

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

Hanford Reach Steelhead Sport Fishery: January 7, 2015

During the month of December anglers landed 277 steelhead and harvested 214 hatchery steelhead in the Hanford Reach sport fishery. WDFW estimates 967 anglers fished in December and 3,312 anglers since the fishery opened on October 1. WDFW staff interviewed 185 anglers in December, 19% of the estimated anglers fishing in the Reach during the month. Anglers are averaging a steelhead for every 12 hours of fishing, slightly better by boat (9 hours/fish) than bank (15 hours/fish). Just a little slower fishing than in November. Fishing has been very spotty, good one day, slow the next but good overall compared to prior years. Harvest this December was the best on record dating back to 2003. This season 87% of the fish caught during the fishery have been hatchery clipped fish. The majority of the fish caught have been Ringold Springs Hatchery released steelhead (adipose + right ventral fin clipped).

An estimated 949 hatchery steelhead have been harvested since the fishery opened on October 1. Total catch including fish released is 1,210 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 949 fish harvested since October 1, 188 (20%) were previously captured at the trap and released.

2014-15 Hanford Reach Steelhead Fishery

	Estimated			Sampled				Catch & Harvest									Sampled										
	Boats	Anglers	Hours	Boats	Anglers	Pole Hrs	% Sampled	Total		AD+RV		AD		Un-marked		Recycle	Total			ADRV		AD		NM		Recycle	
								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	161	967	3,185	23	185	572	19.1%	277	214	240	214	4	0	9	24	71	48	35	13	35	6	0	1	0	6	13	
Totals	563	3,312	12,127	129	1,001	3,593	30.2%	1,210	949	972	901	79	48	41	117	188	335	257	78	237	18	20	12	0	48	42	
Boat Fishery								% of Catch		78%				3%		10%		20%									
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	161	426	1,842	23	61	264	14.3%	195	167	174	167	0	0	5	15	42	28	24	4	24	1	0	0	0	3	6	
Totals	563	1,191	5,890	129	266	1,344	22.3%	598	447	442	420	38	27	31	87	76	135	94	41	84	4	10	4	0	33	12	
Bank Fishery								% of Catch		75%				5%		15%		17%									
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	
Totals		2,121	6,238		735	2,250	34.7%	612	502	530	481	41	22	11	30	112	200	163	37	153	14	10	8	0	15	30	
								% of Catch		82%				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

Boat Fishery

October	11
November	8
December	9

Bank Fishery

October	11
November	10
December	15