

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

March 1, 2011

Lower Reach (Hwy 395 to old Hanford town site):

An estimated 174 steelhead were caught and 140 steelhead were harvested in February. Anglers are averaging 1 steelhead for each 12 hours of fishing. Boat anglers have fared better than the shore anglers at 9 hours per steelhead versus 32 hours per steelhead for bank anglers. A total of 1,374 steelhead have been caught this season and 1,011 hatchery steelhead have been harvested. WDFW staff sampled 15% of the estimated angler effort in this fishery in February and 25% for the season. Catch and harvest numbers are well below the 2008 and 2009 fisheries but similar to those of 2004-07.

Upper Reach (Vernita Bridge to Priest Rapids Dam):

On December 8, WDFW opened the Columbia River from the Hwy 24 bridge (Vernita Bridge) to Priest Rapids Dam for the retention of hatchery steelhead. This is the first time this area has been open in the winter for steelhead in many years. Angler effort has been relatively light. We are currently averaging 1 boat trip per day. Very few anglers are fishing from shore for steelhead. No steelhead were reported in February. Only 2 boats were interviewed. An estimated 225 steelhead have been caught in this fishery with 47 hatchery steelhead harvested.

42.20% of un-clipped steelhead were hatchery origin
based on 2010 OLAFT (470/1,113)

Catch & Harvest

Month	Total		ADRV		AD		Non-Marked		NM Hatchery		Wild	
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	% of Tot
December	147	4	33	0	4	4	110	0	46	0	64	43.4%
January	78	42	27	27	51	15	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Season	147	4	33	0	4	4	110	0	46	0	64	43.4%

Effort

Angler Hours	Sampled	%
843	61	7.2%
223	15	6.8%
204	24	11.8%
1,047	85	8.1%

Catch & Harvest (January)

Month	Total		ADRV		AD		Non-Marked		NM Hatchery		Wild	
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	% of Tot
Bank	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Boat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
February (Total)	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!						

Effort

Ang Hrs Avg	Days in Month	Angler Hours	Sampled	%
0.0	28	0.0	0.0	0.0%
8.6	28	203.8	24.0	11.8%
		204	24	11.8%

CPUE for February

Ringold Steelhead	Sampled		Hours Fished	Steelhead			
	Boats	Anglers		Catch	Harvest	Hours per Fish	
						Catch	Harvest
Bank Anglers		0	0.0	0.0	0.0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Boat Anglers	2	4	24.0	0.0	0.0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Bank Anglers		0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Boat Anglers		4	24.0	0.0	0.0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
All Anglers Combined		4	24.0	0.0	0.0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

Catch & Harvest (December)

Month	Total		ADRV		AD		Non-Marked		NM Hatchery		Wild	
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	% of Tot
Weekday Bank	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Weekday Boat	130	0	33	0	0	0	98	0	41	0	56	43.4%
Weekend Bank	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Weekend Boat	17	4	0	0	4	4	12	0	5	0	7	43.4%
December (Total)	147	4	33	0	4	4	110	0	46	0	64	43.4%

Effort

Ang Hrs Avg	Days in Month	Angler Hours	Sampled	%
0	16	0	0.0	
15	16	246	12.9	4.2%
0	8	0	0.0	
54	8	428	48.2	11.3%
		674	61	9.1%