

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

**Yakima River Spring Chinook Fishery**

Spring chinook counts at Prosser have been low so far this spring with only 141 adult chinook and 2 jacks counted through May 5. Flows in the lower Yakima River remained high during the week averaging 7,183cfs, range 6,780-7,860cfs.

WDFW staff interviewed 60 anglers fishing in the lower Yakima River (Prosser to Richland). No anglers were observed fishing for salmon this past week. Anglers were primarily fishing for smallmouth bass with a few anglers targeting channel catfish. The 41 bass anglers interviewed had harvested 362 fish and released 13, averaging 4.4 bass per hour. From May 1 through May 8 an estimated 6,721 were harvested in the lower river. Bank angling for channel catfish during the daylight was slow with only 7 fish reported from all anglers combined.