

Yakima River / Hanford Reach Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports

October 18, 2010

Harvest of fall Chinook in the Hanford Reach remains high though effort dropped off a bit. Staff sampled 220 boats (529 anglers) with 430 chinook. An average of almost 2 chinook per boat. For the fishery this season an estimated 9,964 adult chinook, 1,362 jack chinook, and 4 coho have been harvested.

Based on adult fish passage through October 15, I estimate the adult fall Chinook return to the Reach to exceed 90,000.

The Hanford Reach is open to the retention of steelhead upstream to Priest Rapids Dam this fall (through Oct 22). An estimated 730 steelhead have been caught through October 17 and 332 of these have been harvested. Fishing for steelhead throughout the Hanford Reach continues to be slow for both bank and boat anglers.

Fall chinook harvest and effort in the Yakima River declined this past week. WDFW staff interviewed 110 anglers with 12 salmon this week. An estimated 52 adult chinook and 12 jacks were caught this past week. For the season, 231 adult Chinook, 25 jacks, and 23 coho have been harvested.

Salmon fisheries in the Columbia River above the Hwy 395 bridge and in the Yakima River will close on Friday Oct 22. The steelhead fishery **below the wooden power line towers** will remain open.

Hanford Reach Steelhead Sport Fishery

Season Summary

	Total		ADRV		AD		Unmark Hatchery		Unmarked		
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	% Unmarked
Lower (Hwy 395 to Hanford)	279	155	106	106	53	49	0	0	121	0	43.4%
Upper (Hanford to Priest Rapids)	451	177	25	25	152	152	0	0	274	0	60.8%
Combined	730	332	131	131	205	201	0	0	395	0	54.1%

Steelhead & Salmon Fishery Summary (Combined)

	Total		ADRV		AD		Unmark Hatchery		Unclipped	
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest
Sep 5	67	26	0	0	26	26	0	0	41	0
Sep 12	228	108	46	46	62	62	0	0	120	0
Sep 19	114	54	30	30	28	24	0	0	56	0
Sep 26	117	49	11	11	39	39	0	0	68	0
Oct 3	27	22	0	0	22	22	0	0	5	0
Oct 10	138	43	20	20	23	23	0	0	95	0
Oct 17	39	30	24	24	6	6	0	0	10	0
Oct 24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	730	332	131	131	205	201	0	0	395	0
									54.1%	

Hanford to Priest Rapids

	Total		ADRV		AD		Unmark Hatchery		Unclipped	
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest
Sep 5	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0
Sep 12	135	58	0	0	58	58	0	0	77	0
Sep 19	44	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	32	0
Sep 26	99	47	9	9	39	39	0	0	52	0
Oct 3	27	22	0	0	22	22	0	0	5	0
Oct 10	126	38	16	16	22	22	0	0	87	0
Oct 17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 24										
Oct 31										
Total	451	177	25	25	152	152	0	0	274	0
									60.8%	

Hwy 395 to Hanford

	Total		ADRV		AD		Unmark Hatchery		Unclipped	
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest
Sep 5	46	26	0	0	26	26			21	0
Sep 12	93	50	46	46	4	4			43	0
Sep 19	70	42	30	30	16	12			24	0
Sep 26	19	2	2	2	0	0			17	0
Oct 3	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Oct 10	12	5	4	4	1	1			7	0
Oct 17	39	30	24	24	6	6			10	0
Oct 24										
Oct 31										
Total	279	155	106	106	53	49	0	0	121	0
									43.4%	

2010 Hanford Reach Salmon Fishery

Week Ending	Estimated Total boats	Sampled								Harvest						Catch & Release		
		Boats	Anglers	Pole Hours	Sampled (%)	Chinook		Coho		Chinook		Coho		Steelhead		Steelhead		
						Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	ADRV	AD	ADRV	AD	Wild
Aug 15	63	4		0						16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 22	39	2		0	5.1%					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Aug 29	92	6		0	6.5%					15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 5	247	48	127	680	19.5%	19	2	0	0	93	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Sep 12	889	184	434	2,682	20.7%	121	12	0	0	585	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Sep 19	1,385	347	813	4,515	25.1%	282	40	1	0	1,126	160	4	0	4	12	0	0	52
Sep 26	1,847	430	1,061	6,270	23.3%	289	41	0	0	1,241	176	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Oct 3	1,909	353	769	4,601	18.5%	402	48	0	0	2,174	260	0	0	0	5	0	0	32
Oct 10	1,730	317	759	4,561	18.3%	442	76	0	0	2,413	415	0	0	0	5	0	0	16
Oct 17	1,322	220	529	3,268	16.6%	383	47	0	0	2,302	283	0	0	6	6	0	0	6
Totals	9,523	1,911	4,492	26,577	20.1%	1,938	266	1	0	9,964	1,362	4	0	10	28	0	0	176

2009 Hanford Reach Salmon and Steelhead Fishery (Bank & Boat Combined)

Week Ending	Estimated Total boats	Sampled				Harvest						Catch & Release					
		Boats			Sampled (%)	Chinook		Coho		Steelhead		Steelhead					
						Adults	Jacks	Adults	Jacks	ADRV	AD	ADRV	AD	Wild			
Aug 16	0	0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 23	21	2			9.4%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 30	88	9			10.2%	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 6	235	37			15.8%	70	47	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	15
Sep 13	625	120			19.2%	360	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Sep 20	1,086	204			18.8%	697	321	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	89
Sep 27	1,563	287			18.4%	1,389	490	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	5
Oct 4	1,528	332			21.7%	1,634	516	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Oct 11	1,512	294			19.4%	2,197	530	0	0	0	0	31	57	0	0	0	21
Oct 18	328	75			22.9%	192	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6,988	1,360			19.5%	6,548	2,072	10	0	31	91	0	3	0	3	152	