

Yakima River / Hanford Reach Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports

September 27, 2009

Hanford Reach Fishery

The Hanford Reach from the Hwy 395 Bridge in the Tri-cities upstream to Priest Rapids Dam opened on September 22 for the retention of hatchery steelhead. The daily limit is 3 hatchery steelhead. An estimated 287 steelhead were caught this past week of which 193 were harvested. Bank anglers averaged 11 hours per steelhead.

WDFW staff interviewed 94 boats (199 anglers) with 15 steelhead at Ringold. Steelhead catch rates for boat anglers was low as the majority of the boat anglers interviewed at Ringold were targeting chinook. In the upper Reach, wooden powerline towers to Priest Rapids, 10 boats (20 anglers) were sampled that were specifically targeting steelhead. They reported 20 steelhead caught (10 hatchery and 10 wild) slightly better than 1 steelhead for each five angler hour of fishing.

Hanford Reach Fall Chinook: An estimated 1,872 fall chinook were harvested this past week in the Hanford Reach (1,389 adults 483 jacks). Anglers averaged 1.2 chinook per boat last week. So far this season, 2,508 adult fall chinook and 874 jacks have been harvested. Harvest is 20% above last year. Effort (angler trips) has increased 7% compared to the 2008 fishery.

Hanford Reach Steelhead Sport Fishery Summary Sept 22-27

	Total		ADRV		AD		Wild		Unmark Hatchery	
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	C&R	%	C&R	%
Lower (Hwy 395 to Hanford)	178	138	78	78	70	60	15	8.4%	15	8.2%
Upper (Hanford to Priest Rapids)	109	55	5	5	49	49	54	50.0%		
Combined	287	193	84	84	119	109	69	24.1%	15	

Hanford Reach Steelhead Sport Fishery (Hwy 395 to Powerline Towers)

Sept 22-27	Total		ADRV		AD		Wild		Non-Clipped	
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	C&R	Harvest	C&R	Harvest
Weekday Bank	87	82	60	60	23	23	4	0		
Weekend Bank	43	26	12	12	24	13	7	0		
Weekday Boat	5	5	0	0	5	5	0	0		
Weekend Boat	44	25	6	6	19	19	19	0		
Total	178	138	78	78	70	60	30		15	
Wild Steelhead Impacts (C&R)							15	8.5%		

Hanford Reach Steelhead Sport Fishery (Powerline Towers to Priest Rapids Dam)

Sept 22-27	Total		ADRV		AD Only		Wild	
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	C&R	%
	109	55	5	5	49	49	54	50.0%

Steelhead Boats Sampled

Boats	Anglers	Hours	ADRV	Ad Only	Wild
10	20	96	1	9	10

