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**Supplemental #1  
Public Correspondence  
received as of  
December 8, 2021**

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**From:** Jemilohny <jemilohny@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:31 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wild Winter Steelhead C&R

Commissioners,

My Name is John Lazur and I support Alternative 2, catch and release for wild winter steelhead. My kids and I are beginning anglers all have dreamt of catching and releasing our first wild winter steelhead. Please support Alternative 2 so my kids can realize this dream and sustain future winter steelhead populations.

Thank you.

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**From:** Gabe Babcock <gabe.babcock@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7:43 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please vote to protect wild steelhead

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my opinion in opposition to the current proposed regulations for the Southern Oregon region pertaining to the retention of wild steelhead.

Counting smolts to project steelhead runs is like counting seedlings in a forest and selecting mature trees for harvest based on this number. This is a poor management strategy that the timber industry does not use.

I find it alarming and concerning that previous public comments have been ignored.

I urge/plead we error on the side of caution. It is a lot easier to ruin something than to build it back. If we don't have the adequate data to make an scientifically sound decision, we should take a conservative approach until that data is available. Given the current state of the steelhead runs on the rest of the Western N. America and Ocean conditions with regards to climate change, it seems like a poor assumption to think this region is an anomaly.

If the decision is made to continue to allow the harvest of wild steelhead, my friends and I will make plans to go steelheading in Washington where they are making responsible decisions.

Lastly, thank you all for the work you do and your time, I hear it is an thankless job.

Sincerely,  
Gabe Babcock

Philomath, OR 97370

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**From:** DJ Heffernan <djheff1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:33 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Winter Steelhead Management

Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you show courage and take the necessary steps to ensure the survival of wild fish in Southern Oregon by requiring the release of all wild fish. This policy change will help ensure the limited remaining wild fish have a chance to survive and spawn. Let's not wait for their status to turn from threatened to endangered to take this needed action.

I would further argue that we should eliminate hatcheries and set harvest levels based on the health of runs basin by basin. Hatchery proponents decried Washington's decision not to rebuild the Toutle River hatchery after the Mt. St. Helens eruption. In the aftermath of that decision, steelhead numbers in Toutle basin have surged beyond pre-eruption levels - that run is now all "wild fish". Supplementation is not necessary for health runs. Health habitat is what is needed. Please, manage the rivers for wild fish. There are other ways to supplement the commercial and ocean sport harvest without endangering our remaining wild fish stocks.

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**From:** Richard Dow <dirichdow@gmail.com>  
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**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** rogue steelhead catch and kill- OPPOSE!

I oppose the catch and kill of steelhead on the Rouge River and tributaries. There is not enough population data to risk irreparable damage this resource. Better to be conservative and protect it, then at great expense and likely limited success try to repair the damage later.

Richard Dow

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**From:** Barry Walker <bwalker.tx512@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 5:08 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wild Steelhead

I was born in Oregon, attended University in Oregon, and then moved all over the US. California, Illinois, Ohio, and finally Texas.

You have stewardship over a unique resource in wild coastal Steelhead....this is not a responsibility to just Oregonians. This resource is an American resource, and it is on the wane.

Please take your duty to this species seriously....we are in a 'bald eagle extinction' moment, and only you can fix it.

My Best,

**Barry Walker**

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**From:** Shawn Stottlar <shawnstottlar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 8:16 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP comments

Commissioners, Chair Wahl, and Director Melcher,

My name is shawn Stottlar, from portland OR.

My testimonial is to convey my concerns with the RSP proposed in October of this year. As I'm sure we are all aware there are several contributing factors in the declining numbers of salmon and steelhead. I don't think anyone would disagree these wild fish are not thriving, or even on the rebound.

To that point, I would respectfully recommend the commission and department of fish and wildlife implement a hatchery only harvest, until sufficient data is present.

Not to mention the majority of the waters where wild fish are being harvested support a robust number of hatchery steelhead, that have been planted to supplement a declining wild population, with the intent to harvest.

I hope the commission will do what they feel is right for wild fish, after hearing the comments and testimonials for the community. Thank you for the time.

-shawn.

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**From:** David Geisser <dgeisser@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 5:08 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wild steelhead

Dear Sirs

Let's not wait till we are in endangered Species mode to but the brakes on keeping wild steelhead . Steelhead are too valuable of a resource to only use once. Let them survive!

Sincerely

David Geisser

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** tjwykle@mkwwlaw.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 2:54 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Catch and release regulations for wild winter steelhead in the Rogue South Coast Conservation Management Plan

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please vote to adopt catch and release regulations for ALL WILD WINTER STEELHEAD in the Rogue South Coast Conservation Management Plan. These creatures are wonderfully unique and are under unimaginable pressure to survive as a species due to multiple environmental and human-caused factors, including catch and kill fisheries practices.

These fish are struggling throughout their native range. We as advocates must step up and encourage fisheries managers to use a precautionary approach to best assure that we have abundant, wild steelhead returning to southern Oregon's rivers for decades to come.

There is no justifiable rationale to continue to intentionally kill wild winter steelhead. Please help us protect these fish so that they can stand the best chance possible to survive and thrive as a species.

Thank you for your attention to this vital issue.

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**From:** Bryan Mullaney <bryanmullaney10@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 12:08 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Impose Catch and Release Regs for Southern Oregon Rivers

Hello Commissioners,

I am emailing you today to show my support for imposing catch and release regulations for wild fish, including salmon and steelhead, on all Southern Oregon waterways.

As a property owner on the bank of the mighty Rogue River, I hope to be able to continue to fish for wild steelhead for decades to come. My family has retreated to our tiny cabin on the Rogue for over 40 years and have watched with disappointment as fish returns have dwindled to critical levels. Science has proven that wild fish are more adapted at surviving during climate change and therefore require additional protections to ensure long term growth of fish populations.

The time will soon come for my two year old daughter to don her own waders and step into the cool waters of the Rogue to pursue her own fish of a thousand casts. I just pray that there will still be enough wild fish left for her to see one with her own eyes and feel the joy of letting that chrome bullet slip back into its native waters unscathed.

As commissioners of ODFW, it is your job to secure the long term viability of recreational angling for all Oregonians. Protecting wild fish now will ensure that you will be selling more fishing licenses in the future. Ignore short term windfalls and prioritize sustainable long term economic growth by protecting wild fish.

My daughter and my family are depending on you.

Bryan

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** ANDREW LANGFORD <andrewlangforddesign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:52 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Release Wild Fish

Hello ODFW.

I'd like to thank you for your hard work, and request proactive protection for wild fish of the mighty beloved Rogue River.

Let's protect them before they're gone! Taking action now to protect this wonderful and iconic species of Oregon is best for all anglers. If the wild stock is diminished, we all lose opportunity to fish. The goal should be to restore these wild runs, until yes, harvest is acceptable. But as of now, protection of these few resilient fish is necessary.

Thanks for the listening ear.

Let's save these fish, so the renowned Rogue can one day return to harvestable numbers.

Best,  
Andrew

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**From:** James Meakin <jmeak@teleport.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:20 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please vote to protect wild steelhead

To Whom It May Concern,

These fish are struggling throughout their native range. We as advocates must step up and encourage fisheries managers to use a precautionary approach to best assure that we have abundant, wild steelhead returning to southern Oregon's rivers for decades to come.

Please vote to protect this species, they represent our future and your children and grandchildren will thank you.

Thank you.

Regards,

Jim Meakin

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**From:** Jane Huey <janehueymsw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:18 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Catch and release regulations for steelhead

**Please implement catch and release regulations that are necessary to sustainably manage steelhead populations in the Rogue and south coast rivers. These fish are a vital part of the ecosystems of our coastal rivers. Please do the right thing to protect our fish and the rivers they depend on. The people of Oregon need your thoughtful and careful management at this critical time.**

Thank you,

Jane Huey  
Portland, Oregon

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**From:** Don Roberts <fishtracks69@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 8:52 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** a call for catch and release

Dear Commissioners:

Given the shocking decline in anadromous fish populations in the Pacific Northwest, it is imperative that every conservation measure, including catch and release regulations, be enacted to protect remaining stocks. That holds especially true for wild steelhead in the Rogue South Coast Conservation Management Plan. If ever there was a species deserving of preservation, it's the iconic wild steelhead of Oregon's beloved south coast rivers.

Keep 'em wild,

Don Roberts

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**From:** murrayp@bendnet.com  
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**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Rogue South Coast Conservation Management Plan

Dear Chairman Wahl, Commissioners, and Director Melcher:

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony. My name is Peter Murray, I live in Redmond, Oregon, and grew up on the Oregon Coast fishing for steelhead and salmon, sixty years ago. I still enjoy travelling to Rogue and Chetco Rivers to fish for steelhead.

However, the current regulations allow harvest and killing wild steelhead in the South Coast rivers. Wild steelhead are in decline throughout Oregon. They face mounting threats from habitat loss, excessive harvest, and climate change. How severe the decline is, we don't know because there are no adequate return population estimates, harvest rates, and overall population mortality. Common sense and basic science points towards the need for better data so that informed decisions can be made. The current draft of the South Coast Conservation Plan would implement procedures that carry far too much risk to the wild steelhead populations.

What can be done? Two things should happen immediately so that the wild steelhead populations can be managed sustainably.

First, I encourage you to direct the department to adopt catch and release regulations for wild steelhead until adequate adult population monitoring is in place. There are thousands of hatchery steelhead available for harvest in these streams.

Second, the department should begin basic, adequate, monitoring asap. Regulations and department actions should be based on population estimates, escapement goals, and expected fisheries mortality.

Thank you again for the opportunity to give testimony. The actions outlined above will increase the probability that wild steelhead will survive and be abundant for future generations of Oregonians to fish for.

Sincerely,

Peter Murray

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**From:** Tim Elder <telder@wildsalmoncenter.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 12:24 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP - Wild Salmon Center written testimony for Dec. 17 Commission meeting  
**Attachments:** WSC written testimony for final RSP commission meeting- 12-7-21.pdf

Greetings Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony prior to the upcoming Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting on December 17th. WSC has been participating as a stakeholder throughout the development of the Rogue/South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan and we remain very concerned about these South Coast and Rogue populations. In addition to incomplete data regarding the health of salmon in the Rogue/South Coast, climate change is predicted to have overwhelming negative influences to all cold water fishes. The time for cautious conservation is now.

I have attached our written testimony and would be happy to follow up if you have any questions. Thank you!

Cheers,  
~Tim

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**Date:** December 7, 2021

**To:** Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

**From:** Wild Salmon Center

**RE:** Rogue/South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan Conservation Priorities

Greetings Commissioners,

Ahead of the upcoming Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting on December 17, where commissioners will evaluate and vote on various alternatives for the Rogue/South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP), Wild Salmon Center would like to reiterate our major requests for inclusion in the final plan. While we understand that no plan will ever satisfy all the stakeholders involved, our organization stands resolute that these elements are critical for the long-term conservation of wild salmonid populations along the south coast and Rogue basin. Our concerns are especially salient in light of a rapidly changing climate and ocean conditions that create tremendous uncertainty for the long-term persistence of these populations.

**1. Statistically robust monitoring of abundance, productivity, spatial structure and diversity of individual steelhead populations to track responses to management actions and climate change.**

Our largest concern within this plan continues to be the lack of adequate population level information regarding winter steelhead and Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho.

A commitment to robust adult, juvenile and harvest monitoring (winter steelhead), within every basin, is essential to ODFW's ability to manage these resources. This monitoring is especially important because our changing climate and ocean conditions are having novel and unpredictable effects on these populations. A robust annual monitoring framework will allow population trends to be rapidly assessed and allow for quick adaptive management responses.

We are committed to working with the department to ensure that funding is not the limiting factor to annual monitoring. While we recognize that adult monitoring can be difficult during inclement winter months, ODFW currently conducts winter spawning surveys and redd counts on populations in the mid and north coast. We ask that the monitoring techniques, currently utilized by ODFW for Oregon Coast Coho and by other state agencies, be incorporated into the RSP in order to cautiously manage these resources in the face of uncertainty arising from

climate change. Without robust monitoring, the compounded effects of climate change and under informed management could lead to overharvest, resulting in long-term reductions in diversity and resilience, particularly in wild steelhead. Importantly, it will be increasingly difficult to predict which years will be poor as weather and ocean conditions become more variable.

**2. Catch and release of wild winter steelhead for a 5-year interim period.**

Due to the lack of population level data, unknown harvest rates and uncertainties of climate change impacts, we ask for catch and release of wild winter steelhead for a 5-year interim period. During the interim period, ODFW will collect the vital, population level data required to accurately manage these populations. Adult and juvenile monitoring and an assessment of the hatchery effects (i.e., introgression, competition, predation, etc.) within every basin, is essential to ODFW's ability to manage and conserve these resources.

**3. Wild harvest opportunities are directly tied to annual population level monitoring.**

Adequate population level monitoring is essential to managing salmonid populations on the South Coast and Rogue basin, especially when considering the uncertainty due to our changing climate. This monitoring affects many aspects of the RSP plan including current and future status assessments, harvest rates, and hatchery impacts to wild populations. Climate change intensifies the need for robust monitoring for several reasons. First, past trends in abundance and productivity will become less reliable as ocean and freshwater conditions change. Climate models predict increasingly variable, intense and unpredictable weather patterns which could negatively impact certain year classes of fish in either freshwater or the ocean. If these effects go unnoticed and well-structured adaptive management is not in place, it could easily result in significant overharvest in some years. Exceeding harvest rates even in individual years can negatively impact a population's ability to recover from poor return years and adapt to long-term climatic changes.

We request the inclusion of a clear statement in the RSP that articulates that wild harvest opportunities are directly tied to monitoring efforts. If annual population monitoring is not conducted, for any reason including inadequate budget or staffing, that population will be removed from the basins open to wild harvest until annual monitoring is reinstated.

**4. No expansion of hatchery releases in the Rogue watershed**

Hatchery releases in the Rogue are solely for mitigation purposes and serve no conservation benefit. Because of this, expansion of release sites is counter to widely accepted hatchery reform guidelines. Because hatchery fish return to and congregate at release sites this action would increase straying of hatchery fish into natural populations. New release sites would also increase the potential for negative ecological interactions with wild juvenile steelhead.

**5. Wild Fish Emphasis Areas serve as genetic reserves for populations affected by climate change.**

We see wild fish emphasis areas as vital genetic reserves that will help to ensure long-term population viability. Wild genetic diversity is critical to these populations' ability to adapt and survive in novel environmental conditions created by ocean and climate change. Reducing (or eliminating) wild and hatchery fish interactions including introgression, competition, predation and disease transmission in wild fish emphasis areas should be a top priority for ODFW. We request that the areas currently proposed as Mixed Emphasis Areas (MEA) for Fall Chinook (a species not included for management in the RSP) in the Winchuck River and Euchre Creek be classified as Wild Fish Emphasis Areas (WFEA) only.

Because of the vital importance that WFEA will have in terms of genetic reserves and preserving unique adaptations that will help protect populations from climate change, we request that WFEAs be actively managed for  $\leq 5\%$  hatchery fish on spawning grounds (pHOS).

**6. Reevaluate the summer steelhead hatchery program and associated releases from Cole Rivers Hatchery.**

We remain concerned about the annual over production and release of hatchery summer steelhead from the Cole Rivers Hatchery. The excessive annual exceedance of hatchery summer steelhead adult returns amounts to a harvest supplementation program, far above and beyond the mitigation requirements intended to offset lost habitat above the William L. Jess Dam. We request a thorough scientific review of this program and a return to hatchery summer steelhead releases that meet, but do not exceed, mitigation targets. This review should include input from ODFW commissioners, integrate the newly adopted Climate and Ocean Change Policy and evaluate the effects of hatchery releases on wild populations in relation to climate and ocean change throughout their entire life history. Monitoring of pHOS should be conducted in upper Rogue and tributaries to assess whether the 10% pHOS limit is exceeded.

Thank you for all the time and commitment to protecting these populations. Please reach out if you have any questions.



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**From:** HeapR <heapr2003@gmail.com>  
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**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation Plan  
**Attachments:** Personal Comments 12-17 Comm. mtg..docx

Chair Wahl, Commissioners and Director Melcher,  
I have attached my personal comments regarding this Plan and your impending action on Dec. 17. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.  
Richard Heap

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

## Commission Comments

Richard Heap

### Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan

Dec. 17, 2021

Weighing Public Comment and Input: Once again, the Commission finds itself confronted with considerable public comment on an impending action. One option is to count noses and go with the majority; the other is to consider where the comments come from, who is commenting and how those comments relate to plan before you. Over the years, I have observed similar conundrums for other Commissions and for myself in other forums. In my view, you have comments from customers and comments from constituents. By my definition, customers are those folks who are purchasing products or items from ODFW like licenses, tags, permits and who are participating in activities regulated by the Commission. These people and their activities are directly affected by your decisions. Constituents are the citizens of Oregon, whose wildlife you are charged with managing. Constituent involvement is largely casual and your decisions will not impact them directly. I expect you to give some deference to your customers, particularly those who are directly affected by your decision and where there is no biological rationale to limit their opportunity. The input you have received from your customers has largely been Plan specific. I will remind you that folks who write in, call in and message you from other states in response to a “call for action” to support the sanctity of catch and release are not your constituents and, in all but a few cases, are not your customers. And please remember, while the ODFW fisheries staff work for the people of Oregon, your customers pay for the programs that they administer. Customer satisfaction matters.

Trust the Plan: The Plan calls out specific triggers and actions. These are very specific and would result if contemporary data demonstrated that an adjustment to current regulations was warranted. Those adjustments are specifically described in the Plan. Your subject matter experts, the ODFW staff, have put before you a well written, thorough and innovative road map to guide current and future management of a number of species. Their efforts were guided by decades of experience with these resources and is tempered by the realities of unbiased data interpretation. Numbers presented on charts and graphs often do not accurately reflect the entire picture without professional interpretation. The folks who collected the data that generated the numbers are the best at deciphering their true meaning. Those of us whom you represent are trusting you to take their advice as opposed to heeding the siren call of special interest groups who financially benefit from creating controversy and carrying the torch as a false prophet of “conservation”. I would remind you that this Plan was not conjured up in some dark and dank basement in Corvallis and sprung on the public at the last minute. Throughout the process there has been considerable discussion with the stakeholder groups and many modifications have been made based on that input.

Data Scarcity Requires a Cautionary Approach: It is my fervent hope that we will someday beat the final hairs off this dead horse. This has been the final fall back when all else fails for our critics, for decades. If this argument appeals to you, one must ask how the Commission routinely approves the harvest of many game and sport fish species. How much do we actually know about Mackinaw trout populations in O'Dell or Wickiup Lakes? What is the population status of red tailed surf perch? What are the hen/young ratios for forest grouse or Hungarian partridge? What is the management threshold for cottontail rabbits? The list goes on and on. While these species are not caught or killed in the same magnitude as winter steelhead, you commonly authorize their harvest. And we do have information about these species. We know their distribution and, in some cases, how many are harvested. You are comfortable with authorizing harvest because you rely on the professional judgement of your ODFW staff. Using lack of data as an argument, especially when dealing with species where harvest is not an identified limiting factor, is a very slippery slope. I would remind you that you do have loads of information about winter steelhead and a professional staff intimately familiar with their population status. I would also point out that the proposed Plan is, by its very nature, cautionary and reactive. My advice is, when in doubt – go with the pros. Two of the absolute facts I learned in my fifty years of involvement with wildlife management: there is never enough money and there is never enough data.

Management Action Alternatives:

- **WFEA/MEA** – I am asking you to support the Alternative 1 -Staff Proposal. I would note that both spring and fall chinook are already managed as directed by species specific plans. Restricting potential hatchery programs for those species, where they are not currently in place, in this RSP may be contrary to chinook plan specifics and could cause confusion.
- **Rogue Coho Salmon Hatchery Release** - I ask you to support Alternative 1 – Staff Proposal. Hatchery release programs are subject to pHOS limitations and, as long as they remain at or below Plan requirements, there is no reason to limit increased production and fishing opportunity.
- **Winter Steelhead Interim Bag Limits and Conservation Status Thresholds** – I ask you to support Alternative 1 – Staff Proposal for the Winter Steelhead Interim Bag Limit. As has been discussed previously, having the opportunity to evaluate population dynamics for winter steelhead with a limited harvest regime in place is invaluable in determining the true impact of harvest on these wild fish populations. In addition, this very limited harvest program allows for the implementation of a wild steelhead harvest card to be used as a source of funding for the promised increased monitoring efforts. I view this as an innovative and acceptable proposal that speaks directly to the continual scarcity of funds to conduct very important data gathering efforts necessary to inform management decisions. Further, this harvest strategy allows anglers to creel fatally injured fish that are injured inadvertently. I ask you to support Staff Proposal Option A – Winter Steelhead Conservation Status Thresholds. I would note that this proposal already reflects an increase in juvenile site occupancy from the earlier 65% level. Increases beyond these levels are not warranted.

In closing, I would like to thank the Commission for the time and energy that you have devoted to thoroughly vetting this Plan. I also commend the ODFW staff who worked for countless hours to develop and modify this plan and for their openness to suggestions, requests and public input.

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**From:** Stuart Warren <stuswarren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 11:09 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Comment  
**Attachments:** ODFWComments\_Warren.pdf

Hello ODFW Staff and Commissioners,

You will find my comments for the ODFW commission attached for the December 16th meeting. Please let me know if I can answer any further questions.

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TO: Chair Wahl and ODFW Commissioners  
VIA: ODFW COMMISSION EMAIL  
FROM: Stuart Warren, Concerned Resident  
DATE: 12/3/2020  
RE: Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan

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Chair Wahl and ODFW Commissioners,

I strongly urge the ODFW Commission to be proactive, by adopting the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP) with a catch and release regulation for wild-winter steelhead. I believe this is the conservative, proactive approach to management that will ensure continued angling opportunity throughout the management area.

In the draft RSP, wild-winter steelhead's SMU is categorized as *Strong-guarded*. *Strong-Guarded* populations have little if any viability concerns, however, "either a lack of robust data relative to all VSP parameters or conflicting indications of viability **warrant a cautious management approach when providing societal benefits**, especially with respect to potential threats and limiting factors." (RSP, pg. 22, 2020)

I have argued this exact point for the past two years. These fish, deserve to be managed cautiously, because we do not have robust data of either population size or from spawning surveys. Without robust population data, I believe that the commission should adopt the plan with pro-active management policies that will provide relief from angler harvest. We know that angler harvest is not the most limiting factor to these fish's viability, but it is the one factor that we can actually control. It is inexpensive, effective, enforceable, and reduces the potential for full angling closures.

The commission has heard testimony that catch and release regulations will put guides out of business. This could not be further from the truth. We don't have to look far from the management area to see rivers where catch and release fisheries are hugely popular. The upper Rogue summer steelhead fishery is vibrant, guides are as busy as they want to be, and wild steelhead populations are healthy. If the commission wishes to protect guides, then the management plan should be proactive and conservative, and keep these fisheries from reaching their conservation criteria, and avoid angling closures that would put undue burden on local fishing guides. We observed closures like these this year, for the first time, on the Deschutes and North Umpqua rivers and you will hear testimony from the impacted guides in your commission meeting.

I urge you, to take this small step, and act within your authority to protect wild winter steelhead from unnecessary angler harvest by adopting catch and release regulations.

Sincerely,

Stuart Warren

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**From:** Bill Lansing <outlook\_4D28749C6EC7C9D4@outlook.com> on behalf of Bill Lansing <bill@billlansing.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 7:48 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to respectfully request that you continue to support the traditional model of conservation of the multi-species plan for the Rogue-south Coast Species Management Units.

I am currently a board member of the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program and have served in that capacity for many years. I am also one of the founding members who built the Morgan Creek Hatchery and had it named in honor of the ODFW employee, Tom Rumreich. Further my company was one of the major funders for the Millicoma fish hatchery owned by the ODFW.

I have lived in Coos Bay or the past 50 years and have seen the benefits of proper management of our fish resources along the south coast. I watch the excitement of young anglers as they catch their first trout or steelhead and my grandsons practically fall out of my boat when they catch a salmon. I think the fact that many of us are introducing nature's cycle to our young people help them to appreciate how fortunate they are to live along the Oregon coast. It is truly a different type of education.

Undoubtedly, you are going to hear elegant verbal testimony from paid consultants and absentee members of society who do not live, work and fish in our waters along the Oregon coast and I ask that you consider the source of that testimony and put yourself in the position of doing what is right for Oregon, the south coast and young people and keep the traditional Model of Conservation active and healthy.

Thank you,

Bill Lansing  
President and CEO Menasha Forest Products Corporation (retired)  
93962 Bridge View Lane  
North Bend, OR 97459  
541-269-1642

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** roger casper <rcasper1984@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 5:54 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW

I ask that you take notice of what has happened in British Columbia to the Steelhead population. The same thing is happening on the Oregon coast. I have been a Steelhead fisherman for 40 plus years the declines are frightening.

Thank You  
Roger Casper

Sent from my iPad

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** rich nawa <richnawa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 3:05 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** ROGUE-SOUTH COAST MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dear Chair Wahl and Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioners,

Every year I look forward to steelhead fishing with my friends and harvesting steelhead from the Illinois River. I live in Cave Junction at Pomeroy Estates that is within walking distance of the Illinois River. Please adopt the ODFW Staff Proposal to maintain current 1/3 bag limit. I will be seriously harmed if the current 1/3 bag limit is not maintained as there are no hatchery fish in the Illinois River where I have fished and harvested winter steelhead for years.

Sincerely,

Richard Nawa  
250 Retirement Ln  
Cave Junction, OR 97523

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** rich nawa <richnawa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 2:52 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** ROGUE-SOUTH COAST MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

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**From:** Pete Notz <petenotz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 12:47 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please mandate release of wild steelhead

Dear Commissioners - I have been traveling to the S. Oregon coast to fish for winter steelhead for about 10 years now. It is truly a one of a kind place with both remarkable beauty and unrivaled angling opportunities. I recognize that there are many factors that need to be considered when making these difficult decisions, but I implore you to please consider what has been happening to steelhead populations across the entirety of N. America over the last several years and make the tough decision to make a change. Of course it's never possible to make everyone happy in the near-term, but if the steelhead disappear, then no one will be happy in the long-term. Please don't risk allowing this to happen in such a special place.

Regards,  
Pete Notz

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** Steve Godin <stevegodin@rconnects.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 11:11 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Re: Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan

Dear Commissioners,

I wrote the note below in advance of the October ODFW Commissioners meeting. I also testified at that meeting in support of the ODFW Southern Zone RSP. I am resubmitting my support for the December 16 - 17 ODFW Commissioners meeting, and I hope to testify.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Steve Godin  
Oregon Coast Anglers, President

----- Original Message -----

From: "Steve Godin" <[stevegodin@rconnects.com](mailto:stevegodin@rconnects.com)>  
To: [ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov)  
Sent: 10/7/2021 10:50:29 AM  
Subject: Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan

Dear Commissioners,

I support ODFW's recommendations regarding the draft Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan to "provide additional fishing opportunity through hatchery programs" and "... existing bag limits (for Winter Wild Steelhead) established by the Commission in 2018 will be maintained for this five year period (ie. 1 per day/3 annually."

Additionally, I support increases in Oregon hatchery production, and funding hatcheries at higher levels. I also support rebuilding the Rock Creek Hatchery.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Steve Godin  
Oregon Coast Anglers, President

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** Robert Bayer <rbayer319@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 10:32 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Catch & release regulation for wild steelhead

Dear commissioner's,

it is imperative that you vote to protect wild steelhead in S Oregon. They must not be harvested. The reasoning is obvious, the present numbers are dangerously low. Allowing harvesting will wipe out the species.

Thank you for listening.

Robert Bayer, VP Santa Lucia Fly Fishers  
<https://www.santaluciaflyfishers.com/>

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** jim Ohrt <ohrt35@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 9:36 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW

Hi guys the whole west coast is upside down,there time to help these fish,let's get it done.thank you

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** Harry White <hwhite321@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 8:40 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please have catch-and-release for wild steelhead

I live in Sacramento, CA and enjoy visiting Oregon for camping and fishing. To preserve native fisheries, please require catch and release for wild winter steelhead in the Rogue South Coast Conservation Management Plan.

Please collect extensive data to properly inform management of wild winter steelhead harvest on the Rogue and South Coast. Until that monitoring is in place and data available, I ask the Department to continue to provide the opportunity for catch and release angling for wild winter steelhead on the Rogue and south coast watersheds and harvest in the interim on hatchery origin stocks. These changes will provide the precautionary conservation management necessary to help restore and sustain wild abundance.

Thanks,

Harry White  
1728 Avondale Dr  
Roseville, CA 95747

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** Jake Christensen <jcflyfish@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 7:30 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Rogue river catch and release

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of and in favor for catch and release regulations for wild winter steelhead on the Rogue South Coast Conservation Management Plan. To many people, a fish is a fish, and they don't give it a second thought. To those who love fish and fishing, a fish is so much more. For many of us, fish, especially wild fish, give us the connection to nature that we all need. To many of us a life without fish, and fishing, wouldn't be a life at all. Wild fish need the opportunity to make a comeback. A big part of that will be catch and release regulations from this point forward. By mandating the release of all wild steelhead we will give them an opportunity to spawn and ensure a sustainable future. Up and down the west coast we are at a critical point. A point where decisions need to be made and enforced if we want the next generations to fish for and appreciate these amazing fish! Please, please consider my plea and the plea of many others who fight for the survival of wild steelhead. They are far too important to simply continue the course that is leading to their demise.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jacob Christensen DMD  
Emmett, Idaho

Sent from my iPhone

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** Nancy Kim <scribblernancy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 5:55 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Catch and release for wild steelhead

Dear ODFW,

I live in Washington, but advocate for the conservation of wild steelhead throughout their range. Steelhead returns hit historic nadirs in 2020 everywhere. I canceled my trip to the Skeena, a trip I have dreamed of taking since I started steelheading 15 years ago, due to the precarious state of this iconic fish. I support new rules to sustainably manage the threatened populations of steelhead on the Rogue and south coast rivers. I have studied the graphs and despite other negative factors such as climate change and dams, steelhead can thrive again if anglers and DFW work together to give them a fighting chance. Thanks in advance for considering my input.

Respectfully,  
Nancy Kim  
Seattle, WA

## **KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** Rich Fitterer <rsfitterer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 5:19 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Rogue South Coast CMP

Members of the Commission

I urge you to take a stand for the fish in our South Coast Rivers, especially the wild Steelhead. There are so many outside influences that are beyond our control.

Why not do everything possible to minimize the take once the fish reach their destination rivers?

Let's be a good example for those that follow us:

1. Make catch and release of all wild fish mandatory
2. Make fishing with a single barbless hook mandatory for all types of fishing gear
- 3 Pump as much money into habitat and restoration as possible

If we don't take stronger measures we will be fishing for ghosts like on the Skagit, Ho, and Deschutes!

It's up to you to do the right things. Catch and Release is free!

Rich Fitterer  
rsfitterer@yahoo.com  
Redmond Or

Sent from my iPhone

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** geffrey thompson <geffreyt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 5:01 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** steelhead

I'm a flyfisherman, and I totally support catch and release regulations for all steelhead for the foreseeable future...Let's save this fishery for future generations. We do not need to kill steelhead to feed our families.

Geffrey Thompson DMD

## KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW

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**From:** Todd M. Gooding <tgooding@skbcos.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 4:54 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Winter Steel Head Runs for the Rogue South Coast

Dear ODFW Commission,

I am strongly in favor of catch and release regulations for wild winter steelhead in the Rogue South Coast.

**TODD M. GOODING** | PRESIDENT | PRINCIPAL



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**From:** GERALD BOOMER SUSAN WRIGHT <BOOMERSUSAN@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 2:32 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Representative Boomer Wright

Commissioners,

I request that you please maintain the harvest of wild winter steelhead in Oregon SW streams. Our fisheries have been in emergency status for several years. Our streams, especially the Coquille, are in danger of the extinction of the native species of salmon. Our coast fisheries provide multi-million dollars to our coastal economy which is already in a fragile state. Abundance is the answer and our hatcheries, like Morgan Creek, are positive examples of what we must do to resurrect abundant fish in our streams and rivers. Morgan Creek is the example of how to implement a program to secure the native species as well as produce an abundance of fish in this time of fishery decline. I have been informed that the ODF&W has the expertise and knowledge to pursue abundance in our coastal streams. Now we need you to step up in leadership to propel us into the future where there are and abundance of fish in our streams so our coastal fishing industry, our local and out of state anglers, our guides, our local businesses, can all thrive in balance with an abundance of fish. We must never forget that in each of our decisions concerning protecting native species, that there is a native species that needs to be equally valued and protected.

They are humans. Humans who enjoy angling and buy licenses. They are humans that are commercial fisherman. They are the humans who are guides on our rivers and streams. They are humans who run businesses like RV parks and motels, restaurants, fishing supply stores, boat rentals, airports, car rentals, fuel stations, markets, to name a few. Lastly, they are our children who deserve a legacy and the right to angle and enjoy the benefits of an abundance of fish. There is an equity issue here also. Our disenfranchised humans, many of whom reside in our cities, deserve to have adequate access to abundant fisheries for their pleasure, food, and possible jobs. There must be a balance between in protecting all the species living in Oregon.

I request that you maintain the harvest of wild winter steelhead in Oregon SW streams.

**From:** Bob Main <rmain@co.coos.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 2:16 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Written testimony for: Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation December 16, 2021

**Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commissioners,**

**I am in favor of increasing releases from our hatcheries on the south coast. Without increasing releases, we will continue to experience already dangerously low fisheries returns. (as exhibited by the extreme low returns to the Coquille River in the past couple of years)**

**I am also in favor of our traditional model of conservation and maintaining a choice when it comes to harvest of wild fish.**

**Sincerely,**

**Bob Main, Chair  
Coos County Board of Commissioners**

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**From:** Lee Gobin <leegobin11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 5, 2021 12:24 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Harvesting of wild steelhead

Hello,

I support catch and release of wild steelhead because at this time, there is no data for adult populations and while steelhead populations are collapsing up and down the pacific coast it does not seem like the best management decision to allow harvest of wild steelhead.

Best Regards,  
Lee

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Best,  
Lee Gobin

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** 5 Star Charters <info@5stararters.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 5, 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** South coast steel head plan

The commission needs to follow the staffs recommendations and not groups such as the wild fish group and others, that only want to limit fishing , catching, and keeping, thank you. Mark Lottis. Gold beach Oregon

Sent from my iPad

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** jejoshua406@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 4, 2021 3:34 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** South coast multi species management plan

I support catch and release for the rogue south coast multi species management plan. There has been No data to show adult populations and sustainability. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Josh Edwards

Sent from my iPhone

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** Marcy Patridge <mmmouse62@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 3, 2021 12:30 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please maintain harvest of wild winter steelhead in Oregon SW steams

Jim and Marcy Patridge  
Bandon, Oregon

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** Don DeZurik <dezurikd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 8:25 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon

Dear Chair Wahl and ODFW Commission,

I'm from WI, & I fish OR for steelhead often. I favor C & R on all wild steelhead.

Sincerely,

Don DeZurik

dezurikd@gmail.com 54961

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** vibrant.scowls-0o@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diane Luck  
<vibrant.scowls-0o@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 6:38 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Take Action: Conserve Wild Fish on Oregon's South Coast

Dear ODFW Comission,

I am writing in regards to the Rogue/South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP). Due to low steelhead returns this year, we saw emergency fishing closures on the Deschutes, John Day, and North Umpqua Rivers. These closures caused considerable economic and recreational loss. We must protect the region's wild fish as well as the economies and communities that depend on them. Managing wild fish in a precautionary manner will not only help keep southern Oregon salmon and steelhead off the Endangered Species List, but will also set the region up to better withstand the climate shocks that we know are coming—and that, in some cases, are already here. The localized effects of climate change adds considerable uncertainty to our sense of how well these populations will adapt and survive in a warmer, dryer future. We must acknowledge that wild harvest, hatchery production, habitat loss/degradation, poor ocean conditions, and climate change all work synergistically, not in isolation, and are having detrimental effects on our already-depleted wild salmon and steelhead stocks. Where sufficient data are unavailable to adequately determine the population health in each of the RSP basins, conservation should be prioritized over wild harvest opportunities. Thank you for protecting our wild fish and for preserving and protecting the environment.

Sincerely,

Ms. Diane Luck

3204 NE 27th Ave Portland, OR 97212-2524 vibrant.scowls-0o@icloud.com

**KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW**

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**From:** Don DeZurik <dezurikd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:10 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

Dear Chair Wahl,

I am from Wisconsin, and I have fished SW OR 5 times. I favor catch & release of all wild steelhead.

Sincerely,

Don DeZurik  
E9337 Green Field Dr  
New London, WI 54961  
dezurikd@gmail.com

# **Public Correspondence**

**Received December , 2021**

**Subjects: Catch and Release or Wild  
Steelhead in Southern Oregon, RSP Final  
Public Comments, and Take Action:  
Conserve Wild Fish on Oregon's South Coast**

**194 individuals submitted the attached letters  
(Letters and List Attached)**

**25 individuals submitted the attached letters  
with additional comments  
(Letters Attached)**

## KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW

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**From:** Stephen Brehm <stevieb2@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:45 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon

Dear Chair Wahl and ODFW Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Commission on the October draft of the Rogue South Coast Multi-Species Conservation Management Plan (RSP). A plan centered around conservation and the long term health of identified species is critical to the future of these fish, the rivers, and the communities of southern Oregon. The following comments, concerns, and suggested changes are provided to ensure the conservation and future health of the identified species. I am deeply concerned the department did not consider public comments during the public comment period and has failed to provide the commission with the same suite of alternatives for discussion and consideration.

### Angling Alternatives

In response to the public draft of the RSP published in July, over 2,260 people asked the department to implement catch and release regulations until there is adequate adult monitoring. The Commission Draft, provided as Attachment 3 for Exhibit 3 of the October 15, 2021 Commission meeting, does not provide the commission with any alternatives for angling opportunities and does not propose catch and release for wild steelhead. I am very concerned that the department did not listen to the public and did not take their comments into consideration. Without current adult harvest monitoring, adult mortality, or adequate adult escapement for multiple generations, ODFW does not know the total impact of harvest on wild winter steelhead as a result of directed harvest and catch and release angling. I request the commission direct the department to change regulations to "Catch and Release" for wild winter steelhead on the Rogue and south coast until a five-year review of adequate monitoring data is available to inform harvest management.

### Management Triggers and Actions

The conservation status for all species has been indicated in the plan. The conservation status for Winter Steelhead on the south coast will be identified by juvenile occupancy. The Department did not provide examples of a management agency that successfully utilizes juveniles as a health indicator to evaluate overall population health or as a mechanism to take action to reverse species in decline. I ask that the department utilize adult spawner escapement from newly instated south coast spawning surveys after five years of plan implementation.

The conservation triggers in the draft RSP don't respond quickly enough to fish population decline. The Commission Draft RSP states action will be taken when a two year average is below conservation status, which is not adequate. When identified populations dip below conservation status in a single year, action needs to take place. Second, the plan must commit the Department to take action when populations reach an identified trigger similar to the Rogue Fall Chinook SMU Conservation Management plan, e.g. angling regulation changes, hatchery program changes, and habitat action changes.

Lastly, I request ODFW provide the following fundamental data on population health to manage species indicated in the plan:

- Adult spawner escapement in each watershed
- Juvenile measurements correlated to adult escapement in each watershed
- Effects of harvest (mandatory reporting of all harvest and catch and release)
- Effects of hatcheries (pHOS)

### Hatchery Actions

The current RSP provides a suite of actions that increase hatchery expansion throughout the Rogue and south coast.

I request that the department does not include any hatchery expansion in the RSP by making the following changes to the draft plan:

- Eliminate the newly proposed Euchre Creek and Winchuck River Mixed Emphasis Areas
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Sincerely,  
Stephen Brehm  
stevieb2@aol.com 97702

## KINGSLEY Lisa M \* ODFW

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**From:** Tim Arnold <timothy.v.arnold@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:09 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

Dear Chair Wahl,

I am writing to comment on the October draft of the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP). The RSP will dictate the management direction for many ecologically important steelhead waters, such as the Sixes, Coquille, Elk, and Rogue Rivers. A plan that prioritizes the long-term health of wild steelhead is necessary when the future is more uncertain than ever due to the impacts of climate change. I encourage you to strongly consider the following comments and suggested changes, as they are provided with the goal of restoring and sustaining wild steelhead abundance in the future.

### Angling Alternatives

Thank you for directing the department to include a catch and release alternative in the final draft of the RSP at the October 25th Commission meeting. In response to the public draft of the RSP published in July, over 2250 people asked the department to implement catch and release regulations until there is adequate adult monitoring data available. Without current adult harvest monitoring, adult mortality, or adequate adult escapement for multiple generations, ODFW does not know the total impact of harvest on wild winter steelhead as a result of directed harvest and catch and release angling. I request the commission direct the department to change regulations to "Catch and Release" for wild winter steelhead on the Rogue and south coast until a five-year review of adequate monitoring data is available to inform harvest management.

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I appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on the final draft of the RSP. I urge you to take a cautious management approach in a time when climate change makes it extremely difficult to predict trends in abundance and productivity. For wild steelhead to persist in numbers that can support fisheries in the future, a management approach that is informed by accurate and timely data needs to be taken. This type of management will sustain the long-term health of wild steelhead. Thank you for your time and consideration.








Sincerely,

Tim Arnold  
43735 State Highway 299 E  
Fall River Mills, CA 96028  
timothy.v.arnold@gmail.com


















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	Gene Weber	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Mon 12/6/2021 5...	49 KB			
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	John Sullivan	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Mon 12/6/2021 5...	49 KB			
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	Andy Montpas	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Mon 12/6/2021 4...	49 KB			
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	Kim Kosa	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Mon 12/6/2021 4...	50 KB			
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	Dean Baxter	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Mon 12/6/2021 4...	50 KB			
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	Nicholas Szatk...	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Mon 12/6/2021 2...	50 KB			
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	Jake Clark	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Sun 12/5/2021 10...	50 KB			
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	Steven Becker	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Sun 12/5/2021 9:...	49 KB			
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	Aiden Jenner	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Sat 12/4/2021 6:3...	50 KB			
	Dear ODFW, Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Commission on the October draft of the Rogue South Coast Multi-Species Conservation Management Plan (RSP).						
	Kole Lindor	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Sat 12/4/2021 5:5...	49 KB			
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	Scot Houska	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Sat 12/4/2021 3:0...	49 KB			
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	Thomas Houska	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Sat 12/4/2021 2:5...	49 KB			
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	Greg Houska	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Sat 12/4/2021 1:3...	49 KB			
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	Adam Risvold	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Fri 12/3/2021 11:...	50 KB			
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	Cole Leishman	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Fri 12/3/2021 9:5...	50 KB			
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	Jacob Ogden	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Fri 12/3/2021 9:2...	48 KB			
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	Jake Crawford	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Fri 12/3/2021 8:1...	51 KB			
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	Gary Howe	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Fri 12/3/2021 4:2...	50 KB			
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	Victor Colvard	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Thu 12/2/2021 9:...	49 KB			
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	Shea Lavalier	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Thu 12/2/2021 7:...	51 KB			
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	Kayley Mende...	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Thu 12/2/2021 4:...	51 KB			
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	Niall Boggs	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Thu 12/2/2021 4:...	49 KB			
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	Scott Hall	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Thu 12/2/2021 2:...	48 KB			
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	Colton Blaser	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Thu 12/2/2021 1:...	50 KB			
	Dear Colton,	Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Commission on the October draft of the Rogue South Coast Multi-Species Conservation Management Plan (RSP).					
	Peter Grossma...	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Thu 12/2/2021 1:...	49 KB			
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	Chris Myron	Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon	Thu 12/2/2021 12:...	50 KB			
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	DEAN SCHWA...	RSP Final Draft Comments	Sat 12/4/2021 7:0...	50 KB			
	Dear Chair Wahl,	I am writing to comment on the October draft of the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP). The RSP will dictate the management					
	Robert Hurley	RSP Final Draft Comments	Fri 12/3/2021 2:3...	50 KB			
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	Edward Rossi	RSP Final Draft Comments	Fri 12/3/2021 1:0...	51 KB			
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	Douglas Rohn	RSP Final Draft Comments	Fri 12/3/2021 12:...	52 KB			
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	Harold Beaver	RSP Final Draft Comments	Fri 12/3/2021 11:...	52 KB			
	Dear Chair Wahl,	I support catch and release programs. I am writing to comment on the October draft of the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP).					

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	John Storfold	RSP Final Draft Comments	Fri 12/3/2021 9:5...	51 KB			
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	wayne steneck	RSP Final Draft Comments	Fri 12/3/2021 8:0...	49 KB			
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	Tim Arnold	RSP Final Draft Comments	Fri 12/3/2021 3:5...	52 KB			
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	Brian Waters	RSP Final Draft Comments	Thu 12/2/2021 4:...	50 KB			
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	David Heller	RSP Final Draft Comments	Thu 12/2/2021 2:...	51 KB			
	Dear Chair Wahl,	Steelhead are my favorite fish. They are having trouble and need extra attention and help. Careful and conservative management is a must and I request that the RSP					
	Patrick Kallerm...	RSP Final Draft Comments	Thu 12/2/2021 2:...	50 KB			
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	Thom Peters	RSP Final Draft Comments	Thu 12/2/2021 1:...	51 KB			
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<shalynnpack@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 7:46 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Take Action: Conserve Wild Fish on Oregon's South Coast

Dear ODFW Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Rogue/South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP).

Southwest Oregon is home to beautiful, globally unique watersheds like the Rogue, Illinois, and Chetco Rivers. Productive habitats and wild fish runs power local economies and are an important part of Southwest Oregon communities. Due to low steelhead returns this year, we saw emergency fishing closures on the Deschutes, John Day, and North Umpqua Rivers. These closures caused considerable economic and recreational loss. We are committed to preventing this from occurring in the RSP area through precautionary management.

Key steps to safeguarding the region's wild fish—and the economies and communities that depend on them—include catch-and-release for wild winter steelhead during a five-year data collection period, robust population monitoring, and cautious management of wild fish emphasis areas.

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Where sufficient data are unavailable to adequately determine the population health in each of the RSP basins, conservation should be prioritized over wild harvest opportunities.

In order to protect wild fish in the RSP, I ask the commission to vote for the following alternatives.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments to the commission. We urge commissioners to manage these precious resources cautiously until the critical data gaps are ameliorated. Our best chance to have thriving wild salmon and steelhead populations in the future, is to act now.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 7:10 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon

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**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
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**Sent:** Sunday, December 5, 2021 10:34 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
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**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
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**Sent:** Friday, December 3, 2021 8:14 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

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**Sent:** Friday, December 3, 2021 8:05 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

Dear Chair Wahl,

I have watched, with great dismay, the demise of Steelhead from the Canadian, western Washington and Oregon fisheries that I frequent. This last year was/is a disastrous preamble to the extinction of West coast Steelhead. Catch and release fishing or No fishing at all is essential for preservation of this species of fish.

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**Sent:** Friday, December 3, 2021 6:25 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

Dear Chair Wahl,

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 5:50 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

Dear Chair Wahl,

I am a passionate steelhead angler and have had the good fortune to fish Oregon waters for many years. The rivers over which the ODFW Commissioners have influence are special places. These rivers and their fish are a part of the natural heritage of Oregon, and all those fortunate enough to step into their waters. They deserve the best that science and fisheries management can offer.

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**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
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**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 3:43 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

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**From:** Jeff Komar <jeffkoma@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:13 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Catch and Release for Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon

Dear Representative,

Harvesting wild Steelhead makes no sense and the reasons are in the data and numbers. Fishing with Bait for Steelhead when wild fish are in the system makes no sense for the reasons above and below. Fishing while in a boat for Steelhead (unless medically necessary for the specific angler) makes no sense as well. Don't wait till it's too late. Catch and release, barbless, artificial, while your boots are on the ground does make sense. Don't wait till it's too late, it will be your cross to bear when it is.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Commission on the October draft of the Rogue South Coast Multi-Species Conservation Management Plan (RSP). A plan centered around conservation and the long term health of identified species is critical to the future of these fish, the rivers, and the communities of southern Oregon. The following comments, concerns, and suggested changes are provided to ensure the conservation and future health of the identified species. I am deeply concerned the department did not consider public comments during the public comment period and has failed to provide the commission with the same suite of alternatives for discussion and consideration.

### Angling Alternatives

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Commission Draft of the RSP. Critical data and monitoring will be necessary to inform management of wild winter steelhead harvest on the Rogue and South Coast. Until that monitoring is in place and data available, I ask the Department to continue to provide the opportunity for catch and release angling for wild winter steelhead on the Rogue and south coast watersheds and harvest in the interim on hatchery origin stocks. These changes will provide the precautionary conservation management necessary to help restore and sustain wild abundance.

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:28 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
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Dear Chair Wahl,

I am a resident of the souther Oregon Coast and an avid steelhead angler. We can not afford to continue harvesting wild steelhead in rivers where there is no data at all concerning population numbers. This is shockingly bad management. End this regulation now. Establish a research program. It is 2021, there is no excuse for management not based on science.

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:44 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:36 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
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**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:33 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

Dear Chair Wahl,

I've been a dedicated fly fisherman for more than 60 years and am thrilled to say that my grandchildren are committed as well. I've been fortunate to fish in Oregon more than 'a few' times and am looking forward to another trip this May as I celebrate my grandson's graduation from Lewis & Clark

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:24 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
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**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:29 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
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**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:17 PM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW  
**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

Dear Chair Wahl,

Thanks for the opportunity to present an opinion. As a fourteen year full time fishing guide, I have a vested interest in wild steelhead preservation. It's my livelihood. That said, between streamside degradation and what seems to be poor management policy, we need to revisit how to keep these fish from being eradicated from the PNW. I've lived in or traveled to OR, WA & ID for the past 30 years and have witnessed a significant decline in the wild steelhead population. I have annually brought friends and co workers to experience the stalking and sometimes catching of my most revered fish on the planet. We spend our tourism dollars in your state. It's now been two years since I have returned to fish. I cannot support a management program which appears to decimate an entire species. I do hope to return someday with friends to chase wild fish again but that hinges on the action you take today. Please listen to organizations such as the Native Fish Society and enact PROTECTIVE measures to return wild fish to sustainable levels. Thank you for your time.  
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**Subject:** RSP Final Draft Comments

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Wild Steelhead are on the brink across their entire range..... it is absolutely unthinkable to continue to allow the harvest of any wild fish at this time. Until Oregon Fish and Game has a much more accurate population profile there is no way to possibly determine the impact that continued harvest will have on these populations. Please come to the decision to enforce Catch and Release for all Wild Steelhead on Oregon's beautiful coastal rivers....

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