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SKAGIT DROPS FROM TOP RANK IN STEELHEAD CATCH

The Skagit River, due to weather conditions and the presence of above normal silt in the water from the Sauk River, dropped from first place as a steelhead stream for the state of Washington this year. For the past two seasons the Skagit has topped all other streams in the number of fish produced, the 1955-1956 season producing 21,942 fish for the highest peak.

This past season the Skagit only produced 10,764 steelhead. Tops for the state was the Humptulips river which found 11,404 as the total catch. In second place was the Green river with 11,381. The Humptulips came up this year from fifth place due to a big hatchery plant made in the spring of 1956.