

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

Hanford Reach Summer Chinook/sockeye Sport Fishery Update: August 10-16

From August 10 through August 15, WDFW staff interviewed 9 boats (15 anglers) fishing for summer chinook and sockeye in the Columbia River from the Hwy 395 bridge upstream to Priest Rapids Dam. Anglers reported harvesting 2 adult hatchery summer chinook and 2 sockeye. They released 2 wild adult chinook.

WDFW staff also interviewed boats fishing for bass, northern pikeminnow, and walleye.

Bass: 3 boats, 4 anglers, 14 bass, 1 walleye - **1.6 hours/bass**

Pikeminnow: 5 boats, 6 anglers, 41 pikeminnow, 3 bass, 1 walleye - **0.7 hours/NPM**

Walleye: 9 boats, 16 anglers, 28 walleye, 6 bass – **3.0 hours/walleye**

Sunday, August 16, kicked off the **fall** chinook sport fishery in the Hanford Reach (**Hwy 395 bridge at Kennewick/Pasco to Priest Rapids Dam**). Anglers may keep up to three adult salmon, hatchery (adipose clipped) or wild salmon. Anglers may fish with two poles when fishing for any species (except sturgeon) if they have the “Two-Pole Endorsement” license. Current regulations are listed in the “Washington Sport Fishing Rules” pamphlet. WDFW is expecting in excess of 200,000 fall chinook to return to the Hanford Reach this year.

Anglers are reminded that the Hanford Reach is closed to fishing for steelhead.