

Clady, Michael D, "The biology of the winter steelhead of the Willamette River, Oregon," [Corvallis] Oregon State Game Commission, Research Division [Oregon State University] 1971. (Reviewed by Charles Bosse.)

This is one of a series of six progress memorandums published by the Oregon State Game commission from 1966 to 1975. The report mainly covers the changes in population of winter steelhead, and comments on possible threats of competition for food and space from the introduction of spring and summer steelhead in streams that feed into the Willamette River. There are also a number of large charts compiling good scientific data on the population trends of winter steelhead taken over the course of the river. The report also covers some information on the spawning habits of winter steelhead, and salmonids in general, and the factors of a particular location or tributary that make it more or less desirable than another for spawning and life cycle.

Critique

This report is a good source of a lot of detailed information if you are interested in winter steelhead in the Willamette River. This particular article does not talk as much about the broader picture of what effects the population of this native species, but it contains a good bibliography and is contained within a collection of other reports useful in obtaining biological data for species in the Willamette Valley. The report is also very useful as a detailed case study of a significant native species. The main failings of the report are a lack of an assertion about possible meanings of the data, and language that is neither as concise nor clear as it might be. The document is also not very recent, in and so does not cover more recent developments in population changes. The greatest values of this report are the collection of data tables, the bibliography, and its position as a good example of an Oregon State Game Commission report on aquatic life in the Willamette watershed.

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