

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

**Lower Hanford Reach Steelhead Fishery Update: November 14**

The Columbia River from the Hwy 395 bridge at Kennewick upstream to the old Hanford townsite wooden powerline towers is open for the harvest of Ringold Springs origin hatchery steelhead. Steelhead released from the Ringold facility have both an adipose and right ventral fin clip. All wild or adipose-only clipped steelhead must be released. The fishery opened on October 1 and will be open through March 31.

Fishing has been slow for steelhead in the Hanford Reach this fall. In November, WDFW staff interviewed 69 boat anglers (30 boats) and 237 bank anglers with a total of 32 steelhead. Boat anglers averaged less than ½ a steelhead per boat (24 hours per steelhead). Bank anglers fared slightly better at 21 hours per steelhead. To date, approximately 70% of the fish caught in this fishery have been Ringold origin and legal to harvest.

In October, an estimated 162 steelhead were caught and 108 were harvested. Released steelhead included 32 adipose only, 17 unclipped, and 5 adipose-right ventral fin clipped steelhead.