

Yakima River / Hanford Reach Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports

Hanford Reach Steelhead Sport Fishery: March Summary

During the month of March anglers landed 764 steelhead and harvested 606 hatchery steelhead in the Hanford Reach sport fishery, just beating out the old record of 750 catch (2010) and 453 harvest (2009). WDFW estimates 1,468 anglers fished in March and 6,824 anglers since the fishery opened on October 1. WDFW staff interviewed 417 anglers in March, 28% of the estimated anglers fishing in the Reach during the month. Anglers averaged a steelhead for every 9 hours of fishing, with boat anglers averaging 6 hours/fish compared to bank anglers at 16 hours/fish. This season, 89% of the fish caught during the fishery have been hatchery origin adipose clipped fish. The majority of the fish harvested during this year's fishery originated from Ringold Springs Hatchery (adipose + right ventral fin clipped). These totals include 76 hatchery steelhead donated to Ringold Springs Hatchery to use as broodstock.

An estimated 2,058 hatchery steelhead have been harvested since the fishery opened on October 1. Total catch including fish released is 2,658 steelhead. Ringold Springs Hatchery staff collected and transported all the hatchery steelhead captured at the trap this fall and released them back into the river in the Tri-cities to give anglers another opportunity to catch these returning adults. These "recycled" fish are marked (caudal clipped) prior to release. Of the 2,058 fish harvested since October 1, 395 (19%) were previously captured at the trap and released.

The fishery for steelhead in the Hanford Reach and Columbia River above Bonneville Dam is closed effective March 31 **BUT** the shoreline along the Ringold Springs Hatchery access area will remain open to "bank fishing" from April 1 through April 15.

2014-15 Hanford Reach Steelhead Fishery

	Sampled							Catch & Harvest										Sampled									
	Estimated			Boats	Anglers	Pole Hrs	% Sampled	Total		AD+RV		AD		Un-marked		Recycle	Total			ADRV		AD		NM		Recycle	
	Boats	Anglers	Hours					Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Hatchery	Wild		Harvest	Total	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept		Rel
October	212	1,053	4,301	68	472	1,859	44.8%	416	295	259	249	73	45	22	63	8	163	116	47	97	4	19	11	0	32	3	
November	248	1,401	5,231	38	344	1,163	24.6%	578	487	520	482	5	5	14	39	117	124	106	18	105	8	1	0	0	10	26	
December	216	1,113	3,818	23	185	572	16.6%	344	271	300	271	4	0	11	30	85	48	35	13	35	6	0	1	0	6	13	
January	251	924	3,285	28	145	469	15.7%	287	187	185	178	9	9	24	69	18	36	23	13	22	2	1	0	0	11	2	
February	143	864	3,028	26	186	641	21.5%	269	211	212	186	31	25	7	19	61	53	42	11	37	5	5	1	0	5	13	
March	298	1,468	5,254	102	417	1,589	28.4%	764	606	711	589	21	18	8	24	106	246	195	51	189	39	6	1	0	11	32	
Totals	1,367	6,824	24,916	285	1,749	6,292	25.6%	2,658	2,058	2,187	1,955	143	102	86	242	395	670	517	153	485	64	32	14	0	75	89	
								% of Catch																			
								77%										3% 9% 19%									
Boat Fishery																											
October	212	405	2,094	68	132	699	32.6%	183	103	82	79	36	24	17	48	0	62	34	28	25	1	9	4	0	23	0	
November	248	470	2,544	38	73	380	15.5%	280	223	232	218	5	5	11	32	42	45	36	9	35	2	1	0	0	7	6	
December	216	572	2,474	23	61	264	10.7%	262	225	234	225	0	0	7	21	56	28	24	4	24	1	0	0	0	3	6	
January	251	582	2,449	28	65	274	11.2%	260	170	161	161	9	9	23	66	18	29	19	10	18	0	1	0	0	10	2	
February	143	384	1,532	26	70	279	18.2%	170	148	137	132	16	16	4	12	33	31	27	4	24	1	3	0	0	3	6	
March	298	764	3,524	102	262	1,208	34.3%	621	493	575	475	18	18	8	22	73	213	169	44	163	34	6	0	0	10	25	
Totals	1,367	3,177	14,617	285	663	3,104	20.9%	1,777	1,362	1,421	1,290	84	72	71	201	222	408	309	99	289	39	20	4	0	56	45	
								% of Catch																			
								77%										4% 11% 16%									
Bank Fishery																											
October		649	2,207	0	340	1,160	52.4%	233	192	177	171	37	22	5	14	8	101	82	19	72	3	10	7	0	9	3	
November		931	2,687	0	271	782	29.1%	297	264	288	264	0	0	2	7	74	79	70	9	70	6	0	0	0	3	20	
December		541	1,344	0	124	308	22.9%	82	46	65	46	4	0	3	9	29	20	11	9	11	5	0	1	0	3	7	
January		343	836	0	80	195	23.4%	28	17	24	17	0	0	1	3	0	7	4	3	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	
February		480	1,496	0	116	362	24.2%	99	63	75	54	15	9	2	7	28	22	15	7	13	4	2	1	0	2	7	
March		704	1,730	0	155	381	22.0%	143	114	136	114	3	0	1	2	33	33	26	7	26	5	0	1	0	1	7	
Totals		3,647	10,299		1,086	3,188	29.8%	881	696	766	665	59	30	15	41	173	262	208	54	196	25	12	10	0	19	44	
								% of Catch																			
								79%										2% 5% 25%									

ADRV - Adipose + right ventral fin clipped (Ringold origin)

AD - Adipose clipped

0.191934

Un-marked - no marks, no fin clips (wild + unmarked hatchery)

Recycled - all steelhead captured at the Ringold Springs Hatchery trap are caudal clipped, transported and released in the tri-cities

Hours/Steelhead

October	11
November	9
December	12
January	13
February	6
March	9

Boat Fishery

October	11
November	8
December	9
January	9
February	6
March	6

Bank Fishery

October	11
November	10
December	15
January	28
February	12
March	16