

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

Lower Yakima River Spring Chinook Fishery: May 11, 2015

3,305 adult spring chinook have passed the Prosser Diversion through May 7. During the first seven days in May roughly 200 chinook per day migrated upstream through the Prosser facility. Flows in the Yakima River increased to near 3,000cfs on Friday and Saturday but have already declined to below 2,000cfs. WDFW staff interviewed 57 anglers fishing for salmon in the lower Yakima River during the past week (May 4-10). Anglers reported 2 hatchery adult chinook harvested and 3 wild adult chinook released. An estimated 44 adult chinook (22 hatchery & 22 wild) have been caught in the fishery through May 10. Anglers averaged 1 chinook for every 31 hours of fishing. Though fishing for salmon is relatively slow so far, this year's catch and harvest far exceed the numbers of chinook caught for all of the prior years this fishery has been open. The fishery in the lower Yakima River will remain open through June 15.

Staff also interviewed 87 anglers fishing for smallmouth bass and channel catfish that reported 69 smallmouth bass and 5 channel catfish caught.