

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

Lower Hanford Reach Steelhead Sport Fishery: January 2016 Summary

WDFW staff estimates that 1,151 anglers fished for steelhead in the Hanford Reach (Hwy 395 to Hanford) in December. WDFW technicians interviewed 314 anglers with 66 steelhead.

Based on the sampling data, an estimated 131 steelhead were caught in January, 78 hatchery steelhead were harvested. Catch and harvest this January was well below last year's catch (287) and harvest (187) but only slightly lower than the ten-year average (catch=150, harvest=94). This season, 4,686 anglers have fished for steelhead in the Hanford Reach catching 1,191 steelhead and harvesting 872 hatchery steelhead.

Anglers fishing in the Columbia River near Ringold Springs Hatchery averaged 21.4 hours per steelhead during the month of January. Boat anglers had the best catch per hour at 13 hours of fishing per steelhead. 82% of the steelhead landed have been clipped hatchery origin steelhead.

Fishing was very slow in January but should pick up by late February.

2015-16 Hanford Reach Steelhead Fishery

Week Ending	Estimated			Sampled				Catch & Harvest								
	Boats	Anglers	Hours	Boats	Anglers	Pole Hrs	% Sampled	Combined		ADRV		AD		NM		Recycle
								Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Hatchery	Wild	Harvest
Oct	114	1,183	4,342	55	598	2,180	50.6%	256	184	184	184	11	0	12	48	2
Nov	200	1,551	5,149	45	441	1,427	28.4%	499	395	355	330	73	65	15	57	28
Dec	222	1,151	3,935	43	314	1,002	27.3%	306	215	205	183	60	32	8	33	106
Jan	177	801	2,450	20	146	407	18.2%	131	78	64	60	29	18	8	31	18
Totals	713	4,686	15,877	163	1,499	5,016	32.0%	1,191	872	808	757	172	115	43	169	154

Boat

Week Ending	Estimated			Sampled				Catch & Harvest								
	Boats	Anglers	Hours	Boats	Anglers	Pole Hrs	% Sampled	Combined		ADRV		AD		NM		Recycle
								Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Hatchery	Wild	Kept
Oct	114	228	1,368	55	110	660	48.3%	197	75	70	70	4	0	11	41	2
Nov	200	498	2,076	45	112	467	22.5%	458	218	173	156	44	40	9	35	9
Dec	222	537	2,317	43	104	449	19.4%	361	181	139	124	41	15	8	33	46
Jan	177	345	1,383	20	39	156	11.3%	106	71	53	53	18	18	7	28	18
Totals	713	1,608	7,144	163	365	1,732	22.7%	1,122	544	436	403	108	73	35	138	75

Bank

Week Ending	Estimated			Sampled				Catch & Harvest								
		Anglers	Hours		Anglers	Pole Hrs	% Sampled	Combined		ADRV		AD		NM		Recycle
								Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Hatchery	Wild	Kept
Oct		955	2,974		488	1,520	51.1%	129	114	114	114	7	0	2	7	0
Nov		1,053	3,073		329	960	31.2%	237	199	182	174	28	25	6	21	20
Dec		614	1,618		210	553	34.2%	84	75	65	59	18	17	0	0	59
Jan		456	1,068		107	251	23.5%	25	7	11	7	11	0	1	3	0
Totals		3,078	8,733		1,134	3,284	36.8%	475	395	372	354	64	41	8	31	79