

## **Addendum to Attachment 5**

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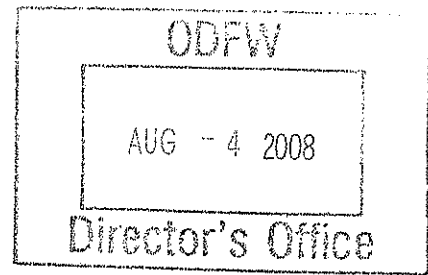


# **Supplemental Correspondence from Interested Anglers for the 2009-2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulation Development**

**Includes Public Correspondence received July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
through August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Presented to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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Date: Medford, OR 97504  
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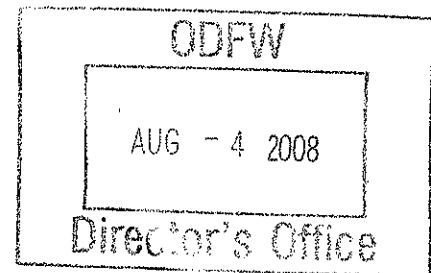
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To: ODRW Review Board

From: John Billows

Re: Draft number 236P



I am requesting the review board take a second look at 236 P which would allow fishing from Cole rivers hatchery dead line to highway 62 bridge after 7 PM. This has caused a significant impact on the upper river businesses from Shady Cove up river. In my case, this has reduced my gross income 100k dollars per year. We used to see lots of fishermen come into our business between 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening and fish until dark. As it stands now, we see very few fisherman, because they can only fish for one to two hours and they have to quit.

This change of time would also help ODFW reduce the number of hatchery fish in the upper river that will spawn with the wild salmon, if they are not caught. As it is, most of the salmon fishing is taking place only on the weekends. This is also having an impact on the number of license and salmon tags sold in this area. We sell license and tags at our store and we have received feedback from the people that they will not buy tags and license if they can only fish on the weekends due to work schedules.

I would also like to point out that this started as a social issue due to fights between fishermen and alcohol consumption. Rather than punish all the fishermen, punish only the offenders by utilizing law enforcement. If I drive drunk down the highway, the state does not close the highway at 7 o'clock!

I have spoken with numerous OSP officers and they say they do not have a problem with that area being open after 7 o'clock in the evening. In fact, they agree that it should be opened later for the fisherman to take advantage of the fishing. They agree to enforcing the law to those who deserve it, not punishing those who abide by the rules.

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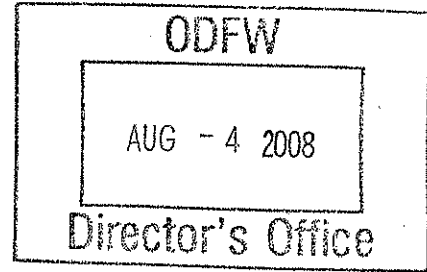
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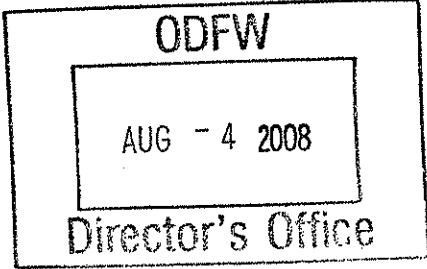
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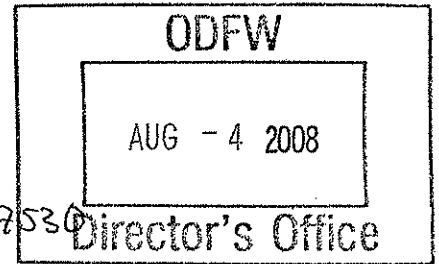
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Please remember that your number one priority is to preserve the resource. Proposals 232P and 233P help preserve the resource; proposals 219P, 230P, 234P, and 235P diminish the resource.

I invite you to contact me at 541-494-1433 to discuss these proposals further.

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July 31, 2008

Dear Commissioner Rae,

Enclosed please find nearly 500 signatures collected from concerned anglers throughout the state of Oregon. We are concerned about the proposed harvest of coastal cutthroat trout in the Northwest region. We believe and evidence shows that those coastal cutthroat trout populations have not recovered enough to allow any harvest. Also the 8" minimum as proposed in 150P would cause damaged to pre-migrant wild salmon and steelhead that are near that 8" size. The proposal has no scientific facts behind it and I hope that you and the rest of the commission will reject this proposal.

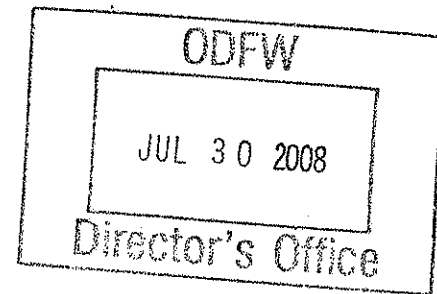
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Shane Stewart  
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Dear Commissioners;

I'm writing to alert you my opposition to some regulations facing your review regarding the use of bait on portions of the Rogue River. Currently, and up for your review, the use of bait is banned from Gold Rey Dam to Shady Cove from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Also Rogue River Canyon is banned from the use of bait from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

I've read what appear to be both sides of this issue, and the evidence supported by our State Biologists would make the argument that banning bait is unnecessary, divisive and a waste of precious resources regarding enforcement of these bait bans. When I see so many other issues that are not being addressed by Fish & Wildlife do to "lack of resources" ie; money, to waste them in this manner is not sound policy, and does not contribute to the best practices of resource management.

In the Rogue River Canyon Bait Ban, why is there a portion of limited use (permit only) and yet unlimited use above and below the very same river? Why is the State forcing everyone who desires to fish this stretch of the Rogue to target steelhead only, and not effectively fish for salmon as well? The fall salmon population is good and the most effective manner of harvest is bait. It would appear this is NOT a biological issue according to testimony from ODFW biologists, resources for enforcement in this area are stretched and so it is a rule difficult to enforce and costly. Best practices would appear that allowing harvesting of hatchery fish; fewer hatchery fish will spawn naturally thereby reducing adverse impacts of hatchery programs on cherished wild salmon populations. So lacking sound biological reason, and being the Rogue is public water, why limit this portion of the river at some of its most productive periods to 15% of the license holders that use the Rogue to fish and recreate on.

The current ban on bait on the Upper Rogue from Gold Rey Dam to Shady Cove, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> is also NOT a biological issue, according to ODFW biologists in 1999, 2004 and 2008. Once again limiting this resource to approx. 15% of license holders, that is people who flog a fly pole to catch fish. Commissioners, I can still use a fly rod and do. But to limit this portion of the river to just fly fishing is divisive, bad public policy, and bad resource management. The Hatchery was built, is maintained, and staffed by public tax dollars and access to all license holders and our children and grandchildren is one of fairness. To say that young people can't use a worm on thirty miles of river from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. is wrong, unfair, and unjust. This is the time of year that 90% of the steelhead is above Gold Rey Dam and 80+% of young and elderly who don't or can't fly fish as well as those license holders who don't fly fish are barred. Wrong rule, bad policy, divisive to Oregon and in conflict with over 500 State biologists paid to put science 1<sup>st</sup> and special interests second. If in fairness only, reverse these bans.

Respectfully yours

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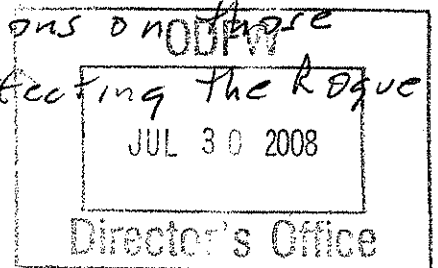
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A Discussion of 2009  
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The following is my opinions on <sup>the</sup> proposed angling regulations affecting the Rogue R. and its tributaries;



132 P - No opinion

133 P - This Reg is unnecessary in most SW streams.

In these streams like the Rogue & Applegate, non-adipose clipped cutthroat must be released now.

206 P - Too complicated to administer - current Regs protect most wild steelhead. Would require legislature <sup>to approve.</sup>

192 P - I oppose. The Applegate is a very small stream.

Many people now fish it by floating and getting out to wade. Having Boat fishers and Bank fishers fishing the same hole would create great social conflict.

193 P & 194 P - I oppose for same reasons as above.

195 P - No opinion - Most of upper Ashland Creek was opened 4 years ago

219 P, 220 P, 221 P, 222 P - All have to do with allowing wild steelhead to be retained. Although the winter run appears to be recovering from years of habitat degradation and overfishing, before consumptive fishing is allowed, we need some data from ODFW showing a robust run of fish.

228 P - I oppose - This rule would cut into the take of Fall Chinook below Grants Pass & elsewhere. This is not a prime fish in the upper river & the more fall Chinook taken below Gold Ray Dam, the less interference with Spring Chinook spawning bed in the upper river.

229 P - I oppose - Spinning gear should be allowed.

The language proposed to be removed could be interpreted to ban spinning rods & reels.

232P - would keep current Fly-artificial rules in place

233P - I oppose - The Commission crafted a compromise in 2004 by opening 10+ miles of the Rogue to Bass 11/1 to 12/31 - This allows persons a full day's float using bass if desired. This has worked well and should not be disturbed

234P - I oppose - This Reg would likewise remove the "compromise" discussed above. This stretch contains several good spawning streams where wild fish congregate, waiting for December rains to enter the tributaries. They are very vulnerable at this time. The Keogh River study, although widely quoted and often misinterpreted showed that The Catch Per Unit of Effort was 60 times greater than the CPUE for flies and artificial lures. This study showed an unrealistic mortality rates, since it was conducted within 1/4 mile of tidewater in March & April and fish were handled by trained professional staff. The Rogue fish are 125-155 miles above tidewater. As a practical matter, many guides are now using yarn balls instead of eggs and tell me they catch just as many fish.

235P - I oppose for the same reasons - Even more spawning tributaries would be affected by this one.

236P - I oppose - This rule was aimed at Chinook snaggers, snagging at dark when OSP couldn't see them. The same reason still applies

237P - I oppose - Same reasons as above. There is plenty of angling opportunity now, additional hours of opportunity will revive bad manners.

230 P - I oppose

This is not the time to liberalize rules in the Rogue Canyon. The half-pounder steel head run has been a disaster for the past 2-3 years. These 11"-16" fish stay in the canyon from Sept till April. They are the nucleus of the following year's spawning run to the upper river and return from the ocean 18"-23". The small size of these fish, the hot water temperature in Sept & Oct, and the fact that studies show that these fish are more aggressive, can cause them to be hooked more deeply with bait, causing greater mortality. Guides catch fall Chinook on lures throughout the canyon in Sept & Oct.

245 - I support. This rule would allow trout and a few half pound steel head to be taken without any serious effect on the adult steel head run.

In summary, I believe that we need to maintain the current regulations for anadromous fish until Savage Rapids Dam has been removed and we can document the improvement in all anadromous runs to the upper Rogue. We expect great things and hope our expectations are met. However, until good data is obtained, we must stay conservative



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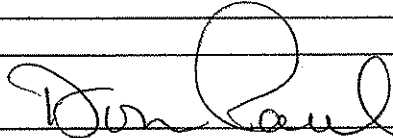
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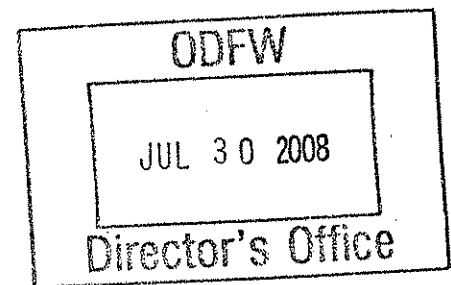
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Printed Name:

John C. Norris

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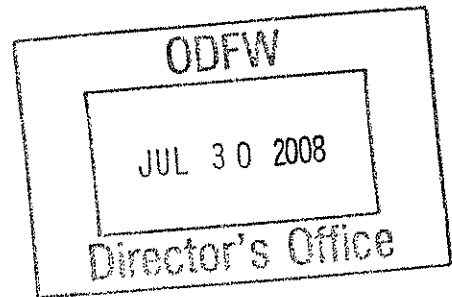
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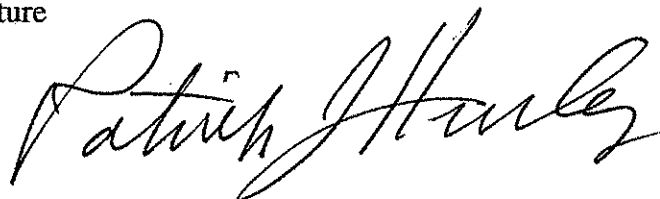
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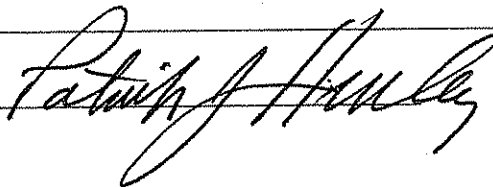
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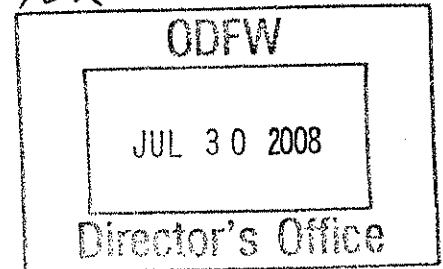
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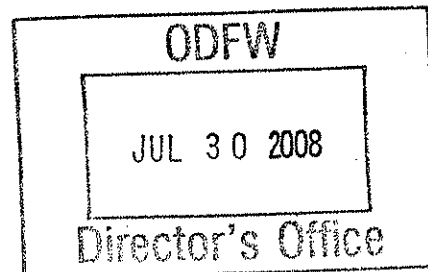
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Dear Mr. Elicker,

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Land managed in the watershed by the BLM includes some of the most productive habitat for these species. As an active participant in the development of the ESA recovery plan for Upper Willamette River spring Chinook salmon and winter steelhead, we feel strongly that actions which incrementally improve survival across all life stages should be adopted where feasible. Proposal No. 271P has the potential to improve survival for both ESA-listed populations while continuing to provide angling opportunities.

If you have any questions about our support for this proposal, please contact Joe Moreau, Lead Fish Biologist, at 503-808-6418 or [jmoreau@blm.gov](mailto:jmoreau@blm.gov).

Sincerely,

Michael S. Mottice  
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River Steward Coordinator  
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Attn: Rhine Messmer

Dear Mr. Messmer,

Every year I make two or three trips to Oregon to fish for steelhead. I spend several days each trip and hope to continue to make this trip.

Why would I drive eight to nine hours from Seattle and spend money on fuel, food, lodging and guide fees? Because the steelhead runs on my home waters in Western Washington are so depressed that I must go far afield to find good fishing. Both overfishing and poor management have taken their toll here in Washington.

The North Umpqua is a treasure and its fish must be protected. This is a wonderful resource for all of Oregon as well as for the traveling angler. The West coast cannot stand to lose its precious native steelhead. The runs may be healthy now but it doesn't take much to degrade the stocks to the point of no return.

If the North Umpqua wild steelhead stocks go the way of the Puget Sound resources, I will have to start looking at going to Canada rather than Oregon. That is a choice I don't want to have to make.

Let's not let shortsighted greed wipe out the wild stocks. Please ban all wild steelhead kill.

Thank You!  
Howard Seeman





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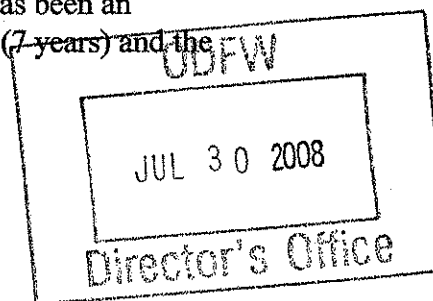
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The Rainland Fly Casters (RFC) are very disappointed that our angling regulation change proposal #132P was rejected by the Angling Regulation Review Board (RRB). We feel this thoughtful (our bias), controversial proposal deserved further consideration by Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission). We are also strongly opposed to Proposal #150P which appears to be a combination of 3 separate proposals. We apologize for the length of this letter but see no other way to deal with the conflicting proposals, the short time permitted for oral testimony and the fact that we do not know what information ODFW will present.

RFC is generally supportive of ODFW and always supportive of Oregon's wild fish resources. We are an active conservation club of about 50 members. While we enjoy fly fishing and fly tying, we are not an elitist group that advocates for fly fishing only waters. Many of our members fish with terminal gear other than flies and are not adverse to taking fish from healthy populations. We recently received a STEP award recognizing our assistance to ODFW and the fishery resource. Our group is the only volunteer group north of Tillamook assisting ODFW with the distribution of hatchery salmon carcasses. In the last several years we have annually distributed over 60,000 lbs. of carcasses, mainly from Big Creek Hatchery. We weigh in on environmental issues, are involved in habitat restoration and provide most of the labor for the ODFW Free Fishing Day event at Coffenbury L. We have donated \$8,000 to the North Coast Land Conservancy over the past 6 years to assist them with two land acquisitions that protect 500 + acres and 3.8 miles of Necanicum R. stream frontage. The acquisitions benefit not only cutthroat trout but all other salmonid species, elk, deer, waterfowl and numerous non game species as well. Angler access is also provided. A major activity in recent years has been an extensive wild steelhead spawning survey project on the Necanicum R. (7-years) and the



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In providing comments on Proposals 132P and 150P we have reviewed and consulted a number of sources. They include:

1. Biology, Status and Management of Coastal Cutthroat Trout on the North Oregon Coast (Neskowin Creek - Necanicum River). ODFW North Coast Watershed District. March 17, 2004
2. Ecology and Management of Coastal Cutthroat Trout in Oregon. Fishery Report #6. Oregon State Game Commission. November, 1972.
3. Sea-Run Cutthroat Trout, Biology, Management, and Future Conservation. Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. 1997.
4. ODFW unpublished survey data. 2004-2007.
5. ODFW 2006 Angler Survey. 2006.
6. Notes from The 2005 Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium. Status, Management, Biology, and Conservation. Sponsored by the American Fisheries Society. Unpublished.
7. RFC members with experience in both sea-run and resident cutthroat angling.
8. This writer's 27 years (22 on the Oregon Coast) of experience as an ODFW fishery Biologist and 50+ years sea-run cutthroat angling experience.

Throughout the remainder of this letter references are keyed to the appropriate source by Source # and page number.

Our primary concern is with the sea-run component of the coastal cutthroat population. Anadromous fish, both salmonid and other species such as Pacific Lamprey, Columbia River Smelt, shad, etc. , seem to be experiencing population declines in recent years. Poor ocean conditions undoubtedly play a major role in this decline. Sea-run cutthroat (CtS) , given their preferred near shore habitat and inability to make prolonged marine migrations, are particularly vulnerable to such conditions. Their relatively small size (10" to 16") results in them being a prey species to numerous predators during their time in marine and estuarine environments. When poor ocean conditions reduce alternative prey species CtS become particularly vulnerable. CtS in the Southwest Zone are nearing the southern limit of their range. While we do not have any data on these populations,

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CtS populations were healthy until the late 1980s and then crashed (6, p. 62-63) and remain at comparatively low levels today (8). Poor ocean conditions and heavy harvest of CtS adults, smolts and presmolts are likely causes of this decline. Restrictive angling were not put in place until 1997. These regulations were liberalized in the Southwest Zone three years later but are still in place in the most of the Northwest Zone despite an intense ODFW effort to change them in 2004. Coastal cutthroat are currently listed as a State Sensitive Species (Vulnerable). The Columbia R. subpopulation has been downgraded further to a Critical category and is presently being considered for a Federal T/E listing.

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Our proposal, 132P was designed to maintain maximum angling opportunity but limit the take and disallow bait for trout. Opportunity to bait fish for salmon and steelhead is permitted. The take of fin clipped rainbow trout in the Southwest Zone is permitted. Our objective is to protect CtS adults and presmolts until this fish recovers to historical levels seen as recently as the early 1980s. We also have a concern for other juvenile salmonids, particularly steelhead, that would be adversely impacted by bait fishing for trout and the sorting process as anglers tried to maximize their 2 fish bag limit. Our proposal closely matches angler preferences indicated by the 2006 ODFW survey. Despite these points, our proposal was rejected by the Angling Regulation Review Board (RRB) as not meeting the criteria for "(1) no established need, (2) not supported by affected anglers, (3) not consistent with biologically sound principles". We strongly reject the finding that our proposal fails to meet those criteria. Our justification follows:

### Presmolt Protection

Most CtS scientists (except ODFW) acknowledge that the majority of coastal CtS smolts exceed 8 inches in length and average about 10 inches (3, p.10, p. 60, 2, p.42). It is ludicrous to harvest presmolts and sort through numerous juvenile anadromous salmonids under any circumstances much less when the population is depleted and they are on the State Sensitive Species list. CtS smolts are extremely valuable fish and given good ocean conditions have very high survival rate (up to 60% even for hatchery fish) (2. P. 26). Given today's likely low populations and the utter insanity of harvesting an 8 inch fish that is likely to develop into a highly desirable "quality" 12 inch fish, it is imperative and biologically sound that these juvenile fish be protected

### Adult Protection

Most female CtS do not spawn on their initial return( 3, p. 11, 8 ). There is a high rate of repeat spawning ( up to 40% in the absence of a fishery)by these fish (3, p. 12,32 ). As the females age and grow they produce more and bigger eggs( 3, p.8 ). A two fish bag limit is does not represent a restrictive conservation regulation. Adult catches for a 6 hr. angling day averaged about 0.5 wild fish/angler on three popular Oregon coastal rivers in the late 1960s when CtS populations were at healthy levels (2, p.25). Given today's low populations there is a biologically sound need to protect these adult fish

### Angler Preferences

According to the 2006 ODFW Angler Survey a little less than 90% of trout anglers had a successful trip even if they did not take home a fish. About 50% of these anglers actually received more satisfaction if they did release their catch. There was a consistent high level of support for larger fish even if that required catch and release or some other restrictive regulation. Only 15% consider an 8 inch trout to be a desirable catch while over 70% state that a trout must be 12 inches to be considered a "quality fish". There is no doubt our proposal is "supported by affected anglers".

### Use of Bait for Trout Angling

Use of small baits is absolutely inconsistent with sound biological principles when the management strategy is for catch and release fishing or where restrictive bag limits and minimum size limits are present. I hope that even most ODFW biologists will agree with that concept. Despite this, trout angling with bait is legal in all of the following Northwest Zone waters: all tidewater reaches, all stream reaches above tidewater 9/1 to 10/31, Big Creek, Gnat Creek, Klaskanine R., and Lewis & Clark R, (bait fishing restricted to areas below hatchery or natural barriers), Wilson R., Trask R., Tillamook R., Nestucca R., Three Rivers, Siletz R. , Willamette R. below the falls, Clackamas R., Sandy R. Unless noted, all of these waters are open all year round to bait fishing but may be

closed to trout angling part of the year. Southwest Zone waters have similar regulations. The open areas are the very areas where most angling takes place and where CtS (adults, smolts and presmolts) are most abundant. An ODFW Recreational Angling Report for 8/21/07 notes that for the Siletz R. "Resident cutthroat trout and sea run cutthroat (Blueback) "fishing is good throughout most of the river. Small lures (spinners, spoons, plugs) and bait (shrimp, eggs, worms) are very effective." An entry for the Suislaw R. suggests fishing in tidewater and the lower river but does not mention bait. Elimination of bait for coastal cutthroat is biologically sound and is needed.

### The Angling Regulation Change Process

Based on what happened to our proposal and a review of the other proposals that were rejected or accepted, it appears that there may be a problem with the review process itself. While the RRB appears to represent a broad array of stakeholders, it does not appear that there were any members that had a good background in CtS science. This would not necessarily be a fatal flaw but members would then need an unbiased briefing from ODFW. Rhine Messmer indicated that the RRB was provided with the Angler Survey results and biological data. We question how much information could have been provided and understood by RRB members when they were given 9 hrs. to make decisions on 250 public proposals and 70 staff proposals. We also question the validity of the biological data provided. I visited with an RRB member about the process and found him to be very frustrated about the information provided and the time allocated to go through 320 proposals. Rhine should have been aware that the cutthroat issue would be contentious after the 2004 unanimous Commission rejection of ODFW's presentation. In early 2007 Charlie Corraino, ODFW Fishery Conservation Mgr., stated that ODFW would again pursue a take cutthroat fishery in the Northwest Zone for 2009. We must assume that the public proposals accepted by the RRB had some level of ODFW encouragement. The proposal review process must be changed to provide RRB members with adequate time and unbiased data on which to base their decisions.

### Angling Regulation Change Proposal #150P

This proposal would allow a consumptive cutthroat fishery in the Northwest Zone. It is actually a combination of 3 different proposals submitted by the public. We have only seen 2 of these proposals and both of them failed to meet some of the acceptable criteria. The proposal submitted by the Clam Diggers Association of Oregon (William Lackner) proposed that trout be recorded on a harvest card. This would appear to violate Criteria C - "Consistent with statutory mandates and Department management policies, etc." If not a clear criteria violation, it certainly introduces a complication that ODFW is not comfortable with. The proposal submitted by John Powell proposed that regulations apply to "Major Streams of Northwest Zone". This proposal clearly violates Criteria A- "Easily Understood, with clearly defined limits or boundaries" and Criteria B -

“Enforceable”. A review of the Angler Survey indicates that there is very limited support for 150P by the affected anglers (Criteria F). A poll of citizens attending the May 23 Tillamook public meeting indicated that 10 of the 12 voters were opposed to 150P. Where is the “support by affected anglers” for this proposal? There was no vote and limited discussion of 132P as it had been rejected by the RRB. By combining the three individual proposals into 150P some of the criteria violations disappeared and it became more acceptable to the RRB. It is unclear how or by whom this combination took place.

RFC member’s CtS Northwest Zone angling experiences have indicated that populations are worse than 2004. (7). ODFW data developed over the past 4 years was reviewed and found to be inconclusive. Screw trap counts that purport to document substantial smolt migration at sizes less than 10 inches are simply measuring a typical seasonal downstream migration as spring flows drop off. (3, p.9, 22). These trap sites are well above tidewater and are not positioned in a location suitable for measuring smolt out migration. Our angling experiences document the presence of numerous 6 to 10 inch cutthroat spending the summer in tidewater areas (7,8). These are either presmolts or resident fish that emigrated from upstream areas. The snorkel counts in the Wilson, Trask and Nestucca Rivers have weaknesses that are described in the 2004 Biological Assessment (1). I have participated in these counts in past years and know that CtS counts were not a priority, holding areas change from year to year, and CtS tend to bunch up in preferred areas. The Nestucca R. creel data simply shows that there are adult CtS in that river with no history that would indicate a trend. In summary, there does not appear to be any new data that would support a major increase in population.

Several RFC members attended the 2005 Coastal Cutthroat Symposium in Port Townsend, WA. All of the Pacific Northwest states and British Columbia were represented and were asked to provide status reports. All presenters except ODFW noted limited data on many stock complexes but reported generally depressed populations where sufficient data was available. California reported that CtS are managed as a “Species of Special Concern”. Washington reported 40 population complexes (1 healthy, 7 depressed, 32 with insufficient information). Oregon reported only 4 complexes, “all found not to be at near term risk”. No data gaps were indicated. ODFW insists on lumping all life histories into a single complex which ignores findings discussed earlier that there is little or no interaction between these life histories, especially the fish from above barriers. This grouping is, to use an extreme example, is like lumping Alaska Pink Salmon with Snake River Sockeye and concluding that there are a bunch of salmon in the Eastern Pacific Ocean so all stocks must be healthy. During the course of the symposium, ODFW corrected their status report when it became embarrassingly clear that Washington was not going to classify their share of the State Sensitive Species (Critical) Columbia River CtS population as “not at near term risk”. At the conclusion of the symposium the moderator noted that not only are CtS subjected to the “4 Hs” (harvest,

habitat, hatcheries, hydro) issues that impact other anadromous salmonids, but they are also subjected to a fifth H. That would be Hypocrisy. A subsequent conversation revealed that his comment was aimed directly at Oregon and took into consideration the above facts as well as ODFW's current regulations. Such a legacy is not good for Oregon's CtS or ODFW's reputation. We support reinstatement of 132P and rejection of 150P.

We would again apologize for the length of this letter. We do appreciate your time and the difficulty in trying to balance angler opportunity with needs of the resource. Thank you for your consideration of our requests. If you should have questions, please feel free to contact me at [wweberg@centurytel.net](mailto:wweberg@centurytel.net) or 360-777-8295.

Sincerely



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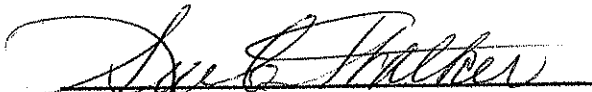
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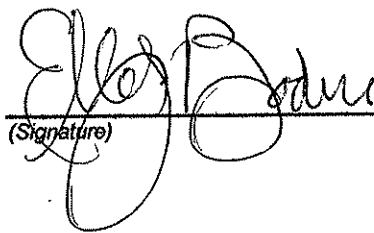
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Dear Mr. Messmer and Commission Members:

I am a 66-year-old man, born in a farm house on Anderson Creek, directly across from the Naval Air Station in Tillamook County on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1942. Some of my earliest memories are watching the blimps soar and the fighter planes buzzing around. My fondest memories though are of my brothers, myself and our father sitting on a little bridge over Anderson Creek fishing for trout, crayfish etcetera.

Dad was a full time tug boat captain for Coates Lumber, then Sause brothers Towing and he and Mom owned a small dairy. Their lives were busy, but there was always time for family activities, such as clamming, crabbing, deer hunting and fishing.

Memorial Day was a special day, for it was the traditional opening of trout season. We made sure the old boat didn't leak too badly, the 5ph SeaKing ran properly and all the spinners, lures and rods were ready to go. We milked the cows at 3 am, Mom fixed a big farm breakfast and Dad and his boys hit the river.

Looking back, it was never about who caught the biggest or the most, it was about the closeness and love of a Father for his sons, the crisp morning air, the critters swimming by and the reality that those times were a small piece of heaven. Mom and Dad passed on and the gifts they gave me have been passed on to my three daughters, ages 42, 40, 37, and to our eight grandchildren.

Each Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting, the families still come home to Grandpa and Grandma's (situated on a fine fishing hole on the Trask River) to decorate graves, attend church, have a barbecue and flag raising and, of course, trout fishing. We load the boats with plenty of food, folks and fun.

This year in the span of roughly 3 hours, the kids caught over 50 beautiful trout ten to eighteen inches in length. The air was still crisp, the critters were still swimming and the feeling of love and a bit of heaven was still there.

Several problems did arise however. The grandsons and several of the adults would like to have kept a half dozen trout for the barbecue. The littlest granddaughter (7 years old) would have no part of it. After struggling with and landing a beautiful sixteen inch native cutthroat, she said, "Please put him back, He's so pretty."

The more serious problem however to an otherwise perfect day was the unintentional killing of three beautiful trout. Even with barbless hooks and the utmost care by the adults removing the hooks, the amount of time elapsed for landing the trout took its toll.

I, my daughters and husbands and grand children were taught to never wantonly kill or waste such a beautiful delicious resource. We were all pretty upset at watching those three beautiful trout float off, belly up, and wasted! The kids pressed me for the "why?". "Can't we at least keep them?" After a thin explanation of the law, the seven year old said, "Grandpa, that's a stupid and dumb law." We all agreed!

We will continue our Memorial weekend gatherings to decorate graves, attend church, have a barbecue, flag raising and, of course, trout fishing. We sincerely hope that the Commission will, as our seven-year-old put it, repeal that "stupid and dumb law." We do not want a repeat of this year.

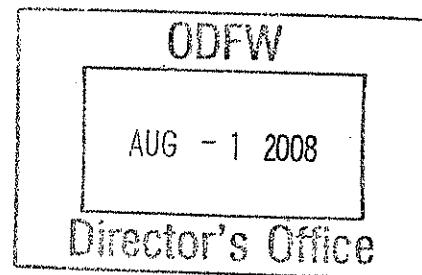
Please give each person, be it adult or child, the right to make the decision--Do I keep it or do I let him go? I support 150P.

Yours truly,

  
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A review of fish counts and catch reports for recent years clearly indicates that fish numbers continue to decrease.

It is important that all proposals contribute to sustaining or improving existing fish strains and runs, and do not, in any way, threaten the viability of wild fish. All other evaluation criteria, while they may be important, are secondary to protecting fish stocks.

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Additional Comments:

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Sincerely yours,

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Dear Commissioners:

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There is currently, under the present regulations, a compromise in place which allows the use of bait in the 10 mile section below the hatchery to Shady Cove and allows the use of flies and lures (using any type of gear) from Shady Cove down to Gold Ray dam. While supporters of the above proposals cry that the current regulations are "elitist" and favor fly-fishermen, the truth is that the current proposal restricts *no one* from fishing the section from Shady Cove to Gold Ray Dam with conventional gear. Anglers may use any gear with flies or with lures. The only restriction is on the use of bait. This restriction was put in place to offer some protection for wild steelhead populations.

No matter which study is considered and evaluated, steelhead mortality increases with the use of bait. A number of important spawning streams for wild steelhead lie in the stretch between Shady Cove and Gold Rey. During the pre-spawn fall period, wild steelhead mass below these tributaries. Allowing these fish to be hooked with bait in this section from November 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup> would clearly lead to increased mortality of wild steelhead.

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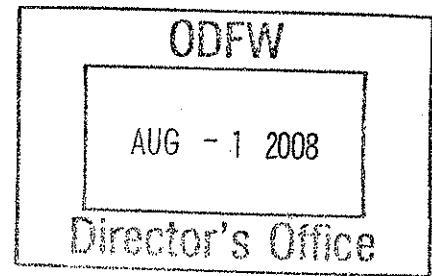
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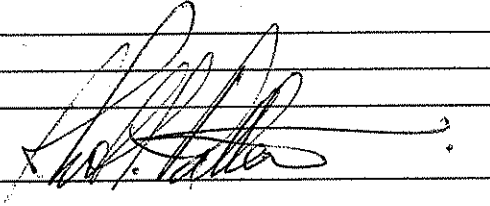
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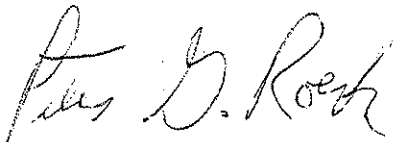
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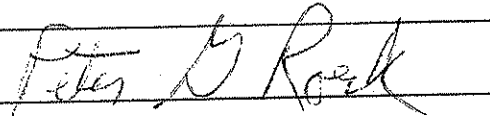
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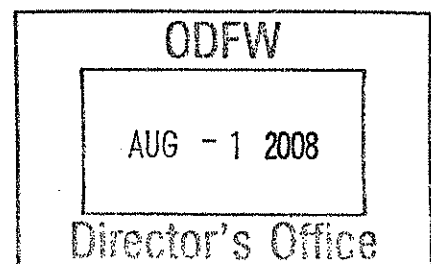
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Sincerely yours,

Printed Name:

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503-842-2620

August 2, 2008

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RE: Proposed Changes to 2009 Angling Regulations—No. 150P

Dear Mr. Messmer and Commission Members:

I have already written one letter, but felt compelled to write one more. When the law went into effect some years ago restricting trout fishing to catch and release in the NW Zone, our family and others in the Tillamook County area were really caught by surprise. We were unaware that such a restriction was necessary or even being considered. I found out only after reading the synopsis and planning our Memorial Day weekend. What was really a shocker was to discover that it only came up for review every four years.

Our family and many acquaintances geared up to testify at the 2005 meeting. After talking to several fish biologists, and being assured that trout populations were plentiful and that they would be backing reopening consumptive trout angling to 2 fish per day, we felt some what relieved. Were we ever in for a surprise!

About twelve to fifteen of us naively attended the 2005 meeting and did we run into a buzz saw. We told our little stories of wanting to take our kids and grandkids fishing and being able to keep 2 fish for consumption. We were met by a very organized group called the Fly Casters. Each time one of our group spoke, we were subjected to criticism and at times the most disgusting behavior I have ever witnessed at a public meeting.

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Hopefully we can muster enough bodies to at least be representative at the August and September meetings and we pray that you will find in our Pro 150P favor.

Sincerely,

  
Bill J. Blaser



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
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Portland, Oregon 97208

IN REPLY REFER TO:

6840 (OR-931)

**JUL 29 2008**

Mr. Roy Elicker  
Director, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
3406 Cherry Avenue, NE  
Salem, OR 97303

Dear Mr. Elicker,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) supports the conservation of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). We contribute to this conservation goal by utilizing the best management practices to protect water quality and riparian resources when implementing projects. Due to our limited land ownership within many watersheds, we recognize that our actions alone cannot ensure the survival and recovery of ESA-listed fish populations. For this reason, we support, in general, other actions that address known threats to fish. We understand that angling regulation proposal No. 271P includes measures that would reduce harassment of holding and spawning spring Chinook salmon and winter steelhead in the Molalla River. It would also reduce the mortality rate of juvenile salmon and steelhead from catch-and-release angling.

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If you have any questions about our support for this proposal, please contact Joe Moreau, Lead Fish Biologist, at 503-808-6418 or [jmoreau@blm.gov](mailto:jmoreau@blm.gov).

Sincerely,

Michael S. Mottice  
Deputy State Director for  
Resource Planning, Use and Protection

cc: Rhine Messmer  
Fish Division – Recreational Fisheries Program Manager  
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Russell Bassett  
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July 18, 2008

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Current rules are preventing generations of children from having similar experiences on our north coast streams. Instead, rules seem to favor the exclusive wishes of a few select but vocal special interest groups.

It's time to restore stream fishing opportunities with limited bag limits for our young anglers.

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Sincerely,



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July 27, 2008

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ODFW Regulations  
Salem OR

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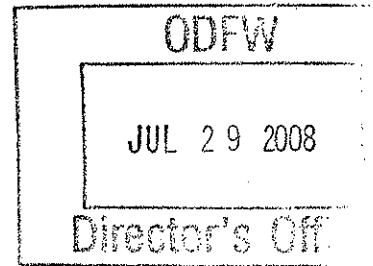
It seems to me we should be working  
not simply to maintain the run, but  
to optimize the sport on these rivers. I  
feel catch & release of wild fish  
does this in multiple ways.

Sincerely

Craig Zanting  
Portland Oregon

Name: John DeWe  
Address: 1725 NW 29th Portland Oregon 97210  
Date: 7/24/08

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Additional Comments:

The proposal to allow harvest of wild Fallinos steelhead in the absence of necessary steps to even consider the question is ill-advised. Surely Oregon can do better.

Sincerely yours,

Printed Name: John DeVore

Signature 

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Address: 1725 NW 29th Portland, Or 97210  
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Signature: JD 7/24/08

Oregon Department of fish and Wildlife / Angling Regulations

I am a contractor from California. I frequently enjoy vacations to the North Umpqua, and experiencing one of the most unique rivers in the Pacific Northwest. When I learned about this ridiculous kill fishery regulation being proposed for the Umpqua river system I couldn't believe it was even considered. It would appear as though the state policy entails the philosophy of "Why don't we just wipe out the best and most protected run of native steelhead in the region!"

This last winter was an exceptional winter fishing season in the upper North Umpqua River mainly attributed to the current regulations protecting native winter steelhead. Now that the native population has an opportunity to strengthen itself, it is an especially important time to protect them for the generations to come. I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

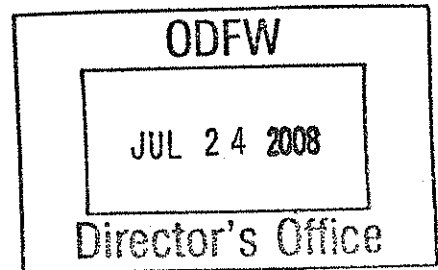
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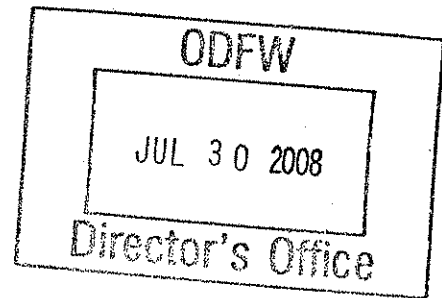
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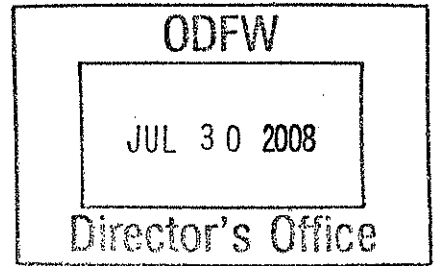
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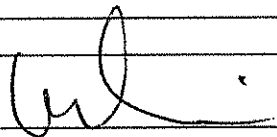
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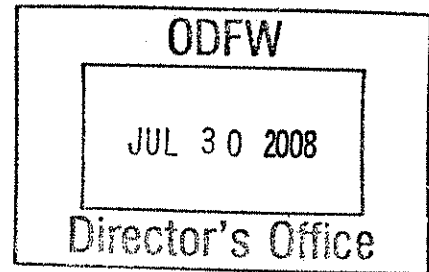
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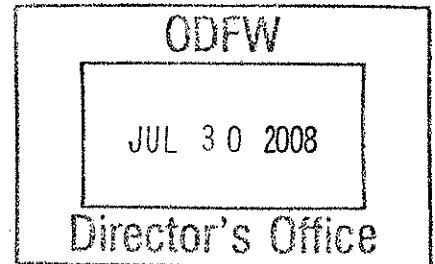
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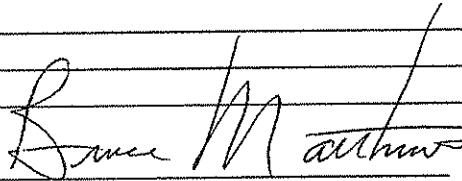
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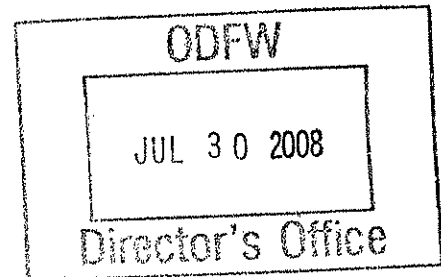
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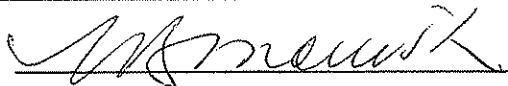
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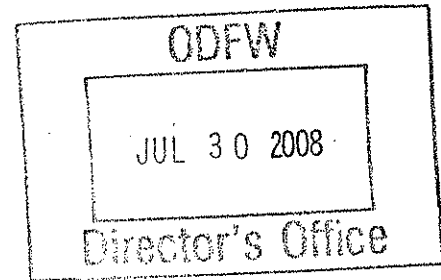
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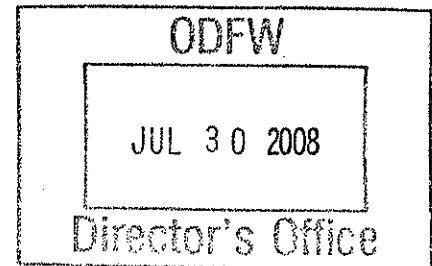
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Address: *3755 OLD MILITARY ROAD, CENTRAL POINT, OR 97502*  
Date: *7-25-08*

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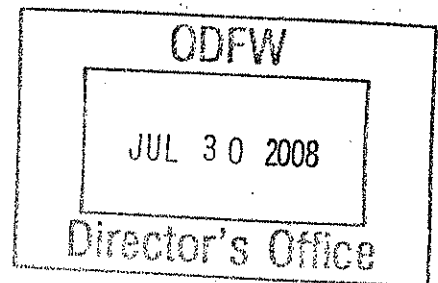
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(MARCIA CONNOLLY)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Marcia Connolly*

Name: *Harry & Mary Piper*  
Address: *1389 Hwy 234, Eagle Point, OR 97524*  
Date: *7-28-08*

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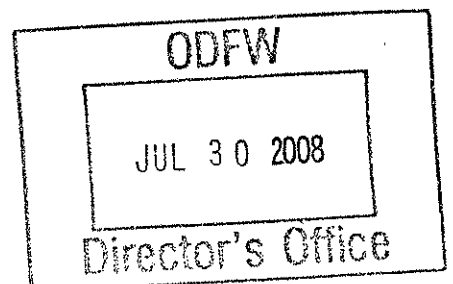
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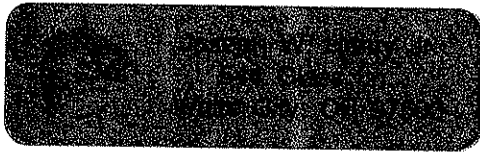
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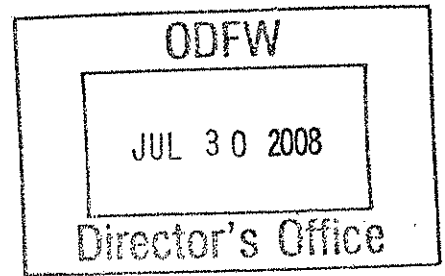
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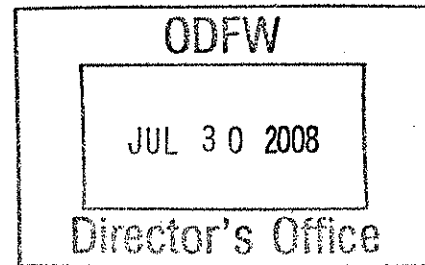
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Printed Name: David A Hopper

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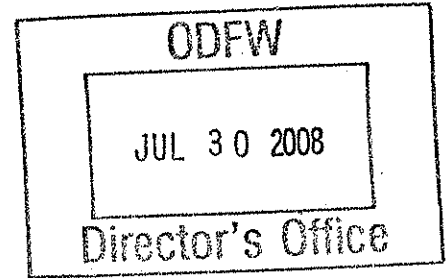
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Date: *7-28-08*

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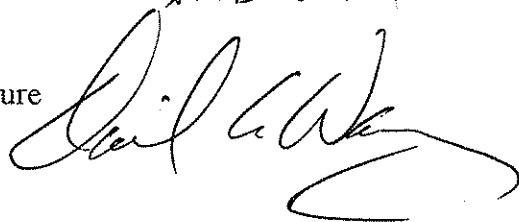
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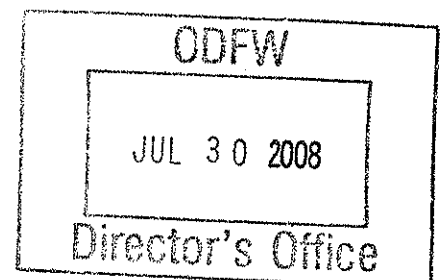
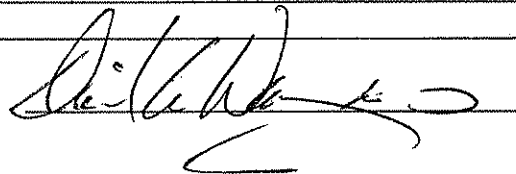
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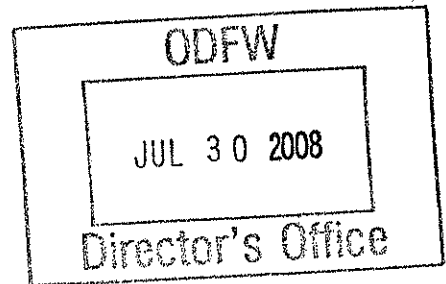
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Additional Comments:

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Medford, OR 97504

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Name: George R. Tipton  
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Date: 7-27-08  
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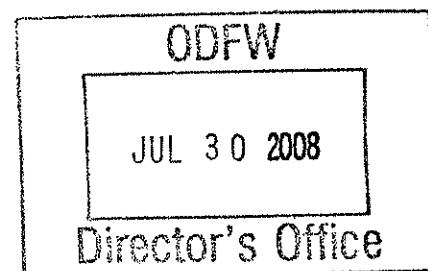
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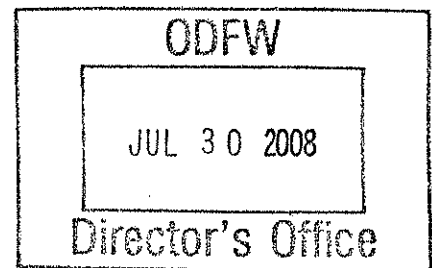
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Date: 7/26/08

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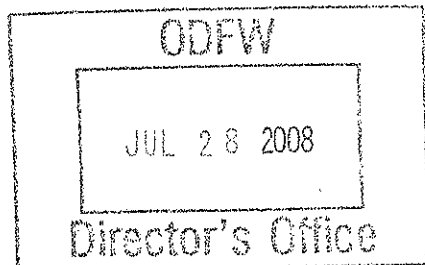
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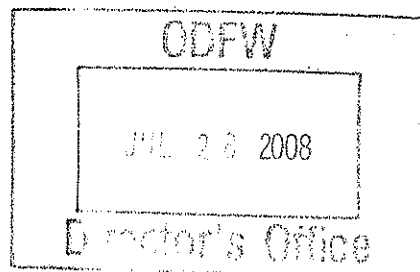
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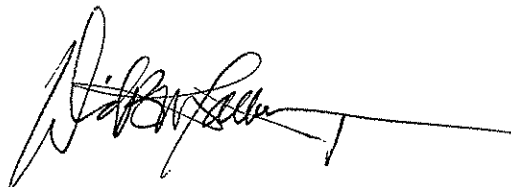
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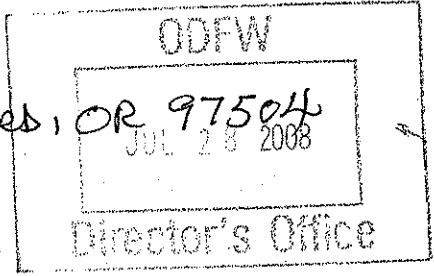
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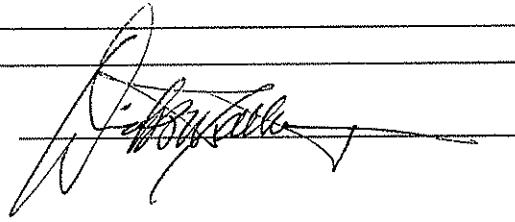
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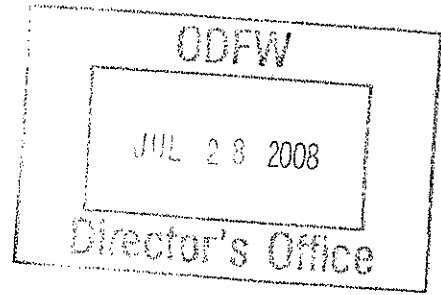
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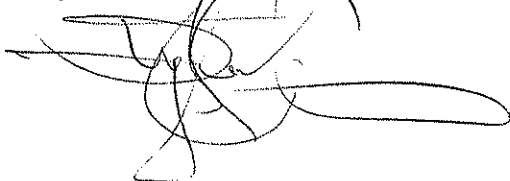
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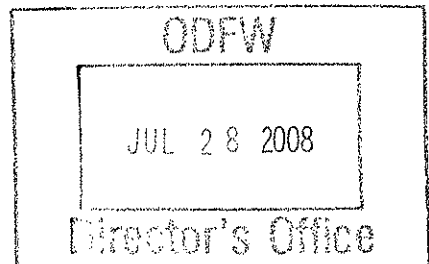
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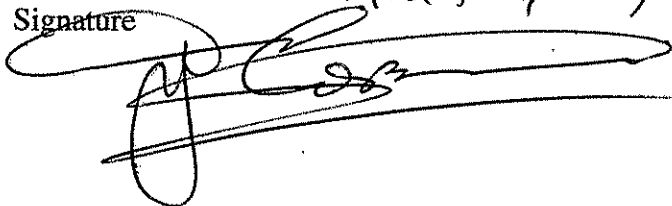
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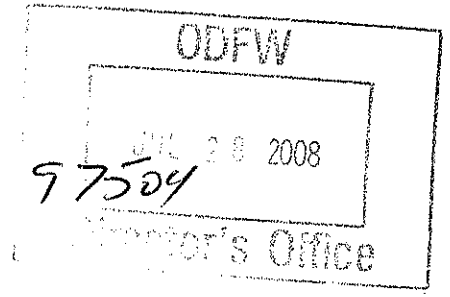
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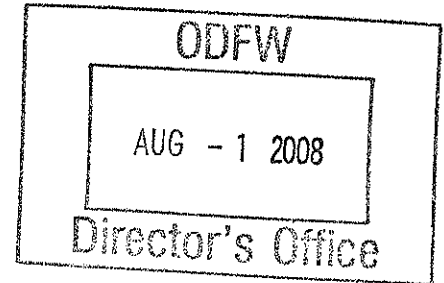
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Mr. Elicker

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Robin Wilson. My husband and I own The Idlelyld Trading Post in Idlelyld Park Oregon and we are avid fisherman. Also the North Umpqua is where we call home.

I am writing to you today to let you know that back in the beginning of this year I circulated a petition requesting a Winter Steelhead hatchery program on the North Fork of the Umpqua River. These petitions were circulated in a very small area but many signatures were collected in a short period of time. I have taken a copy of all the signatures I collected and am sending them to you. I want you to see that there is indeed a lot of interest in more fish for our fisherman. I am aware that there is a proposal to open up harvest of wild steelhead on the North and the Main Umpqua Rivers. At this time I would like to make a proposal of my own. In talking to numerous fishermen I am aware that the interest is there. So with that in mind I propose that we open up the harvest of wild steelhead until we get a healthy hatchery program going on the North and then shut it down for good.

You will see from the petitions I have sent you that we have over a 1000 signatures and many of these people are threatening to not purchase a Fishing License in the future unless ODFW gives them some fish to keep. No one wants the native run destroyed but the numbers support harvest of Wild Fish and with my proposal it would be only temporary.

I ask you to please give this proposal some serious consideration. We need to listen to the people and not just special interest groups with the money to take issues to court as to where the average fisherman does not have the means to fight the system. Please also consider that the average fisherman does not have the means to get to the meetings in Salem. Many have jobs and do not have the time or money to attend. There is a few of us that will be there and hope to see that the commission is listening to all the fishermen not just the big money special interest groups.

Thank you for your time. I can be contacted The Idleyld Trading Post every morning until 2 P.M. (541)496-3404. Or on my home phone in the evenings (541)496-3574 or my cell (541)643-5691. Feel free to call with any questions or concerns that you may have about this proposal. I am also willing to donate time to help in any way I can with studies or anything else that might need to be addressed. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Wilson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Robin Wilson

Cc: Steve Denny  
Laura Jackson  
John Thorpe