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From: Casaria Tuttle
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 12:33 PM
To: 'Bobby Levy'; 'Carter Kerns'; 'Dan Edge'; 'John Englund'; 'Marla Rae'; 'Skip Klarquist'; 'Zane Smith'
Cc: Sandra Fixsen
Subject: FW: Sandy River -- Extension of fishing deadline / boundary

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From: Brett Brownscombe [mailto:brett@ortrout.org]
Posted At: Friday, November 09, 2007 12:14 PM
Posted To: ODFW Commission
Conversation: Sandy River -- Extension of fishing deadline / boundary
Subject: Sandy River -- Extension of fishing deadline / boundary

Dear Commissioners,

I do not have personal email addresses for Commissioners Englund, Kerns, or Levy but hopefully this message will reach them via the general address used above. I wanted to drop you a quick note about the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking "Change to Angling Deadline on the Sandy River." This proposed rule change would basically change the fishing boundary by extending it seven miles up the Sandy above the former Marmot Dam site. My understanding is that even though you will not vote on it until your December meeting, you will be discussing this issue at your November meeting. I wanted to let you know, just so you have this in mind as background information, that there is controversy surrounding this proposal, mostly as to how it was advanced as a matter of process and how it relates to the overall Sandy River hatchery fish / recovery plan picture.

In short, despite the language on the "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing" document dated 10/12/07 stating this proposal was "developed through through cooperation and consultation" with a variety of stakeholder and other groups (*see* bottom of "Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact" page of the Notice), it was not. The proposal does not have this type of cooperative foundation and various entities have concerns over potential impacts, compliance with existing rules / fish management plan provisions, and how it fits into the overall ESA recovery planning scenario for the Sandy. Some of those concerned have had an initial conversation with Todd Alsbury (ODFW Dist. Bio) about the proposal and Notice content, and we plan to work further with him and other affected interests in an attempt to resolve this issue.

You will likely see more formal comments on this matter before your December meeting, but as I was told you would discuss it at your November meeting, I wanted to at least give you this background context before you form opinions (leading to eventual action) based on the content of a Notice document that conveys broad support instead of controversy behind the proposal.

Best Regards,
-Brett

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