

Yakima River / Hanford Reach Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports

Hanford Reach Fall Chinook Sport Fishery: August 17-23

The fall chinook fishery in the Hanford Reach is off to a slow start as is typical for this fishery. From August 17 through August 23, WDFW staff interviewed 49 boats (103 anglers) fishing for fall chinook in the Hanford Reach. Anglers reported harvesting 7 adult fall chinook and releasing 1 sockeye. Staff sampled 25% of the boats fishing for salmon this past week. Estimated harvest for the week was 28 adult chinook and 8 jacks.

Fall chinook counts at John Day Dam picked up over the weekend to over 2,000 fish per day. Counts at McNary are averaging ~500 adult fall chinook per day. Based on the long term trend, fall chinook should start passing Bonneville Dam in good numbers this week.

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

- **Bass:** 16 boats, 35 anglers, 125 bass, 1 pikeminnow - 1.1 hours/bass
- **Pikeminnow:** 5 boats, 8 anglers, 18 pikeminnow, 3 bass, 1 walleye - 1.9 hours/NPM
- **Walleye:** 3 boats, 6 anglers, 16 walleye – 2.2 hours/walleye