## 2008 BRULE RIVER FALL FISHWAY UPDATE

A total of 11996 trout and salmon were estimated migrating upstream through the lamprey barrier/fishway during the fall review period from July 1st through November 19th. The steelhead population remains healthy as the fall portion of the run comprised of 6640 fish (wild portion just a couple hundred fish below the last five year fall average) with a normally timed peak during the first portion of October. Note that the stocked portion of the run (stocking experiment ended in 2001) is diminishing quickly as they age and pass out of the fishery. The late fall steelhead peak in early November resulted from a warming period when water temperatures climbed to 50 degrees. The brown trout run of 2890 peaked during the middle of August (the return being slowed somewhat by an unusually warm period in the beginning of September). Coho salmon return this year was 2197. Other salmonids ascending include 248 chinook salmon, 13 pink salmon, four coastal brook trout, three splake, and one lake trout.

Year	Brown Trout	Chinook Salmon	Coho Salmon	Steelhead Fall	Steelhead Spring	Steelhead Total	Estimated Stocked Steelhead
2005-06	3265	161	3205	9260	990	10250	1491
2006-07	3167	199	1951	7290	1582	8872	710
2007-08	3317	314	1765	6345	1215	7560	278
2008-09	2890	248	2197	6640			96

## **STEELHEAD**





