

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

### **Hanford Reach Steelhead Sport Fishery: January Summary**

During the month of January anglers landed 286 steelhead and harvested 186 hatchery steelhead in the Hanford Reach sport fishery. WDFW estimates 923 anglers fished in January and 4,267 anglers since the fishery opened on October 1. WDFW staff interviewed 145 anglers in January, 16% of the estimated anglers fishing in the Reach during the month. Anglers are averaging a steelhead for every 13 hours of fishing, with boat anglers averaging 9.5 hours/fish compared to bank anglers at 28 hours/fish. Fishing was just a little slower than in December. Winter fishing has been very spotty, good one day, slow the next but good overall compared to prior years. Harvest in January was the best in the past five years. This season 84% of the fish caught during the fishery have been hatchery origin adipose clipped fish; only 68% of the fish caught in January were adipose clipped. The majority of the fish harvested during this year's fishery have been released from Ringold Springs Hatchery (adipose + right ventral fin clipped).

An estimated 1,149 hatchery steelhead have been harvested since the fishery opened on October 1. Total catch including fish released is 1,511 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 1,149 fish harvested since October 1, 209 (18%) were previously captured at the trap and released.

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	Harvest	
October	198	1,027	4,168	68	472	1,859	45.9%	404	288	253	244	71	44	21	60	8	163	116	47	97	4	19	11	0	32	3	
November	204	1,317	4,775	38	344	1,163	26.1%	528	448	479	443	4	4	12	33	109	124	106	18	105	8	1	0	0	10	26	
December	173	1,000	3,326	23	185	572	18.5%	292	227	253	227	4	0	9	26	74	48	35	13	35	6	0	1	0	6	13	
January	250	923	3,276	28	145	469	15.7%	286	186	185	178	9	9	24	68	18	36	23	13	22	2	1	0	0	11	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>4,267</b>	<b>15,545</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>4,062</b>	<b>26.9%</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>44</b>	
								% of Catch		76%				4%		12%											
<b>Boat Fishery</b>																											
October	198	379	1,960	68	132	699	34.9%	171	96	76	73	34	22	16	45	0	62	34	28	25	1	9	4	0	23	0	
November	204	386	2,088	38	73	380	18.9%	231	184	191	179	4	4	9	27	35	45	36	9	35	2	1	0	0	7	6	
December	173	458	1,983	23	61	264	13.3%	210	180	188	180	0	0	6	17	45	28	24	4	24	1	0	0	0	3	6	
January	250	580	2,441	28	65	274	11.2%	259	170	161	161	9	9	23	66	18	29	19	10	18	0	1	0	0	10	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>8,471</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>14</b>	
								% of Catch		72%				6%		18%											
<b>Bank Fishery</b>																											
October		649	2,207		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		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		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		80	195	23.4%	28	17	24	17	0	0	1	3	0	7	4	3	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2,463</b>	<b>7,073</b>		<b>815</b>	<b>2,445</b>	<b>33.1%</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	
								% of Catch		81%				2%		5%		22%									

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

AD - Adipose clipped

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

**Boat Fishery**

October	11
November	8
December	9
January	9

**Bank Fishery**

October	11
November	10
December	15
January	28