

## **YBSA Monthly Report June 2024**

Storage: The Yakima Basin storage system's 5 reservoirs are at 69% of capacity. At the end of June, there is 200,000 acre/feet less than average and 120,000 less than last year. The reservoirs are receiving 2552 cubic feet per second and are releasing 3972 cubic feet per second.

Riverflow: Released water along with normal run off supplies our agriculture industry and in-stream flow for fish. Proratable districts, such as Roza Irrigation District, are receiving 47% of water necessary for normal operations. There is very low flow in the Yakima River in lower Yakima Valley. Near it's confluence with the Columbia River its flow is lower than what is necessary for survival of samonoids in the Yakima River.

There is a strong return of Sockeye in the Columbia River so far this year, but very little improved runs have shown in the Yakima River due to the low flow and higher temperatures of the water.

Climate Change: Over the last 20 or more years the weather has changed and no longer is there a large snow pack in the Cascades. With no plan to increase the water storage needed in the Yakima Basin our economy and fish runs will effect all the stakeholders in the Yakima Basin. The members of the Yakima Basin Integrated Storage Alliance can start the process to acquire new water (Columbia River) to prevent a conflict between instream flow and out-of-stream user which could be settled in a court of law.

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