

## **Yakima River / Hanford Reach Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports**

### **October 5, 2010**

Another good week in the Hanford Reach for fall chinook. Staff sampled 353 boats (769 anglers) with 450 chinook. Better than a chinook per boat. For the fishery this season an estimated 5,249 adult chinook, 664 jack chinook, and 4 coho have been harvested.

Based on passage through Sept 30, I estimate a total return to the Reach of 84,470. This is an expansion based on the 12 year average. Using the most recent two years this estimate drops to 58,453. Decent return with either estimate.

The Hanford Reach is open to the retention of steelhead upstream to Priest Rapids Dam this fall (through Oct 22). An estimated 553 steelhead have been caught through October 3 and 259 of these have been harvested. Fishing for steelhead throughout the Hanford Reach was slow last week for both bank and boat anglers.

Fall chinook harvest in the Yakima River continues to improve. Effort more than doubled this past week and catch improved. WDFW staff interviewed 143 anglers with 10 adult chinook this week.

**2010 YAKIMA FALL SPORT SALMONID CREEL SUMMARY**

Season	Harvest				Catch & Released	Sampled		Total Effort (pole hrs)	Sampled %
	Chinook		Coho			Steelhead	Anglers		
Week	Adult	Jacks	Adult	Jacks	Steelhead	Anglers	Hours	(pole hrs)	%
Sept 1 - 5	0	0	0	0	0	35	106.7	332.5	32.1%
Sept 6 - 12	0	0	0	0	0	40	108.0	1,016.7	10.6%
Sept 13 - 19	6	0	9	0	0	50	139.9	607.7	23.0%
Sept 20 - 26	18	2	0	0	0	65	182.0	660.5	27.6%
Sept 27 - Oct 3	52	0	0	0	0	143	313.4	1,620.1	19.3%
Oct 4 - 10									
Oct 11 - 17									
Oct 18 - 22									
<b>Season</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>850.0</b>	<b>4,237.4</b>	<b>20.1%</b>

**Data Summary for September 27 - October 3**

Creel	Weekday								Weekend							
	Sampled								Effort	Sampled						Effort
Section	Anglers	Hours	Chinook	Jacks	Coho	Jacks	Steelhead	Effort		Anglers	Hours	Chinook	Jacks	Coho	Jacks	
Lower (Mouth to Horn Rapids)	28	70.4	2	0	0	0	0	455	37	77.2	4	0	0	0	0	435
Middle (Benton City to Prosser)	15	44.5	3	0	0	0	0	232	63	121.3	1	0	0	0	0	498
Upper (Granger to Parker)																
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>114.9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>198.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>933</b>
Harvest			Chinook	Jacks	Coho	Jacks	Steelhead				Chinook	Jacks	Coho	Jacks	Steelhead	
Lower (Mouth to Horn Rapids)			11	0	0	0	0				21	0	0	0	0	
Middle (Benton City to Prosser)			15	0	0	0	0				5	0	0	0	0	
Upper (Granger to Parker)																
<b>Total (Weekly)</b>			<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>				<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total (Season)</b>			<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>				<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	