Spring 2000	RBT - Chambers Cr.	278	7	1	1,112 ± 556
Spring 2009	RBT - Ganaraska	260	6	2	607 ± 229
Fall 2009	Fall steelhead	99	2	0	297 ± 171
1 att 2009	Brown trout	95	10	1	523 ± 273
	Chinook salmon	1,067	25	15	1,778 ± 290
Fall 2010	Coho salmon	1,355	22	10	2,981 ± 696
1 att 2010	Fall steelhead	65	8	1	293 ± 149
	Brown trout	78	10	0	858 ± 578
Spring 2011	RBT - Chambers Cr.	114	3	1	228 ± 93
Spring 2011	RBT - Ganaraska	264	14	5	739 ± 265
Spring 2013	RBT - Chambers Cr.	32	9	1	155 ± 80
	RBT - Ganaraska	68	7	0	544 ± 360
Fall 2013	Chinook salmon	1,070	3	2	1,427 ± 357
1 att 2015	Coho salmon	1,281	2	2	1,281 ± 0
Spring 2014	RBT - Chambers Cr.	348	13	9	503 ± 93
	RBT - Ganaraska	172	1	0	344 ± 172
Spring 2016	RBT - Chambers Cr.	470	22	4	2,585 ± 1,169
	RBT - Ganaraska	671	18	4	3,019 ± 1,331
Fall 2016	Chinook salmon	1,375	36	6	8,250 ± 3,074
	Coho salmon	1,324	4	0	6,620 ± 4,187
Spring 2017	Chambers Creek	328	22	1	3,772 ± 2,081
	Ganaraska	322	49	5	3,156 ± 1,337
Fall 2017	Chinook salmon	1,542	22	3	8,867 ± 3,604
1 411 2017	Coho salmon	2,290	6	3	4,008 ± 1,173

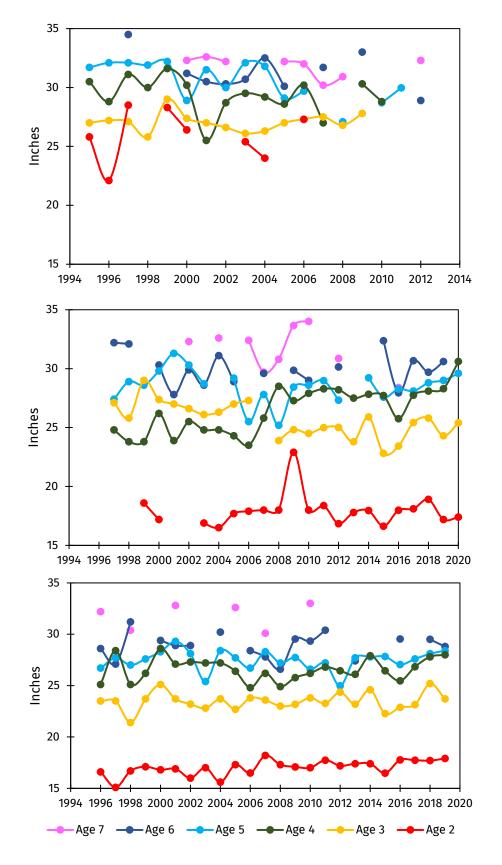


Figure 2. Steelhead mean length-at-age at the Root River Steelhead Facility during 1996 to 2020. Skamania data from 2001 - 2004 were taken from fish transported and held at Kettle Moraine Springs Hatchery. 2020 includes updated length-at-age for the Chambers Creek strain only.

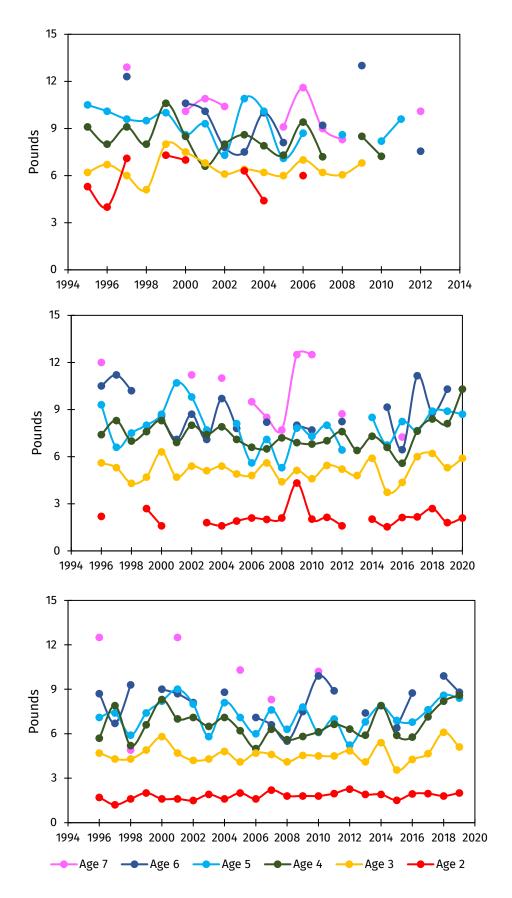


Figure 3. Steelhead mean weight-at-age at the Root River Steelhead Facility during 1996 to 2019. Skamania data from 2001- 2003 were taken from fish transported and held at Kettle Moraine Springs Hatchery. 2020 includes updated weight-at-age for the Chambers Creek strain only.

APPENDIX A. ROOT RIVER STOCKING NUMBERS

Table A-1. Number of fingerling Chinook salmon stocked in the Root River during 1994 - 2019. Chinook salmon were marked with an oral dose of Oxytetracycline (OTC) during 2001 and 2006 - 2010. Totals for 1999, 2006 and 2013 represent reductions in statewide stocking quotas, and the totals for 2007 - 2016 represents a reallocation to decrease Chinook stocking by 33,000 in the Root River in order to increase coho by 33,000.

Year Stocked	Total Number	Strain	Finclip	
1994	75,533	Lake Michigan	LP	
1994	60,000	Lake Michigan	None	
1995	99,000	Lake Michigan	RP	
	69,250	Lake Michigan	None	
1996	158,000	Lake Michigan	None	
1997	142,500	Lake Michigan	None	
1998	161,500	Lake Michigan	None	
1999	143,100	Lake Michigan	None	
2000	142,900	Lake Michigan	None	
2001	143,973	Lake Michigan	None (OTC)	
2002	140,280	Lake Michigan	None	
2003	143,935	Lake Michigan	None	
2004	143,900	Lake Michigan	None	
2005	144,035	Lake Michigan	None	
2006	113,945	Lake Michigan	None (OTC)	
2007	80,972	Lake Michigan	None (OTC)	
2008	69,000	Lake Michigan	None (OTC)	
2009	80,950	Lake Michigan	None (OTC)	
2010	44,156	Lake Michigan	A-CWT (OTC)	
	41,588	Lake Michigan	A-CWT (non-OTC)	
2011	20,154	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	
2012	112,616	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	
2013	75,046	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	
2014	76,933	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	
2015	52,120	Lake Michigan	A-CWT (regular stocking)	
	25,640	Lake Michigan	A-CWT (net pen stocking)	
2016	50,918	Lake Michigan	A-CWT (regular stocking)	
	25,352	Lake Michigan	A-CWT (net pen stocking)	
2017	7,467	Lake Michigan	A (regular stocking)	
	43,561	Lake Michigan	A-CWT (regular stocking)	
	31,300	Lake Michigan	A-CWT (net pen stocking)	
2010	51,383	Lake Michigan	A-CWT (regular stocking)	
2018	32,748	Lake Michigan	A-CWT (net pen stocking)	
	42,626	Lake Michigan	A (regular stocking)	
2019	42,020	Lake Michigan	A (Tegulal Stocking)	

Table A-2. Number of coho salmon stocked in the Root River during 1998 – 2019. Targets were 40,600 spring yearlings and 10,000 fall fingerings. In 2007, the target was changed to 73,600 spring yearlings and 10,000 fall fingerlings.

Year Stocked	Total Number	Strain	Finclip	Age
1998	33,666	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
	10,000	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
1999	45,945	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
	13,824	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
2000	41,375	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
	10,030	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
2001	27,970	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
	11,080	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
	10,260	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
2002	29,954	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
	10,648	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
	12,285	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
2003	31,514	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
	10,845	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
2004	40,623	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
	14,500	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
	9,755	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
2005	30,855	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
	12,739	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
	36,510	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2006	7,560	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
	10,000	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
	61,888	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2007	10,000	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
	29,188	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
	56,697	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2008	10,813	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
	11,369	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
2222	63,194	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2009	10,463	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
2212	62,705	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2010	10,930	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
2011	68,934	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2011	10,675	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
2012	75,153	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2012	10,968	Lake Michigan	A-CWT	Spring yearling 1+
2013	83,608	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2014	79,080	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2015	83,015	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
	10,008	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
2016	60,021	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
	10,010	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
2017	76,432	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2017	13,001	Lake Michigan	None	Fall fingerling 0+
2018	76,241	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
2019	76,609	Lake Michigan	None	Spring yearling 1+
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Table A-3. Number of steelhead stocked in the Root River during 2002 – 2019. Stocking targets were 35,000 per strain, reduced to 27,000 Chambers Creek and Ganaraska after 1998.

ear Stocked	Total Number	Strain	Finclip
2000	37,010	Skamania	RMRV
	27,287	Chambers Creek	LMLV
	27,118	Ganaraska	BV
2001	35 , 247	Skamania	ARM
	27,060	Chambers Creek	ALM
	27,100	Ganaraska	ALV
2002	33,634	Skamania	RM
	27,064	Chambers Creek	LMLV
	27,125	Ganaraska	ARV
2003	35,448	Skamania	RMRV
	27,123	Chambers Creek	LMLV
	27,150	Ganaraska	BV
2004	35,145	Skamania	RM
	31,039	Chambers Creek	LM
	27,881	Ganaraska	ALV
2005	35,930	Skamania	ARM
	27,058	Chambers Creek	ALM
	27,975	Ganaraska	ARV
2006	34,452	Skamania	RMRV
	27,398	Chambers Creek	LMLV
	26,948	Ganaraska	BV
	35,210	Skamania	RM
2007	22,890	Chambers Creek	LM
2007	•	Ganaraska	ALV
	35,044	Skamania	ARM
2222	34,556		
2008	24,839	Chambers Creek	ALM
	22,789	Ganaraska	ARV
2009	34,571	Chambers Creek	LMLV
	49,704	Ganaraska	BV
2010	27,913	Chambers Creek	LM
2010	29,252	Ganaraska	ALV
2011	28,104	Chambers Creek	ALM
	27,015	Ganaraska	ARV
2012	26,998	Chambers Creek	LMLV
	27,031	Ganaraska	BV
2013	26,995	Chambers Creek	LM
2013	27,116	Ganaraska	ALV
2014	27,118	Chambers Creek	ALM
2014	29,535	Ganaraska	ARV
2015	31,389	Chambers Creek	LMLV
	31,459	Ganaraska	BV
2016	27,134	Chambers Creek	LM
	28,218	Ganaraska	ALV
2017	28,085	Chambers Creek	ALM
	27,048	Ganaraska	ARV
2018	30,293	Chambers Creek	ALM
	26,252	Ganaraska	ARV
	34,027	Skamania	ARM
	•		ARM-CWT
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	34,511 8 503	Skamania Chambers Creek	
2019	34,511 8,503 32,034	Chambers Creek Chambers Creek	A-CWT A-CWT ALM-CWT