

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.

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 | 52 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 110 | 259.5 | 1,672.4 | 15.5% |
| Oct 18 - 22 | | | | | | | | | |
| Season | 231 | 25 | 23 | 0 | 11 | 585 | 1,438.7 | 7,996.0 | 18.0% |

Data Summary for Oct 11-17

| 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) | 9 | 33.7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 285 | 15 | 32.8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 153 |
| Middle (Benton City to Prosser) | 37 | 83.8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 647 | 49 | 109.2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 588 |
| Upper (Granger to Parker) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 46 | 117.5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 931 | 64 | 142.0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 741 |
| Harvest | | | Chinook | Jacks | Coho | Jacks | Steelhead | | | | Chinook | Jacks | Coho | Jacks | Steelhead | |
| Lower (Mouth to Horn Rapids) | | | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | |
| Middle (Benton City to Prosser) | | | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 16 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Upper (Granger to Parker) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total (Weekly) | | | 27 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | 25 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 9 | |
| Total (Season) | | | 27 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | 25 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 9 | |