

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

Hanford Reach Fall Chinook Sport Fishery Update: September 7 – 13

The number of anglers and the numbers of salmon harvested in the Hanford Reach sport fishery set new records this past week. WDFW estimates 1,739 boats (4,154 anglers) fished the Hanford Reach with a harvest of 2,348 adult chinook and 104 jacks. This was a new record for harvest for the second week in September and was more than double the previous record set last year.

WDFW staff interviewed 1,166 anglers from 517 boats and 76 bank anglers fishing for fall chinook in the Hanford Reach. Anglers averaged better than 1.5 fish per boat for the week with many areas reporting better than 2 adult chinook per boat by the latter half of the week. Bank anglers at the Ringold Springs Access area harvested 28 adult chinook this week.

Fish were harvested throughout the Hanford Reach with the best catch per effort at Vernita (2.0 fish/boat), followed closely by White Bluffs and Ringold. Fish continue to pour through the dams with over 257,000 adult fall chinook counted at Bonneville this past week (~36,000 per day) and 81,000+ over McNary (~11,000 per day).