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*Fact sheet on coho salmon link below. The coho salmon residing in the Trinity River were designated as Threatened as per the Federal endangered species list in June 1997. The coho salmon of the Trinity are included in the Southern Oregon Northern California Coasts Evolutionarily Significant Unit (SONCC ESU).*

<http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/psd/99cohof.htm>

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*The following link sums up the status and the critical habitat designation for the SONCC ESU coho salmon. Federally designated critical habitat includes the entire Trinity River from it's confluence with the Klamath River upriver for approximately 111 miles to the base of Lewiston Dam. This includes of course every mile of the Trinity River flowing adjacent to Highway 299. This link provides Federal Register Notices and other valuable links to the status of this coho salmon. The National Marine Fisheries Service is in the process of writing a recovery plan for the SONCC ESU coho salmon today.*

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/ESA-Salmon-Listings/Salmon-Populations/Coho/COSNC.cfm>

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*There is also another issue regarding Trinity River salmon and steelhead beyond the Endangered Species Act, entitled Essential Fish Habitat. There are two different species of anadromous fish besides the coho salmon above that must be considered when dealing with Essential Fish Habitat: the Upper Klamath-Trinity Chinook Salmon, composed of two stocks - the fall-run and spring-runs of Chinook salmon; and the Klamath Mountains Province Steelhead, composed to two stocks as well - the winter and*

*summer steelhead runs.*

***"Essential fish habitat means those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feed, or growth to maturity." (Magnuson-Stevens Act).***

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) requires federal fishery management plans to describe the habitat essential to the fish being managed and describe threats to that habitat from both fishing and non-fishing activities. In addition, in order to protect this Essential Fish Habitat (EFH), federal agencies are required to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on activities that may adversely affect EFH.

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*The Upper Klamath-Trinity River Chinook salmon and the Klamath Mountain Province Steelhead are both designated as Forest Service Sensitive Species as well.*

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Chinese Proverb