

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

**December 5, 2011**

**Ringold Steelhead Sport Fishery**

For the month of November an estimated 286 steelhead were caught between the Hwy 395 bridge at Pasco and the wooden powerline towers at the old Hanford town site. Of these 227 were harvested. 59 steelhead were unclipped and released. Based on the percentages of wild and unmarked hatchery steelhead sampled at the Off Ladder Trap at Priest Rapids Dam, 34 wild steelhead were caught and released, 12% of the catch. WDFW staff sampled 23% of the effort associated with this fishery.

For the fishery this year, an estimated 1,250 steelhead have been caught with roughly ½ of these fish harvested. A large number of unclipped hatchery and wild steelhead were caught during the first two months of this fishery. Bank anglers have averaged a steelhead for every 19 hours fished while boat anglers averaged a steelhead for every 10 hours. This included both hatchery and wild. Harvestable steelhead (hatchery) averaged 21 hours per fish for both bank and boat.

**CPUE for November**

				<b>Steelhead</b>			
<b>Ringold Steelhead</b>	<b>Sampled</b>		<b>Hours Fished</b>	Catch	Harvest	Hours per Fish	
	Boats	Anglers				Catch	Harvest
Weekday Bank Anglers		109	311.6	19	18	16.4	17.3
Weekend Bank Anglers		78	267.8	12	10	22.3	26.8
Weekday Boat Anglers	20	35	151.5	13	8	11.7	18.9
Weekend Boat Anglers	31	73	375.3	38	17	9.9	22.1
<b>Bank Anglers</b>		187	579	31	28	18.7	20.7
<b>Boat Anglers</b>		108	527	51	25	10.3	21.1
<b>All Anglers Combined</b>		295	1,106	82	53	13.5	20.9