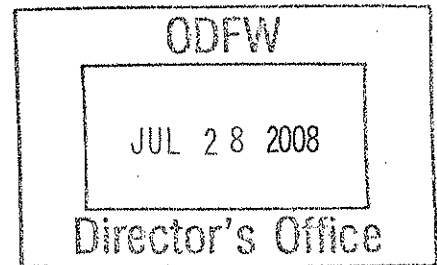


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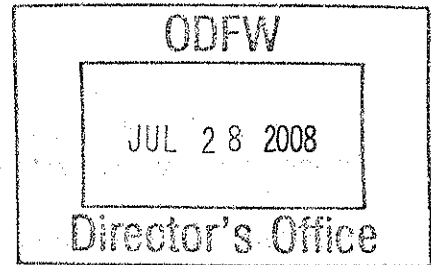
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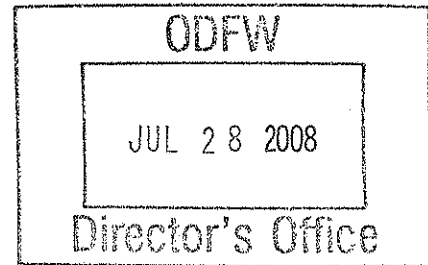
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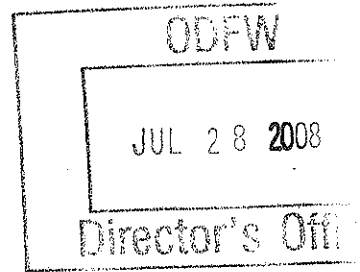
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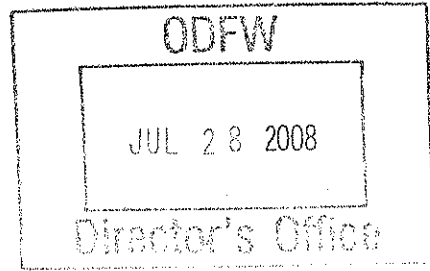
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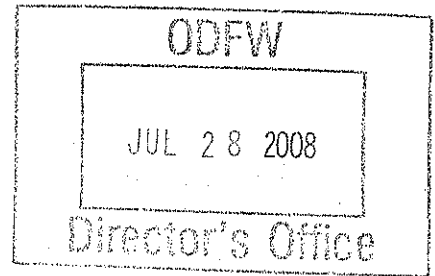
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Thanks for your help,


Chick

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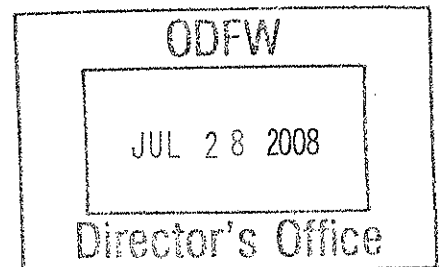
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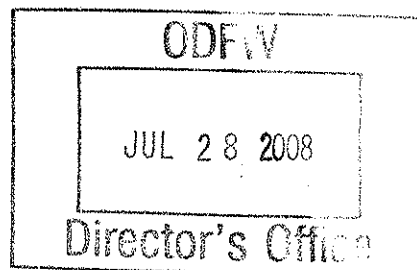
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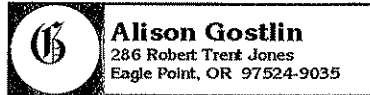
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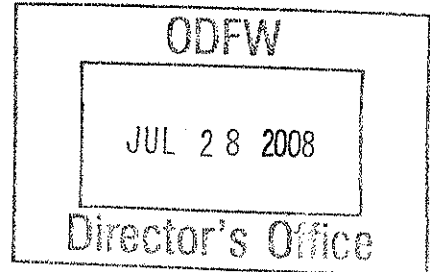
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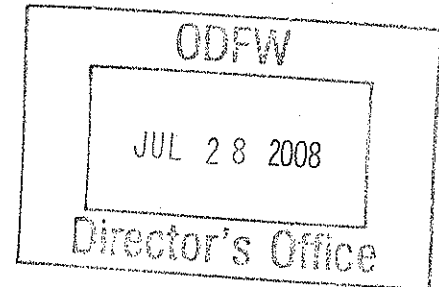
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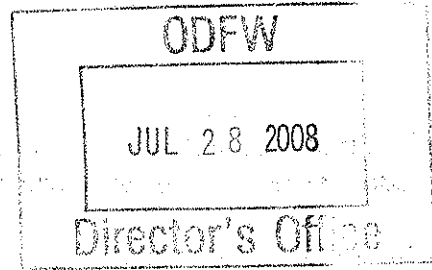
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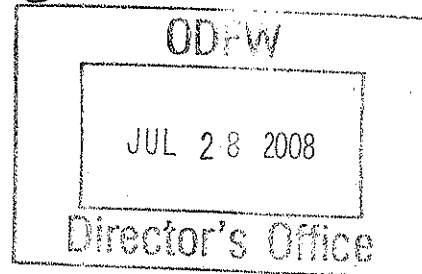
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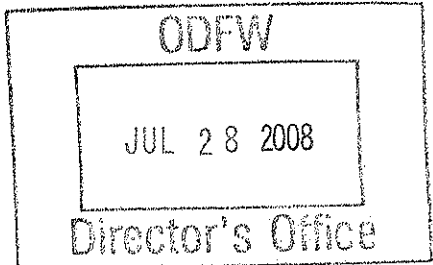
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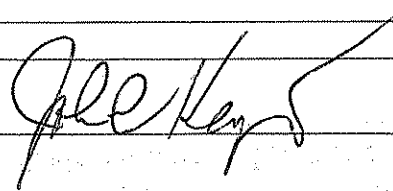
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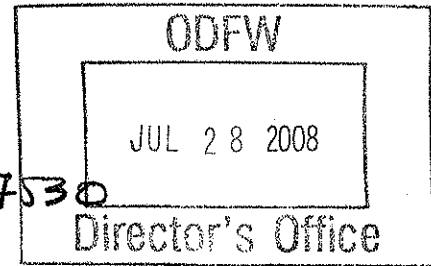
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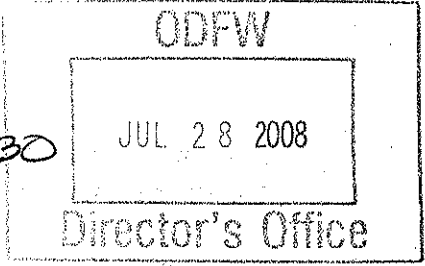
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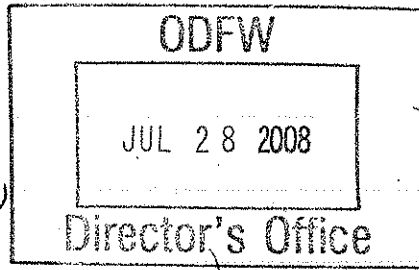
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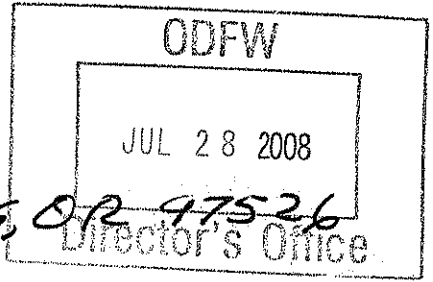
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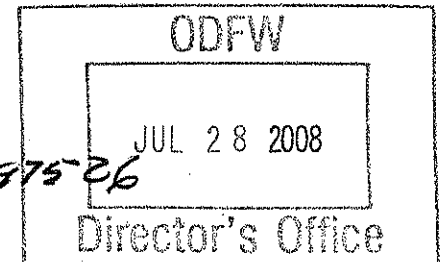
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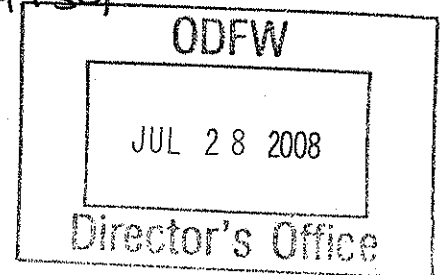
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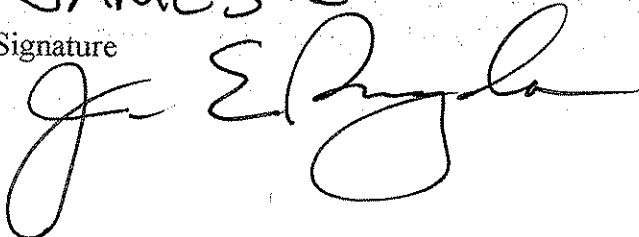
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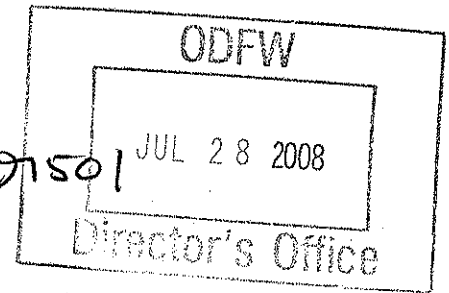
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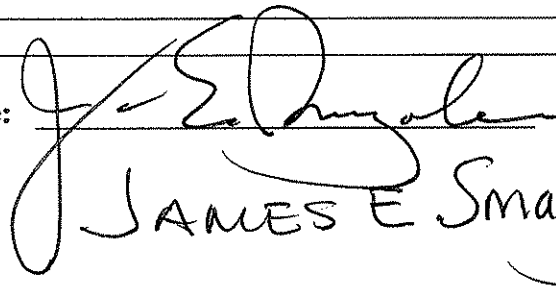
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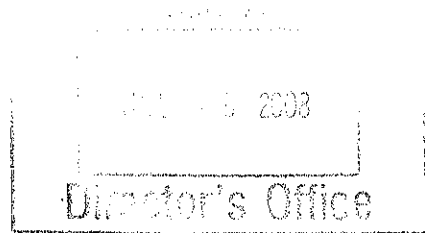
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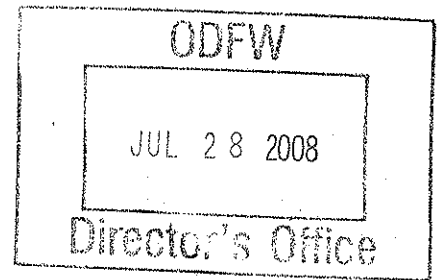
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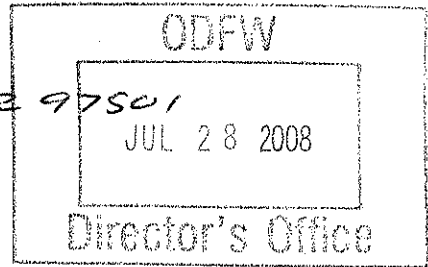
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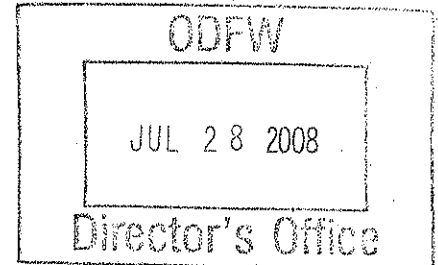
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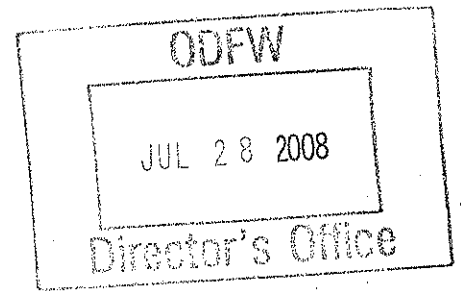
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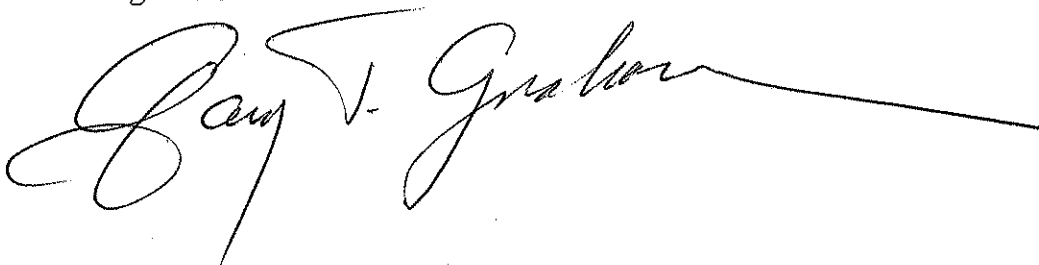
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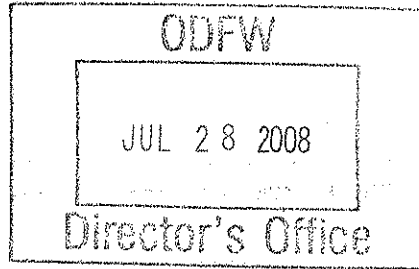
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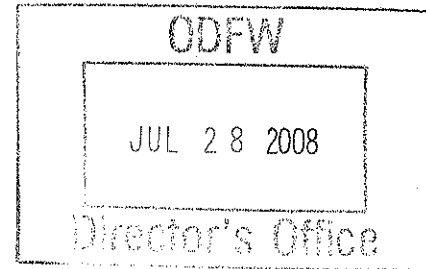
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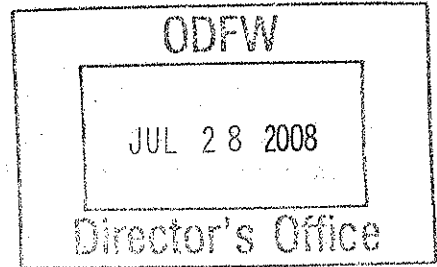
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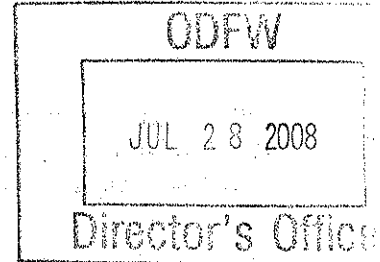
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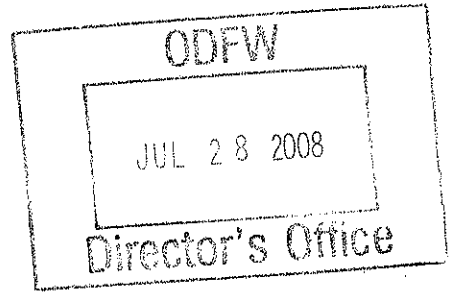
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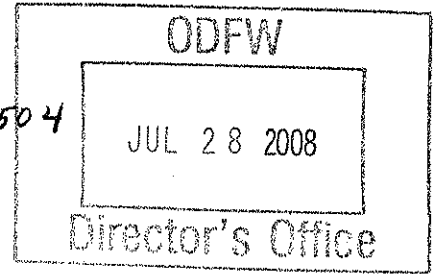
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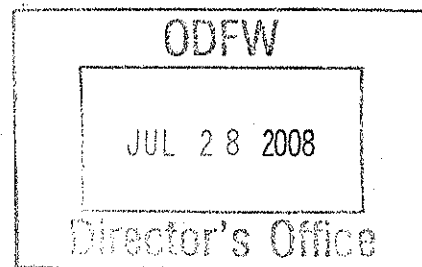
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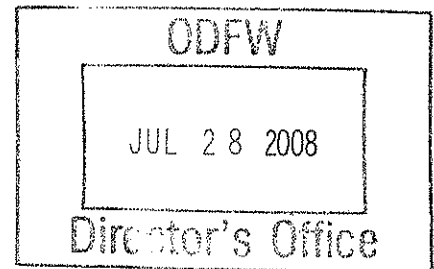
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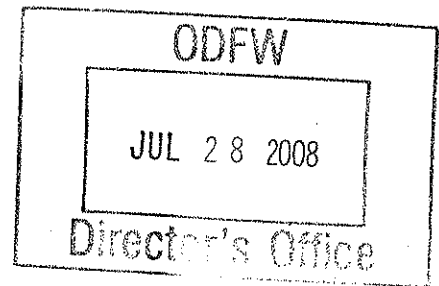
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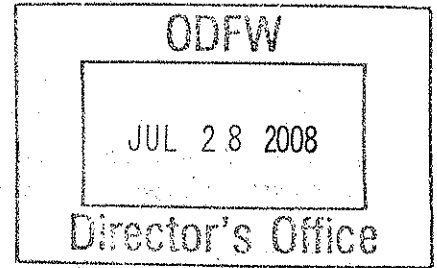
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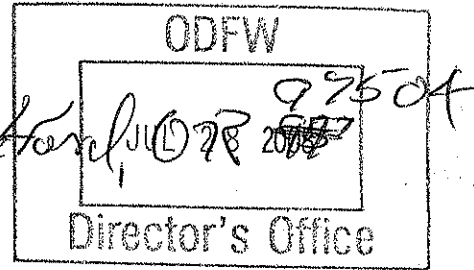
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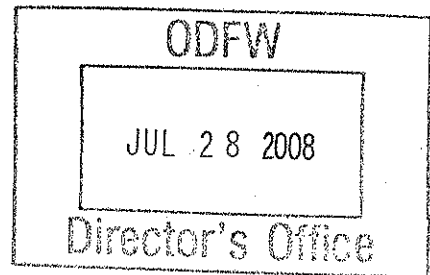
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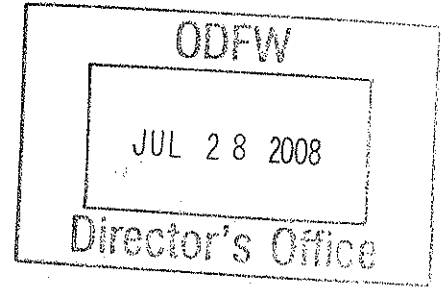
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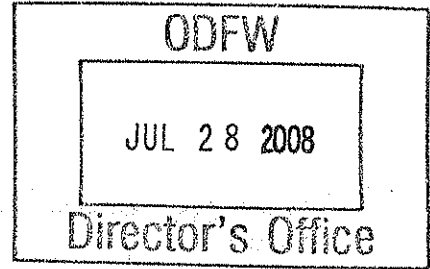
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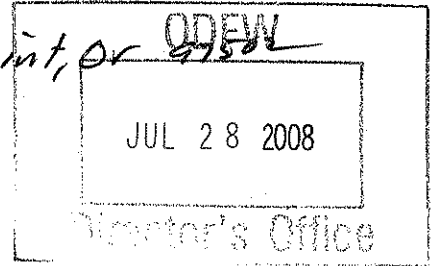
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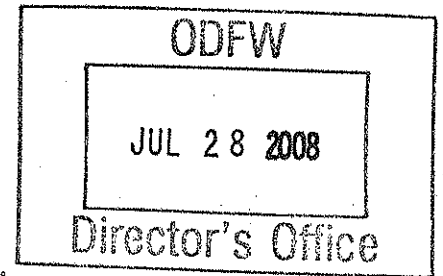
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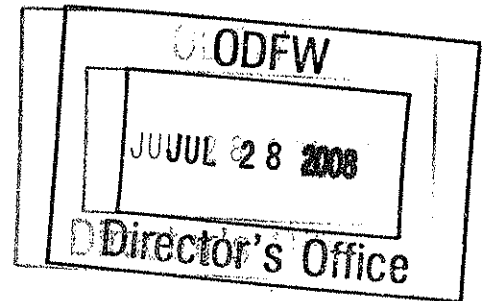
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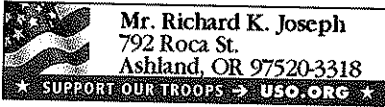
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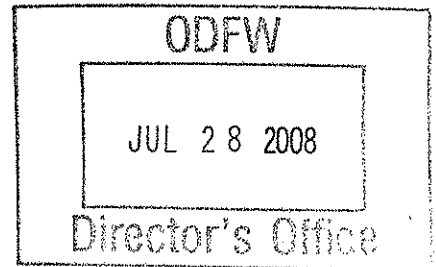
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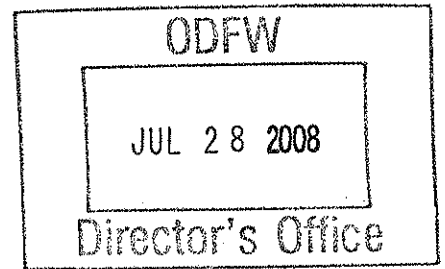
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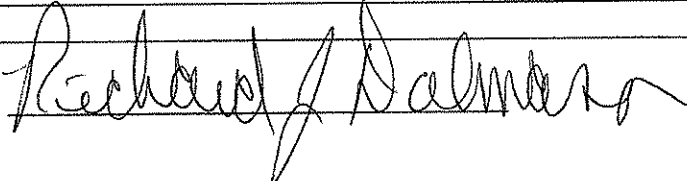
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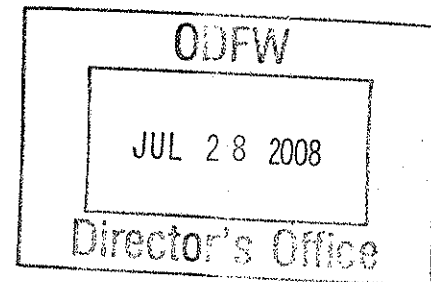
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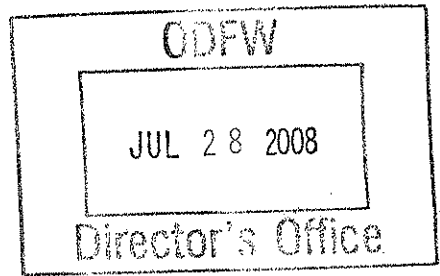
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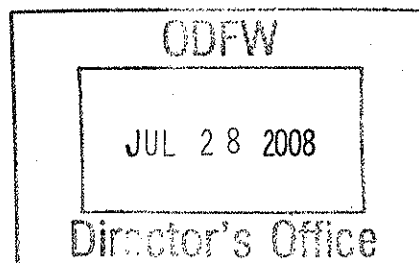
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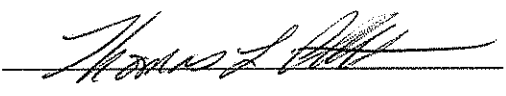
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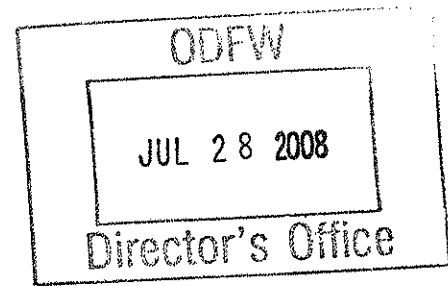
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Dear Commissioners:

Summary: Opposition of Angling Proposals 234P and 235P on the Upper Rogue.

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.

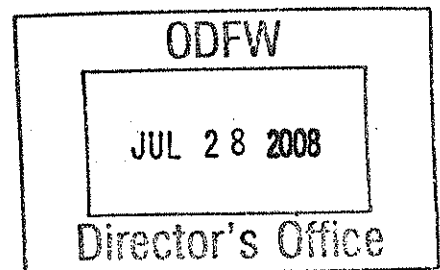
No matter which study is considered and evaluated, steelhead mortality increases with the use of bait. A number of important spawning streams for wild steelhead lie in the stretch between Shady Cove and Gold Rey. During the pre-spawn fall period, wild steelhead mass below these tributaries. Allowing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

In short, there is no reason to make the changes proposed in the above proposals. Please reject Angling Proposals 234P and 235P.

Additional Comments:

Signature: _____

W. Brock



7/23/08

Attention = Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife /
Angling Regulation

I am a frequent visitor to the North Umpqua River to fish for steelhead. As a member of the Steamboaters it has been brought to my attention that a change from the current no kill regulation for wild winter steelhead is being proposed. Such a change back to old regulations that allowed harvest of wild winter steelhead would jeopardize one of the most unique fisheries in the entire west coast. I strongly urge you to consider the possible consequences. At a time when fisheries are dumping to dangerously low levels up and down the west coast, every effort should be made to protect this very special race of steelhead. I believe it is extremely important that the regulations when passed will support the No-kill regulations currently in effect.

Thank you for your consideration,

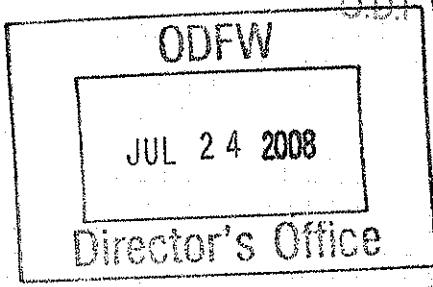
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June 16, 2008

ODFW Regulations
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Re: *Catch and Release Regulations for Umpqua System*

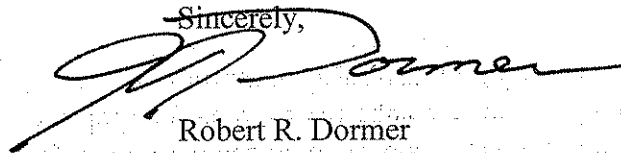
Dear Mr. Messmer:

I am writing to lend my support to the proposition of retaining the catch and release regulations for wild steelhead on the Umpqua System. Frankly, I was surprised to learn that in a state with Oregon's stature in the community of wildlife preservation, regulators would come under severe pressure to repeal such a far-sighted provision. I trust that Oregon will avoid making a mistake which would have immediate and devastating results.

I am a global fisher who has most recently focused on steelhead in British Columbia. The problems with that steelhead fishery have me focusing on rivers closer to home. I have never been to Oregon but am actively considering giving the Umpqua a chance. I know many other well-traveled steelhead fishers who are also turning their gaze toward Oregon. I must say that if there is any retreat from the strict catch and release regulations, I will strike Oregon from my list of possible destinations. I am confident that the overwhelming majority of my colleagues would do likewise.

Mr. Messmer, you have in Oregon a resource which serves Oregonians by providing them with an invaluable wildlife experience which gives all citizens the benefits of the large influx of financial resources from traveling fishers. I trust you will use your unique location at the crossroads of the future of Oregon to do what is right for present and future fishers and all those who benefit from fishing.

Sincerely,



Robert R. Dormer

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comments on the 2009 Oregon Sport fishing Regulation Development. My comments are organized from statewide down to specific streams and not in order of importance. My specific comments are as follows:

Statewide

Proposal 135P (Change general bass regulations): I am **opposed** to this proposal. Adopting this statewide rule would hamper the management of bass in numerous waterbodies. I don't believe that a "one size fits all" rule is the best way to manage bass in such diverse waterbodies as the Umpqua River, John Day River and Ten Mile Lake to name a few. Management should be left at the zone level.

Southwest Zone

Proposal 16S (expand harvest of coho salmon): I am **opposed** to this proposal for several reasons. 1) The language to "open all waters that are currently open for chinook salmon or steelhead." is vague. Does this mean that those waters have to open for chinook and steelhead to fish for coho, or do they have to be open during a portion of the year to be eligible to fish for coho. 2) On Cow Creek, fishing for coho during the fall chinook run could result in significant damage to redds and significantly lower chinook production. I feel that coho fishing is best handled on a stream by stream basis.

Proposal 192P, 193P & 194P (Open Applegate to fishing from floating device). I am **opposed** to this proposal as most likely only the lower sections of the Applegate River will be utilized, creating problems between land owners, bank fisherman and boaters.

Proposal 219P (Open Illinois River to retention of wild steelhead). I am **opposed** to this proposal because ODFW currently does not have enough data to evaluate the impacts of this proposal on the wild steelhead populations in this river system. Opening up this system to wild steelhead retention should be based upon solid data that shows that adult removal will not decrease production rates.

Proposal 236P (Delay angling closure by one hour from 7 pm to 8 pm on section 3 of the Rogue River). I **support** this proposal for several reasons. 1) Over the past three years there have been no incidents of angler misbehavior and anglers should be rewarded for their positive behavior. 2) Extending fishing will result in the removal of additional hatchery fish which have been identified as a concern to the wild spring chinook population. 3) Bank access on the upper Rogue is ever decreasing and extending the fishing time would allow anglers who work until 4 or 5 pm in Medford to drive up and have a reasonable amount of fishing time. 4) Extending the fishing time will draw more anglers to the upper Rogue, helping to support fishing related businesses which have been economically hurt since the reduction in fishing hours.

Proposal 237P (Delay 8pm restriction on Rogue River until April 15th to increase steelhead fishing). I am in **support** of this proposal. The closing of this section of river from April to July 31 was enacted in response to social concerns over spring chinook fishing. Data from Gold Ray Dam indicates that the 10 year average of spring chinook before April 15th is 10 fish, s compared to the average of 2,500 winter steelhead. *During this time of year there are no spring chinook fishermen.* Passing this proposal will increase angling opportunities for hatchery steelhead.

Proposal 251P (Allow 1 and 5 harvest of winter steelhead on the South Umpqua). I am **opposed** to his proposal for the following reasons. 1) Approximately 25% of the winter steelhead run in the upper South Umpqua River is taken for brood stock to support the winter steelhead hatchery program around Canyonville. I feel that the wild run cannot sustain additional harvest pressures and maintain production rates. 2) The success of the acclimation program at Canyonville has increased fish pressure on the South Umpqua and the regulation change will take effect during a time when hatchery smolt production numbers are down due the switch in rearing from the Butte Falls hatchery to the Rock Creek hatchery. The net result will be an unprecedented increase in harvest rates on wild steelhead as in the South Umpqua until the hatchery production problems at Rock Creek are remedied. The fishery in the South Umpqua can support either a hatchery program or wild take, but not both.

Proposal 255P (Open South Umpqua River above Jackson Creek). I am **opposed** to this proposal. 1) Currently the Forest Service spends between \$5,000 and \$10,000 annually to stop poaching of wild spring chinook (averaging 176 fish/year) on the upper South Umpqua River. While this proposal is for steelhead, adoption of this proposal will subject these spring chinook to angling pressure during April in their holding pools. 2) Adopting this rule could potentially lead to addition poaching during this time period and later on as people say that they thought that section was still open. For many years the confluence of the South Umpqua and Jackson Creek has been the deadline foe angling and the general public knows this. 3) Currently, there are 30 miles of the South Umpqua between Canyonville and the deadline which is excellent fly fishing water that is under utilized. On any given day during steelhead season one can find a large stretch of river without fishermen. Opening up a new angling opportunity, and exposing a small run of

wild spring chinook to additional pressures, while current angling opportunities on that same river are not being utilized does not make sense.

Again,

Thank you for your consideration.

Calib Baldwin

Rhine Messmer

From: gregarfsten@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 8:49 PM
To: Rhine Messmer
Cc: scott@scotthowellfishing.com
Subject: preserve the wild steelhead

ODFW
Rhine Messmer:

This letter is in support of regulations to protect wild steelhead in the Umpqua River system. I have traveled yearly for quite some time from my home in Colorado to fish on the North Umpqua. This is such a spectacular natural resource for your region of our country. The fish there, particularly the wild steelhead symbolize the rugged and untamed beauty of the Pacific Northwest. It would be a shame to see the numbers of these exceptional creatures decimated. Please keep the wild steelhead alive and well with continuing catch and release only regulations intact.

Sincerely,

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To: ODF&W Commissioners

Re: Regulations for the North Umpqua wild winter steelhead.

In the mid-1990's, ODF&W made the value based, insightful decision to protect branch antlered Rocky Mountain bull elk in the Wenaha and Tucannon units, and the results have been spectacular. I was witness to this incredible creation of "value". The same thing can be done with the wonderful wild winter steelhead of the North Umpqua, but more on that in a moment.

I grew up and lived most of my life in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, just 20 minutes from the Wenaha Unit, and have hunted it every one of the last 52 years. When I began hunting with my Dad in 1956, bulls were scarce, and were almost always spikes. At that time, simply seeing a branch antlered bull was a rare event, and at the same time it was fairly common to see a herd of 50 or more cows walking single file through an opening without a bull anywhere in the vicinity. During those years the bulls we did get were, with one exception, all spikes.

Then came the regulation change, and the results were spectacular. Just a few years after it's adoption it was evident that significant changes were underway. Now, nearly every group of any size had a bull with them and seeing a branch antlered bull became fairly common, and some of them were HUGE! It was a sea-change! It didn't matter to me that I couldn't shoot them, just hearing that bugling first thing in the

morning and seeing them regularly was enough, and the “value” of a day of hunting was vastly increased.

Perhaps the most interesting result of the paradigm shift to protect branch antlered bulls is that the large population of trophy-sized bulls have become a major attraction for hunters from all over the country, and their lucrative value has become marketable. Tags are extremely limited, only 21 offered for the modern weapons hunt, and 21 for bow hunters. Some hunters willingly to forego hunting the regular spike seasons to wait in line for up to 12 years, just to get one of these branch antlered tags. Talk about value! Hunters that are less patient have been willing to pay top dollar to buy the special tags auctioned off by conservation groups like the Oregon Hunter’s Association, the proceeds of which go to the state’s wildlife department to enhance elk habitat. The annual auction of these tags now routinely brings in \$25,000. Wow, that says something about the value of being able to hunt these trophies. *It is obviously not about the meat!*

Just a thought...I wonder if after bagging that Boone and Crocket trophy bull, taking all the necessary measurements and being photographed in several poses with it, would the hunter “release it” if it were possible? I don’t know, but it wouldn’t surprise me because...*it is not about the meat.*

Now back to those big beautiful North Umpqua Winter Steelhead.

Fishing for the wild North Umpqua winter steelhead is also a highly valued experience. In a sense they are the piscatorial equivalent of a branch antlered bull, and

they too have market value that has nothing to do with the weight of their meat... **It's not about the meat.**

It is time for the fisheries department to follow the lead of the wildlife department and begin to market the "value" of these spectacular wild fish with a modern catch and release regulation. "Catch and Release" has a value of its own, and fishermen will pay far more than the current cost of a fishing license to experience it, as many fishing destinations have already learned. Discerning fishermen seek catch and release destinations above all others, and fishing destinations in Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho all report a significant boost in their local economies as a result.

It is worth noting that in this first year of catch and release of wild steelhead on the North Umpqua, Resident Angler license purchases in Douglas County increased by 9 percent over the previous year.

The world renowned pristine North Umpqua River is among the most beautiful on the face of God's green earth, and the big beautiful wild steelhead that swim in its currents are second to none. This river and its wonderful fish deserve modern forward thinking regulations that protect them while allowing their use. It is time! ***It is not about the meat!***

Hatcheries can continue to provide fish for those for whom it is about the meat, or those who want the eggs for salmon bait.

I urge the ODF&W to learn from the wonderful, highly successful experience gained from the regulation protecting branch antlered bulls in terms of value created, and protect these "piscatorial branch antlered bulls" with an innovative, value adding catch and release regulation to increase the number of these highly sought after fish! If

properly managed and marketed, it is certain to translate into increased income and higher regard for ODF&W, and an unsurpassed fishing experience for the angler.

Subjecting these valuable wild fish to a kill fishery in this day and age is simply a dumb idea, particularly when there is no money available to even monitor or police the harvest. The State of Oregon deserves better!

Patrick G. McRae,

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Cc: All ODF&W Commissioners

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June 3, 2008

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Rhine T. Messmer

Subject: Proposed change 150 P to 2009 Angling Regulations to allow retention of two 8" cutthroat trout per day in Northwest Zone coastal streams.

Dear Mr. Messmer:

Comments on the Regulation Development Process

It appears to me that you have a very difficult job. I would not want to try to filter out the regulation change proposals with merit from those without merit while at the same time making all those who have submitted proposals and the angling public happy. With the large number of proposals to process and the short turnaround time, its inevitable that some good proposals will be discarded and some undesirable ones sent forward.

The entire process, although appearing rational and fair as described in your publication, seems rather pro forma in its execution. This may be due to the tight time frames for the work of the advisory panel and for the round of public comment. There is not time for sufficient data to be gathered and presented and for deliberation on the proposals.

It is very easy for someone to prepare an ill-advised proposal and have it slip through the filter, as I believe has happened with 150 P. However, it can take an inordinate amount of time and travel on the part of those who oppose it to appear at public ODFW and Commission meetings to present arguments why a proposal should be rejected.

Comments on the Proposal 150 P

I attended the May 23 meeting in Tillamook to testify in opposition to the subject proposal. I believe that ODFW and the review board have no basis for bringing this proposal to the Commission from either the fish population health standpoint or the angler preference standpoint. I would like to request that it be placed in the "c" category based on the response of the attendees at the Tillamook meeting.

Without data to support the presumption of healthy populations of sea-run cutthroat in all waters in the affected area, the only prudent course is to assume that they are not adequate to support a consumptive fishery. If a decision to open the entire area were to be based on data for one or two streams, the results could be undesirable for streams where populations were not healthy. I did not see these data presented at the meeting in Tillamook.

In addition, wild steelhead runs exist in most streams in the affected area. These runs are healthy enough only for a catch-and-release fishery. Although 8" pre-smolt steelhead are easily distinguished from pre-smolt cutthroat by biologists and experienced anglers, the average casual angler probably is not too concerned by the distinction between the two fish. With a consumptive trout fishery for cutthroat in a place like Cook Creek, for example, anglers could take a significant toll on the steelhead as well as the cutthroat populations.

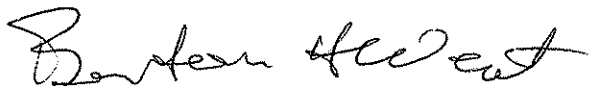
Four years have passed since the last time this change was proposed. Since then I am not aware of any comprehensive effort by ODFW to determine the health of the sea-run cutthroat populations in the affected area. My personal records show that, for the last three years, I have had to fish about twice as long to hook the same number of fish as I did during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004. This fishing has been done in the same part of the Nehalem River, during the same time periods, using the same flies and methods. This suggests to me that there may be fewer sea-run cutthroat now than there were four years ago.

I'm sure you are familiar with the 2006 Oregon Licensed Angler Survey. In my reading of that survey I came to the conclusion that a consumptive fishery for 8" trout is of interest to very few anglers. Only 15% consider an 8" trout to be a "quality trout", roughly one in seven. 53% need a 12" or larger trout while 22% require a 14" or larger fish. An 8" cutthroat harvested by one of the 15% will never become a typical 12" to 14" sea-run for the 39% who consider that size to be a "quality trout".

On the question of catch-and-release in trout fishing, 41% find that mode more enjoyable and only 12% find it less enjoyable, while 42% say both modes equally enjoyable. Fish harvested by the 12% of anglers who find that mode more enjoyable are taking fish that 83% would enjoy catching and releasing. This proposal appears to give the enjoyment of a small minority more weight than the enjoyment of a large majority.

I would be very interested in hearing your comments on the points I have raised and would appreciate it if you could let me know the current status of Proposal 150 P.

Thank you,

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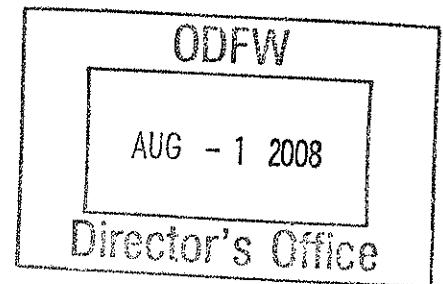
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July 28, 2008

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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 Idleyd 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