**Steelhead stock status In Idaho, 2023 Update**.

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Nearly all steelhead that enter Idaho pass Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River, between July 1 and November 30. These fish provide fishing opportunities within Idaho from July through May of the following year, hence within a calendar year anglers can harvest steelhead from two return years. Since steelhead enter freshwater in the summer and fall, over-winter, and spawn the following spring, run size and harvest estimates are usually reported by the Run Year, hereafter referred to as the Spawn Year (SY). The total steelhead return in Spawn Year *x* is defined as steelhead that return from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Harvest in Spawn Year *x* the sum of the fall season in year *x – 1* and the spring season in year *x*. The number of steelhead returning to Idaho declined after the completion of four dams on the Snake River downstream of Lewiston. Ice Harbor Dam was the first dam constructed and it was completed in 1961. Lower Granite Dam was the last dam constructed and it was completed in June 1975. Lower Granite Dam is located about 700 km from the ocean and is about 50 km downstream of the Idaho/Washington border. An extensive sampling program is in place at Lower Granite Dam where estimates of hatchery and wild origin chinook salmon and steelhead are made. In recent years both the total and wild steelhead passage estimates at Lower Granite Dam have declined and are similar to 1990’s when Snake basin steelhead were listed as “Threatened’ under the Endangered Species Act.