

We count live and dead spawners

The Stoney Creek Environment Committee has been monitoring the health of Stoney Creek's salmon population for the past 14 years with an annual count of both live and dead spawning fish.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHUM	623	1015	563	742	1011	246	619	2372
COHO	22	38	63	60	26	241	167	47
PINK	56*	0	30	0	17	0	4	0

Counting live fish in the creek gives only a rough estimate of the number of fish returning, as some are missed and some are likely counted twice.

Counting fish that have died gives a snapshot of the ratio of males to females. This number is always smaller than the live count because the dead fish are often washed out of the stream.

* Pinks in Stoney Creek spawn only in odd-numbered years.