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Study lg3, Trinity River Steelhead Creel Census, was not conducting during the 2001/2002 season due to budget prioritization. Reports from local guides and anglers portray the 2001/2002 season as a better than average year for steelhead. Since no creel monitoring was completed during that time period, there is no way to corroborate these anecdotal reports. On the upper Trinity, steelhead angling catches appear to be increasing over the past several seasons; this is an increasingly important sport-fishery that should continue to be monitored. We have re-implemented the study for the 2002/2003 season on a limited budget basis and hope to regain full funding for the 2003/2004 season.

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