

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

**October 27, 2011**

**Yakima River Fall Sport Fishery**

The Yakima River fall Chinook sport fishery ended on October 22. An estimated 537 adult Chinook, 224 chinook jacks, and 55 coho were harvested during this fishery. The harvest was higher in 2011 for adult and jack Chinook as well as for coho compared to the five-year average (429 adult, 81 jack, 30 coho). One wild steelhead was reported caught and harvested during this fishery. The harvest of fall Chinook jacks was an almost three-fold increase compared to the five-year average hopefully indicating a strong brood year from 2009 entering the fishery. WDFW staff sampled 15% of the estimated effort on the river during this fishery. There were 5,309 angler trips for salmon in this fishery in 2011.

2011 YAKIMA FALL SPORT SALMON 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 - 4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	55	3.7%
Sept 5 - 11	0	0	0	0	0	29	70	357	19.5%
Sept 12 - 18	15	14	0	0	0	53	105	800	13.1%
Sept 19 - 25	36	50	0	0	0	125	315	2,341	13.4%
Sept 26 - Oct 2	91	50	8	0	0	147	421	2,537	16.6%
Oct 3 - 9	161	32	10	0	0	187	429	2,770	15.5%
Oct 10 - 16	171	53	9	0	0	156	357	2,431	14.7%
Oct 17 - 22	63	23	27	0	6	89	247	1,980	12.5%
<b>Season</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>13,272</b>	<b>14.6%</b>

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Angler Trips	55
55	
148	
390	
845	
887	
1,207	
1,063	
714	
<b>5,309</b>	

	HPUE	89
Anglers		246.7
Hours		17
Salmon		0.19
Salmon/Angler		14.5
Hours/Fish		

Data Summary for Oct 17-22

Section	Weekday								Weekend							
	Sampled							Effort	Sampled						Effort	
Anglers	Hours	Chinook	Jacks	Coho	Jacks	Steelhead	Anglers		Hours	Chinook	Jacks	Coho	Jacks	Steelhead		Effort
Lower (Mouth to Horn Rapids)	10	20.5	0	1	0	0	1	430	4	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	116
Middle (Benton City to Prosser)	42	118.6	8	3	3	0	0	999	33	104.9	0	0	2	0	0	435
Upper (Granger to Parker)																
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>550</b>

  

Harvest	Chinook	Jacks	Coho	Jacks	Steelhead
Lower (Mouth to Horn Rapids)	0	6	0	0	6
Middle (Benton City to Prosser)	63	17	23	0	0
Upper (Granger to Parker)					
<b>Total (Weekly)</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>