

Yakima River / Hanford Reach Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports

October 11, 2010

Based on passage through October 7, I estimate a total adult fall chinook return to the Reach of 88,097. This is an expansion based on the 12 year average. Using the most recent two years this estimate increases slightly to 88,911.

The Hanford Reach is open to the retention of steelhead upstream to Priest Rapids Dam this fall (through Oct 22). An estimated 691 steelhead have been caught through October 10 and 302 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 continues to increase in the Yakima River as the harvest begins to rise. WDFW staff interviewed 142 anglers with 19 salmon this week. An estimated 103 adult chinook, 10 jacks, and 13 coho were caught this past week. For the season, 179 adult Chinook, 13 jacks, and 23 coho.

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	103	10	13	0	2	142	329.2	2,086.2	15.8%
Oct 11 - 17									
Oct 18 - 22									
Season	179	13	23	0	2	475	1,179.2	6,323.6	18.6%

Data Summary for Oct 4-10

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)	26	78.4	3	2	0	0	1	540	18	42.1	0	0	0	0	0	242
Middle (Benton City to Prosser)	40	91.4	5	1	2	0	0	723	58	117.3	6	0	0	0	0	583
Upper (Granger to Parker)																
Total	66	169.8	8	3	2	0	1	1,262	76	159.4	6	0	0	0	0	824
Harvest			Chinook	Jacks	Coho	Jacks	Steelhead				Chinook	Jacks	Coho	Jacks	Steelhead	
Lower (Mouth to Horn Rapids)			33	4	0	0	2				0	0	0	0	0	
Middle (Benton City to Prosser)			40	7	13	0	0				30	0	0	0	0	
Upper (Granger to Parker)																
Total (Weekly)			73	10	13	0	2				30	0	0	0	0	
Total (Season)			73	10	13	0	2				30	0	0	0	0	