

**Exhibit K**  
**Coastal Multi-Species Conservation  
and Management Plan**

**Supplemental Public Correspondence**

**Public correspondence received  
as of June 6, 2014**

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Luke Swanson <lukeswanson@me.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 11:10 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** No Wild Kill Umpqua

I am third generation on the Umpqua, we treasure the limited resource of a wild steelhead winter run. The Umpqua system has been through tremendous hardship and yet the fishery has prevailed. Please do not approve a wild kill on the Umpqua, not only for the fish, but for the future generations to enjoy wild steelhead.

Best wishes,

Luke Swanson  
541.680.4334  
[lukeswanson@me.com](mailto:lukeswanson@me.com)

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Matt Dutton <matt.dutton@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 1:43 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** josefminton@gmail.com; steelheadwater@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Fwd: Umpqua

To whom it may concern:

I routinely spend thousands of dollars each year in Oregon so I can catch & release wild Steelhead. I oppose any effort that further endangers our West Coast's waterways and wildlife, including a proposed winter wild fish kill on the Umpqua River.

Regards,  
Matt Dutton  
Shasta, CA

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On Tuesday, June 3, 2014 5:42 PM, Joe Minton <josefminton@gmail.com> wrote:

Guys,  
Please take a moment, read the below note and write a quick letter in support of steelhead. The note/request is from Rich Zellman who earns his living guiding the Umpqua and knows the importance fighting for these fish. He is someone you will enjoy swinging for steelhead on the Umpqua with, hopefully soon!  
Thank you!  
Joe

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rich Zellman <steelheadwater@gmail.com>  
**Date:** June 3, 2014 at 7:09:27 PM CDT  
**To:** josef minton <josefminton@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Umpqua

Hey Joe,

Need a favor. The Umpqua is being proposed for a winter wild fish kill. The decision comes down this Friday. Could you write a quick email to the odfw?

[odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)

Doesn't need to be lengthy. Just something like you value the Umpqua's robust wild steelhead run and spend your hard earned money to come to catch and release these wild fish so they keep returning and you do too. Add your own thoughts too, trust you

feel the same as I do on this subject. Keep the Umpqua wild! A few sentences can go along way.

Hope this finds you and Kerryann well. Looking forward to getting back on the water with you someday!

Best,

Rich

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Ray Chin <yosemiteaychin@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 12:05 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** North Umpqua No Kill - Support

To the Oregon Department of Fish and Game, I urge you to support a No Kill rule for the North Fork of the Umpqua. Although I reside in Northern California, I fish every year in Oregon. Please keep the fisheries strong.

Ray Chin  
Fly fisherman

**Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** Shane Milburn <smilburn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 12:59 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Coastal Management Plan for salmon/steelhead & Umqua Wild Steelhead

Dear Commissioners,

I can't attend the meeting this week but I wanted to voice my concerns as a tax payer, a fisherman and a supporter of Wild Steelhead on Umpqua Basin. Please do not approve any requests for allow the harvesting of wild steelhead in the Umpqua Basin.

The Umpqua basic is the last, best wild steelhead run in the United States, a world-famous fishery characterized by uniquely large fish as recognized in the CMP. Sound management requires caution with such a resource. ODFW relies on their 2004 Biological Assessment to support harvest. Based on admittedly sketchy data, ODFW estimates a run of 30,000 - 35,000 wild steelhead with over half coming from mainstem Umpqua River tributaries. Neither ODFW nor BLM can identify the tributaries with sufficient high quality rearing habitat to produce the half-million smolts needed for this estimated return.

Given the current budgetary problems ODFW is facing, you like can't devote enough resources to properly identify the current state of wild steelhead nor could you adequately monitor impacts from allowing harvest of wild steelhead. This isn't the time to increase pressure on the best wild run in the US, particularly when you don't have he budget to close monitor the effects.

**You don't want your legacy to be that you are responsible for destroying the last wild steelhead run in the US.**

Thank you for time and for not approving any requests to allow wild steelhead harvesting within the Umpqua Basin.

cheers

-shane

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Shane Milburn

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Email: [smilburn@gmail.com](mailto:smilburn@gmail.com)

**Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** chris curry <cjcurry2020@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 12:55 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wild Steelhead

I value the Umpqua's robust wild steelhead run and spend my hard earned money to come to catch and release these wild fish so they keep returning. Across the state they are a limited resource and where they do exist it's important to maintain their strength. Please Help Keep our Wild Fish

Thanks  
Chris

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Gertrud Turner <gertrudt@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 12:02 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** N Umpqua Wild Winter Steelhead

To: ODFW Commissioners

The N. Umpqua is a world famous fishery. I fished it many times till my mothers health grounded me. I urge you to vote yes for imposing a no kill regulation for wild Winter Steelhead on the N. Umpqua River. If not to protect the fish, then do it for the local economy. Sure the economy may see an upswing for a couple of years. But once the fishing descends into mediocrity; what then. How can it be good for the local economy when those people from all over the world stop coming. Do you really think the near by meat fishermen are going to make up for that lose of income.

Dave Turner  
San Jose, Ca.



## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Garrett Strickland <reelventuresonthefly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 11:13 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** A message from your boss

### The People

I write this email with concerns of your office's proposal on a winter fish kill for the Umpqua River. I value the Umpqua's robust wild steelhead run and spend my hard earned money to come to catch and release these wild fish so they keep returning. I also ask you take into consideration the hard working people that rely on people like us (fisherman) returning every year to pursue these fish. From the local fishing store owner, to the restaurants and most importantly the people that completely rely on our income that time of year, the local fishing guides.

I leave you with this

You always hear stories of our elders catching crazy numbers of fish and how great the fishing was...."those were the good ol days" Well this is our good ol days and the scary version is us telling our kids kids, or even worse our own kids, about how we use to catch wild fish and them in amazement about how wild fish use to exist. It's not too late so please do what you can to preserve wild fisheries because each individual wild steelhead is important

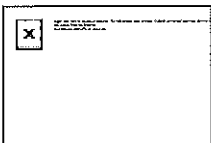
Thank You

*Garrett Strickland*

Owner/Head Guide

Reel Ventures On the Fly

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**ReelVentures OntheFly**  
about.me/garrettstrickland

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** David Kalinowski <david@flywatertravel.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 2:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** No Kill on Wild Umpqua Steelhead

Dear ODFW Commission,

Please do not open any part of the Umpqua system to harvest of wild steelhead. I have fished this system for the last 12 years. I have come to appreciate above all else the precious wild steelhead that inhabit this beautiful river. In today's age where stocks of these fish are declining all over the northwest why I ask, is it necessary to take one of the remaining strong runs of wild fish and put any additional impediments on their survival? Having just opened more spawning habitat above what was Soda Springs Dam, please allow these fish to complete their life's cycle and fill the the additional niche now available for them. Why must you as a commission look to impede the potential of our rivers? Why not give one of our most healthy river's a chance to reach it's maximum carrying capacity? Why is it acceptable to be satisfied with minimal escapement and not maximum? We need to give these fish more time and this hasty proposal is a short sighted view aiming to please a very small portion of the angling public.

I strongly oppose the proposal for wild steelhead harvest on the Umpqua.

Please do what's right for the fish.

David Kalinowski

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## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Robert Haswell <rwhaswell@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 1:54 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** No Kill on Umpqua

I can not express more strongly my belief that there should be no kill decision for the winter steelhead run on the Umpqua. Our steelhead populations are much too stressed, environmentally and by predators, to also be subjected to harvesting.

Robert W. Haswell  
975 Cambridge Ave  
Sunnyvale CA 94087

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Jim Myron <myrons@canby.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 1:57 PM  
**To:** Bobby Levy; Mike Finley; ODFW Commission  
**Cc:** Bill Bakke; Mike Moody; Peter Tronquet  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed amendments to CMP administrative rules  
**Attachments:** Stock Transfer Rule Proposal 5-24-14.docx

6.4.14

Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission members:

Attached is a revised version of the proposed amendments to the administrative rules for the CMP offered by the Native Fish Society that deal with the establishment of a new Stock Transfer Policy to replace the current policy that is being eliminated.

Thank you,  
Jim Myron, Lobbyist  
The Native Fish Society

**From:** Jim Myron  
**Sent:** Monday, May 26, 2014 9:37 AM  
**To:** Bobby Levy ; Mike Finley ; ODFW Commission  
**Cc:** Bill Bakke ; Mike Moody ; Peter Tronquet  
**Subject:** Proposed amendments to CMP administrative rules

5.26.14

Dear Chair Levy and Vice-Chair Finley:

The Native Fish Society has drafted proposed amendments to the administrative rules for the Coastal Management Plan that address the issue of a Stock Transfer Policy. Since the existing rule for the transfer of coastal Chinook stocks will be eliminated by the proposed new rules, we feel it's imperative to have a replacement in the new rule set rather than leaving these decisions completely up to the whim of the staff. We respectfully request that you have a motion to adopt this amendment and vote on the motion at your June meeting.

If we have any further changes to our proposed amendment prior to the meeting we will forward them to you. We would also be willing to discuss this proposal with you and the staff prior to the meeting.

Thanks,  
Jim Myron, Lobbyist  
The Native Fish Society

Replaces OAR 635-500-0145 (which is being eliminated)

Proposed amendments to OAR 635-500-6575 (6) (a)

Additional language to be added to (6) (a) (or other appropriate location)

#### Historical Background

As early as 1893 R. D. Hume, who owned a cannery and hatchery on the Rogue River, recognized the importance of salmon's adaptation to their home stream. He said: "I firmly believe that like conditions must be had in order to bring about like results, and that to transplant salmon successfully they must be placed in rivers where the natural conditions are similar to that form which they have been taken." In 1939, Hugh C. Mitchell, director of fish culture for the Oregon Fish Commission said that "...the older system of transferring by truck fish raised at a station on one stream to another stream for liberation, is now considered undesirable on account of the resulting disturbance to the homing instinct" Salmon managers did not have detailed knowledge of the salmon's biology in these early years, but they did appreciate the importance of the salmon's adaptation to their home stream. In 1995, with greater scientific knowledge, biologists from the National Marine Fisheries Service determined that the transfer of hatchery fish among tributaries contributed to the loss of native coho salmon in the lower Columbia River.<sup>1</sup> Its time to codify the probation of detrimental practice of stock transfers between rivers.

#### Stock Transfer Policy

The following policy will be applied to all river basins and populations within the geographic scope of the CMP. Its purpose is to stop the transfer of native fish or eggs between river basins except under extraordinary circumstances and under strict controls. This policy is based on the well-known fact that salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout, and resident rainbow trout have a strong attachment to their natal river basins. The drive to return to their natal stream to spawn is the well-spring of important biological attributes such as genetic and life history diversity and resilience. Transfer of fish and eggs between basins threatens the integrity of those attributes.

This stock transfer policy is consistent with the Native Fish Conservation Policy and with Oregon State Law (ORS 496.012 State Wildlife Policy) that requires the Oregon Department of Fish and

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<sup>1</sup> Hume R. D. 1893. Salmon of the Pacific coast. Schmidt Label & Lithographic Company, San Francisco.

Oregon Fish Commission. 1939. Biennial Report of the Fish Commission of the state of Oregon to the Governor and Fortieth Legislative Assembly, State of Oregon, Salem

T. Flagg and four others. 1995. The effects of hatcheries on native coho salmon populations in the lower Columbia River, pages 366-375, in H. Schramm and R. Piper, eds. American Fisheries Society Symposium no. 15. Bethesda, MD.

Wildlife and Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to “Prevent the serious depletion of any indigenous species.”

- (1) The general rule is that fish stocks or eggs will not be transferred between populations in coastal river basins.
- (2) Fish and/or eggs will not be transferred between river basins. The purpose of this policy is to protect Oregon’s native fish populations, their sustainability, productivity, abundance, and diversity.
- (3) The status and health of Oregon’s native fish populations will be evaluated and monitored by the Department and reported to the Commission every five years.
- (4) In river basins where native fish are documented as extinct by the Department a biologically suitable native stock may serve as a donor stock , but only after Commission approval and conditioned by specific, written stipulations and consistent with approved or amended basin fish management plans, the Native Fish Conservation Policy (OAR 635-007-0502), the State Wildlife Policy (ORS 496.012), and the Food Fish Policy (ORS 506.109 ).
- (5) Evaluation criteria and monitoring plans will be approved by the Commission prior to the transfer of fish or eggs to achieve scientifically sound biological objectives and to establish a self-sustaining stock. The Commission shall establish terms and conditions to be fulfilled including but not limited to fishery objectives, hatchery objectives, biological objectives and impacts of hatchery strays on native fish populations in other river basins.
- (6) If the conditions under (4) and (5) are met the transfer will only be implemented if the monitoring and evaluation can be fully funded.

The Native Fish Society

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## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Shiz Nakawatase <shiznaka@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 4:29 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Maintain The C&R Policy for Wild Umpqua Winter Steelhead

To whom it may concern:

My wife and I are Californians who travel every year to Oregon to fish the Umpqua River system for wild winter steelhead. Why? Simply in our view the Umpqua Steelhead fishery is the best in the USA. Please keep it the best by voting yes to continue imposing a no-kill policy for the wild winter Umpqua system steelhead.

In my opinion, if you allow the harvesting of wild winter steelhead in the Umpqua system, in a few short years the Umpqua will no longer be the best. Over the past decade, we have observed numerous anglers fishing for their limits of hatchery steelhead with much success. If the harvesting of wild steelhead is allowed, the angling pressure will overtax the fishery and have a drastic negative impact. It seems obvious the growth rate of the harvesting of wild winter steelhead along with hatchery fish, over time will exceed the rate of return of wild steelhead, resulting in the ultimate decline in the wild winter steelhead population. This occurred to our once great California' North Coast steelhead rivers, and in a very short span of time. Please, don't let that happen to your precious wild winter Umpqua River steelhead.

We belong to a CA fishing club and there are numerous members like us who travel to the Umpqua each year and choose to spend their hard earned dollars in Oregon because the steelhead fishing is "world class". The boost to the Oregon economy comes from expenditures for guides, lodging, gas, food, licenses, and sundry items. The daily average can approach a \$1,000 per angling day. Believe me, our expenditures will probably go to BC and elsewhere, if the quality of fishing in the Umpqua system declines.

So, I urge you to vote yes for a no-kill policy for wild Umpqua system steelhead to protect and maintain your precious assets: your wild winter Umpqua steelhead and related sport travel industry. By doing so, the fragile Umpqua wild steelhead fishery will continue to be sustained and world class.

Respectfully,

Shiz and Judy Nakawatase  
7114 Via Colina  
San Jose, CA 95139

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Evan LeBon <evanlebon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 4:11 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Manage the Umpqua Wild Steelhead Run: Keep Catch and Release!

To whom it may concern,

My name is Evan LeBon and I am a venture capital attorney living in San Francisco, CA. I am an avid sportsman and steelhead fly fisherman. I travel frequently to Oregon to fish and try to get on the water with a guide each year on the Umpqua. A significant portion of my recreational budget makes its way to Oregon, specifically to Douglas County, because of the Umpqua River's wild steelhead. I practice catch and release because it is the responsible way to manage this incredible resource.

Over time, I have seen a drastic increase in angling pressure and have always been in support of the river's catch and release policy so this incredible strain of fish is assured to continue to flourish. I am flabbergasted that the harvesting of wild Umpqua River steelhead is even being considered.

Why risk one of the last great wild winter steelhead runs when we have seen what has happened to other rivers in the past? Places like British Columbia have recognized the value of these wild fish and instated mandatory catch and release regulations decades ago. They have built an entire travel industry around providing people from all over the globe with an angler opportunity to come and "catch and release" the Province's wild steelhead.

The uncertainties presented as angling pressure rises exponentially is a real cause for concern. Let's please follow suit with the flourishing rivers of British Columbia and manage the Umpqua's great run of wild steelhead on the side of conversation. Catch and release makes the most sense for ensuring that these incredible fish continue to flourish and that angling dollars continue to roll into the Umpqua Valley.

Thank you,

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**Evan P. LeBon**  
[evanlebon@gmail.com](mailto:evanlebon@gmail.com) | 415.601.0341



## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Kyle Smith <kms2159@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 3:32 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** North Umpqua Steelhead Retention and CMP

Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for maintaining the no-harvest regulations imposed on North Umpqua River wild winter steelhead. As an angler living in the Willamette Valley, I regularly travel to the North Umpqua to fish for winter steelhead and will continue to spend my money on traveling to the area, purchasing a Sports Pac, and maintaining my equipment because I feel these fish are exceptional and deserving of our support and protection. Please do not bend to pressures to allow for kill of wild winter steelhead on the North Umpqua River. To do so would be a travesty.

Regards,

Kyle Smith  
President, Bluebacks Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Wild Fish Advocate, Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board  
Regional River Steward Coordinator, Native Fish Society

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Gary Katz <gary@katzbrand.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 2:21 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Catch-And-Release on the North Umpqua

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302  
(503)947-6000

To whom it may concern,  
I live on the Applegate River in Jacksonville County. I moved to Oregon partly to enjoy the rivers and to fish for steelhead. I've introduced my daughter and her husband to the Umpqua, by far my most favorite river, and expect that they'll become avid supporters of catch-and-release policies, too. But if we don't husband our natural resources, will their children be able to fish for native steelhead?

As my friend and professional guide, Scott Howell, says, angling pressure has increased dramatically over the last ten years (during the time I've been fishing the Umpqua!), partly spurred by advances in technology—spey rods and sink tips and even the science of tying flies. Catching steelhead is no longer a rare experience.

I fear if catch-and-release policies on the North Umpqua are abandoned, not only will the traffic on the river increase, but the pressure on the fishery will become unsustainable. Any fisherman familiar with that water would agree. And that traffic wouldn't be folks traveling from across the state or even out of state to fish the Umpqua, it would be local fishermen aiming to fill their freezers.

Without a catch-and-release policy, local businesses—hotels, restaurants, etc—would certainly suffer, and out-of-state fishing licenses would drop, too.

Catch-and-release policies don't hurt anyone, they only help protect our resources so that more people can enjoy them—which means more revenue for the state.

I wish I could make it up to Salem for the meeting on June 6, but I have to work so that I can fish the Umpqua in July. I hope I'll be able to continue fishing the Umpqua for years to come, and that my grandchildren will be able to catch wild steelhead on that river just as I've done. Your vote will make that possible.

Sincerely,  
Gary Katz

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## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Terry Thomas <hatcrek@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 4:28 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Umpqua Regulations

Dear Commission Members,

I have been fishing the North Umpqua River for over 20 years and cherish the experience. I would hope that a no kill winter fishery continues into the future. I travel all the way from the Sacramento area and spend several nights in the area. Changing the regulations to a "take" fishery would drastically alter the fishing experience. Please keep the Umpqua wild.

Thank you,  
Terry Thomas

Sent from my iPad

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Curtis Ciszek <curtisciszek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 3:57 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Why?

Do not let people kill wild steelhead on the umqua. Please don't let this happen. They're endangered.

-Curtis Ciszek

Sent from my iPhone

**Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** Jess Gibson <jessg@jessgibson.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 3:30 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us

Please don't let people kill wild fish on the North Umpqua. Wild Steelhead are endangered, remember?

Jess Gibson

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Thomas Stahl  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:13 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Update on Coastal Multi-Species Plan

Amanda,

Some more comments.

Tom

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**From:** Todd Hirano [<mailto:todddhirano@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 10:09 PM  
**To:** Alisha Morton  
**Cc:** [Thomas.Stahl@state.or.us](mailto:Thomas.Stahl@state.or.us); Jim Owens  
**Subject:** Re: Update on Coastal Multi-Species Plan

I am aware that the issue of wild harvest may come up at the upcoming commission meeting on Friday, June 6, 2014, thus I submit the following comments:

1. This is the last, best wild steelhead run in the United States, a world-famous fishery characterized by uniquely large fish as recognized in the CMP. Sound management requires caution with such a resource.
2. ODFW relies on their 2004 Biological Assessment to support harvest. Based on admittedly sketchy data, they estimate a run of 30,000 – 35,000 wild steelhead with over half coming from mainstem Umpqua River tributaries. Neither ODFW nor BLM can identify the tributaries with sufficient high quality rearing habitat to produce the half-million smolts needed for this estimated return (and it likely doesn't exist).
3. Pending Federal legislation would transfer management of O&C lands currently administered by BLM to state control, under the provisions of Oregon's Forest Practices Act. This will result in additional deterioration of fish habitat in mainstem Umpqua River tributaries
4. Climate change will have a disproportionately high impact on the upper Umpqua Basin for both flow levels and temperatures. As the only Cascade Mountains rivers in the CMP, the Umpqua headwaters depend on snowpack for summer flows, and snowpack is diminishing – note the recent news articles about record low snowpack in Crater Lake, the source for much of the North Umpqua summertime flows.
5. Given the budgetary problems ODFW is facing, there is concern over the ability to identify the current state of wild steelhead or adequately monitor impacts from harvest combined with these other factors. This isn't the time to increase pressure on the best wild run in the US.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Todd Hirano  
Springfield, OR  
(541) 852-1306

On Wednesday, May 28, 2014 10:18 AM, Alisha Morton <[alisha.morton@coganowens.com](mailto:alisha.morton@coganowens.com)> wrote:

## **COASTAL MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Commission Draft *Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan* (CMP) was presented to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (OFWC) at its April 25, 2014 meeting in North Bend. Thank you to all who testified in that public hearing. The CMP and your input were favorably received by the OFWC.

The final draft CMP is being presented to the OFWC for approval on June 6, 2014 at ODFW Headquarters in Salem. Public testimony will again be heard as part of this agenda item, which we expect to be taken up most likely after 10:00 AM (please note that agenda items are subject to change and we cannot provide a time-certain). Details on this meeting can be found on the OFWC website (scheduled to be posted by 5:00 PM on May 28):

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/>. The final draft CMP and Executive Summary will also be posted by 5:00 PM on May 28

at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/CRP/coastal\\_multispecies.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/CRP/coastal_multispecies.asp). In addition to testifying at the Commission meeting, written public comments can be submitted prior to the meeting to:

[ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us), [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us), or Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR 97302.

Thanks for your continuing interest!

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## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:13 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Protect the N Umpqua steelhead with a no-kill mandate

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**From:** Matthew Bien [<mailto:matthewbien@me.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 5:41 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Protect the N Umpqua steelhead with a no-kill mandate

Dear Mr. Davis,

Please protect the winter steelhead on the North Umpqua with a no-kill mandate for wild steelhead. Your support is critical to preserving these great fish.

Matthew Bien



## Amanda Mckenzie

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Matthew Bien

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:14 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua River

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

**From:** Brady Johnstone [<mailto:brady@bjohnstone.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 6:02 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Umpqua River

To whom it may concern,

I heard you are considering a winter wild fish kill on the Umpqua River. I am disappointed to hear that. I live in San Francisco and for the past several years have made 2 trips a year to the North Umpqua. Each trip is for 4-6 days of fishing. It is one of my favorite places to chase steelhead, especially wild fish. The river is one place I can count on getting into wild fish, something that makes a huge difference to me. I always catch and release so that other can have to the same experience of catching these beautiful wild fish. It would be a shame if people were allowed to kill any of them. They are the best in the lower 48 that I have ever caught. I hope you change you mind.

Sincerely,  
Brady Johnstone

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:14 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua river

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

**From:** Jamie Montesi [<mailto:james.montesi@noaa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 6:39 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Umpqua river

Please do not pass the proposal to allow a winter wild fish kill on the umpqua. There are plenty of rivers in OR where people can go catch and keep winter steelhead. Not all rivers need to allow it. Also, please keep it wild, no hatcheries. Not all rivers need hatcheries either. I do not support it and spend a lot of time and money in the region to catch and release wild fish. Unfortunately, That will stop if this happens. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Jamie Montesi  
Hydrologist  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1655 Heindon Road  
Arcata, CA 95521  
Ph: 707-825-1622

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:14 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: North Umpqua No Kill [Coastal Management]

**From:** Anthony Fischer [<mailto:ajfisch@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 9:53 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** North Umpqua No Kill [Coastal Management]

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the present ruling of NO KILLING of Wild Steelhead in the North Umpqua River.

1. This is the last, best wild steelhead run in the United States, a world-famous fishery characterized by uniquely large fish as recognized in the CMP. Sound management requires caution with such a resource.
2. ODFW relies on their 2004 Biological Assessment to support harvest. Based on admittedly sketchy data, they estimate a run of 30,000 – 35,000 wild steelhead with over half coming from mainstem Umpqua River tributaries. Neither ODFW nor BLM can identify the tributaries with sufficient high quality rearing habitat to produce the half-million smolts needed for this estimated return (and it likely doesn't exist).
3. Pending Federal legislation would transfer management of O&C lands currently administered by BLM to state control, under the provisions of Oregon's Forest Practices Act. This will result in additional deterioration of fish habitat in mainstem Umpqua River tributaries
4. Climate change will have a disproportionately high impact on the upper Umpqua Basin for both flow levels and temperatures. As the only Cascade Mountains rivers in the CMP, the Umpqua headwaters depend on snowpack for summer flows, and snowpack is diminishing – note the recent news articles about record low snowpack in Crater Lake, the source for much of the North Umpqua summertime flows.

Thank you,

Anthony Fischer

Roseburg, Oregon

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:15 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: North Umpqua

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

**From:** Garlick, Tim [<mailto:Tim.Garlick@cassidyturley.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 10:02 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** North Umpqua

Hi -

I have heard through fishing community you are considering a winter wild fish kill on the North Umpqua? I am very disappointed to hear the news, I think it is one of the most beautiful rivers I have fished and it is where I caught my first steelhead. I live in San Francisco and have traveled there to catch these amazing wild fish every season since my first catch three seasons ago. Not only are they a beautiful species but the fight can not be matched. I always catch and release so future anglers and hopefully one day my kids will be able to do the same. I truly hope you will reconsider.

From a very concerned friend of the wild steelhead

Tim Garlick

Sent from my iPad

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:15 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: No to the Wild Fish Kill!!!

**From:** Christopher Nolte [<mailto:chriswnolte@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 10:02 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** No to the Wild Fish Kill!!!

This is the last, best wild steelhead run in the United States, a world-famous fishery characterized by uniquely large fish as recognized in the CMP. Sound management requires caution with such a resource.

please dont fuck it up!

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**Christopher Nolte**  
**[www.Nb-photography.com](http://www.Nb-photography.com)**  
**541 480 5895**

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:15 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on the Coastal Management Plan

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**From:** Brian Hennes [<mailto:behennes@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 10:10 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Comments on the Coastal Management Plan

Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I write to urge the Commission to refrain from allowing any harvest of wild steelhead on the Umpqua River. My position is based upon the following:

1. This is the last, best wild steelhead run in the United States, a world-famous fishery characterized by uniquely large fish as recognized in the CMP. Sound management requires caution with such a resource.
2. ODFW relies on their 2004 Biological Assessment to support harvest. Based on admittedly sketchy data, they estimate a run of 30,000 – 35,000 wild steelhead with over half coming from mainstem Umpqua River tributaries. Neither ODFW nor BLM can identify the tributaries with sufficient high quality rearing habitat to produce the half-million smolts needed for this estimated return (and it likely doesn't exist).
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5. Given the budgetary problems ODFW is facing, they cannot identify the current state of wild steelhead or adequately monitor impacts from harvest combined with these other factors. This isn't the time to increase pressure on the best wild run in the US.

Sincerely,

Brian Hennes

Eugene, Oregon

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:16 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Online Petition Against Killing Wild Fish

**From:** Mark Stangeland [<mailto:riverflyguide@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 10:20 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Online Petition Against Killing Wild Fish

Dear Commission,

I respectfully submit this online petition with over 2000 signatures on it. All have signed in support of strict catch and release practices for all wild steelhead in the Umpqua drainage. This petition was started in 2008 and has been ongoing since then.

This petition shows an overwhelming amount of support from those that see this resource as special and worth preserving. Allowing a kill on wild fish at this point in time will not be good for long term sustainability of this incredible race of fish. We simply can't risk the detrimental effects of a wild fish kill. There is no credible available science that can support the killing of wild fish. There is plenty of opportunity to provide a sport fishery without killing wild fish.

Please add these over two thousand voices to those that have already spoken up for wild fish.

See petition here- <http://www.petitiononline.com/umpqua08/petition.html>

Sincerely,

Mark Stangeland  
FlyFishing Guide  
North Umpqua Fly water

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:16 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua River Wild Steelhead

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**From:** [CAM2NDD@aol.com](mailto:CAM2NDD@aol.com) [mailto:CAM2NDD@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 10:27 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Umpqua River Wild Steelhead

I travel from CA to Oregon and have enjoyed fishing for the Wild Steelhead in the Umpqua. I value the Wild Steelhead and **don't support** your new policy changes of three new wild steehead harvest fisheries and increasing the rate of hatchery fish on the spawning grounds in some areas of the Coastal Oregon Watersheds. California already does way to much of this, that's why I go north.. I hope to continue to be able to fish the Umpqua.

Linda Slater, Redding Ca.

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:17 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW:

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

**From:** Rob Rovetta [<mailto:rob.rovetta@sbcglobal.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 11:17 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:**

6/4/2014

To: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)

As a west coast fisherman, I am concerned for the health and well-being of our fisheries in Oregon, Washington, and California. It seems they are threatened more and more each year. To protect them, I urge and fully support a "YES" votes on imposing a no-kill mandate for wild Winter Steelhead.

As all of you who will make this important decision a reality are fully aware, our best fisheries are already under lots of pressures with our Steelhead populations struggling to maintain healthy numbers, not to mention show healthy population growths. These are beautiful creatures that have an almost prehistoric toughness about them that makes them challenging to catch in every way. It would be very sad to see this critically important vote in any direction other than for a no-kill mandate.

Since there are already far too many severely depleted Steelhead fisheries, let's not add the N Umpqua to an already sad situation.

Regards,

Rob Rovetta  
1810 Gateway Drive, Suite 150  
San Mateo, CA 94404

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:17 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Wild Steelhead Take on the Umpqua.

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

From: Ed Filice [<mailto:efilice@sonomawineco.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 5:18 AM  
To: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
Subject: Wild Steelhead Take on the Umpqua.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife-

First, a thank you. I'm a regular visitor to your fair State for the purposes of enjoying the outdoors, mainly, fly fishing. I am a huge proponent of your beautiful camping facilities, and exemplary care of same. I do a bi-yearly trip to the North Umpqua which includes several guide dates, and Inn stay's. I always marvel at how Oregon has preserved The Wild, yet keeps it reasonably accessible.

My request: please do every thing in your considerable power to preserve "The Wild" experience by not allowing the taking of the precious wild steelhead from the Umpqua River, main stem for the sacred waters of The North Umpqua. The allowed harvest of wild fish will increase the percentage of hatchery fish in the system. Thereby, weakening the resulting fishery. Several studies support this. Most notable is the recent recovery of the wild fish population on Northern California's Eel River, without the support of a hatchery. Wild steelhead are "the canary in the coal mine" and a precious resource. For our children, and grand children's sake, please preserve The Wild. There's precious little left.

Thanks for listening.

Ed Filice

Winemaker

Purple Wine Company

341 Avenida Barbera

Sonoma, California

805-456-9447, cell

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:18 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: No kill

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

From: Keichi Aoyagi [[mailto:keichi\\_aoyagi@mac.com](mailto:keichi_aoyagi@mac.com)]  
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 5:19 AM  
To: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
Subject: No kill

Dear Sir,

Please keep the N. Umpqua as no kill. It is simple rule, easy to follow. It is the best way to maintain the Umpqua for next generations of fisherman to enjoy. Oregon and Oregonian should be proud to take proactive conservation of steelhead. Steelhead are not for tables.

Respectively yours,

Keichi Aoyagi  
2030 Crist Drive  
Los Altos CA  
94024

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:18 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Keep the Umpqua Wild

**From:** Todd Clarke [<mailto:toddwmclarke@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 5:51 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Keep the Umpqua Wild

To whom it may concern,

My name is Todd Clarke and I live in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada. I am a steelhead fisherman that travels regularly to fish with a guide on the Umpqua. I come to the Umpqua because of the fantastic wild steelhead catch & release opportunity it provides. I find it amazing that the harvesting of wild Umpqua River steelhead is even being considered. Why risk one of the last great wild winter steelhead runs when we have seen what has happened to other rivers in the past?

Just look at what happened to the Thompson River run? Virtually decimated by the over harvesting of these beautiful creatures. Only now after decades of abuse and an attempt to rehabilitate, is the run even marginally starting to return to fish-able numbers.

Here in British Columbia, we recognized the value of these wild fish and instated mandatory catch and release regulations decades ago. We have built an entire travel industry around providing people from all over the globe with an angler opportunity to come and "catch and release" the Province's wild steelhead.

The uncertainties presented as angling pressure rises exponentially is a real cause for concern. Let's please follow suit with the flourishing rivers of British Columbia and manage the Umpqua's great run of wild steelhead on the side of conversation. Catch and release makes the most sense for ensuring that these incredible fish continue to flourish and that angling dollars continue to roll into the Umpqua Valley.

Thank you,

Todd Clarke  
Fred's Custom Tackle & Fly Shop  
Abbotsford, BC Canada

**Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:18 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua winter wild fish kill

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**From:** Blake, Michael C [<mailto:mblake@stifel.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 6:08 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Umpqua winter wild fish kill

To whom it may concern,  
I heard you are considering a winter wild fish kill on the North Umpqua. Hard to wrap my head around the idea of killing beautiful wild steelhead when fish populations are shrinking. Not even sure who comes up with ideas like that? Figured you would be more concerned with invasive species or river pollution. I was lucky enough to travel to the North Umpqua last year for the first time. We had a great spey trip and despite only catching (and releasing) one fish (wild) in three days, I was extremely happy to be there and planned on returning. However, I was very disappointed to hear that you would even consider this fish kill and that my chances of returning and catching wild steelhead would be greatly diminished. I live in San Francisco and can travel many places to fish. I can go anywhere to catch hatchery fish, but the North Umpqua offered a beautiful backdrop for catching wild steelhead. The river is one place I can count on for getting a shot at wild fish, something that DOES make a difference to me. It would be a shame if people were allowed to kill any wild fish. I hope this serves as a reminder that there are people out there that DO care about what happens to our wild fish, hope you change your mind.

Best,  
Michael Blake

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## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:18 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua Steelhead

**From:** Keith Frady [<mailto:jkfrady@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 6:27 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Umpqua Steelhead

ODFW Commission:

I support the **no harvest of wild steelhead** regulation in the Umpqua Basin. Please continue this policy!

Thank you in advance.

Keith Frady  
855 Locust St.  
Oakland, OR 97462  
[jkfrady@gmail.com](mailto:jkfrady@gmail.com)

## **Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:19 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Please no kill on wild fish on the Umpqua

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**From:** [stevie\\_b@comcast.net](mailto:stevie_b@comcast.net) [[mailto:stevie\\_b@comcast.net](mailto:stevie_b@comcast.net)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 6:33 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Please no kill on wild fish on the Umpqua

The native winter steelhead of the Umpqua River need your protection.

These fish are too valuable too be killed.

Thank you, Steve Brehm

Eugene, OR

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:19 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Coastal Management Plan Meeting

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**From:** William Kessler [<mailto:wkessler@me.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 6:33 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Coastal Management Plan Meeting

Gentlemen,

As a long-time fly fisherman for steelhead, I've always consider the North Umpqua my "home" steelhead river, even though I live 2000 miles away. I've fished it nearly every year for over 40 years. I don't believe I have to tell you how precious this resource is.

I understand that there appears to be movement afoot to attempt to request the harvest of wild winter steelhead from the Umpqua basin. To do that to the last, best run of wild steelhead in the US would be a *travesty*.

Please resist any attempts to lift the no-kill regulation anywhere on this river system. The resource and these fish are just too precious.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William Kessler  
2200 Spencer Hill Road  
Corning, NY 14830

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:19 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: No harvest of wild steelhead

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

**From:** Jen Matthews [<mailto:email.jmatthews@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 7:15 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** No harvest of wild steelhead

Dear ODFW Commission,  
I'm writing to support the no kill regulations for wild steelhead on the Umpqua River. Please protect our wild fish. Thank you, Jen Matthews

Sent from my iPad

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:19 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Coastal Management Plan Comment

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

From: Dean Baxter [<mailto:dbaxter4@me.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 7:56 AM  
To: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
Subject: Coastal Management Plan Comment

To whom it concerns,

Please don't allow harvest of Native Winter Steelhead on the North Umpqua River. The North Umpqua is a unique fishery and its Native Winter Steelhead run should be protected from harvest in order to preserve its long term survival. There are plenty of other opportunities to harvest Winter Steelhead for those inclined to. Please take into consideration the following comments when making your decision.

Thank you,

Dean M. Baxter  
Eugene, Oregon

1. This is the last, best wild steelhead run in the United States, a world-famous fishery characterized by uniquely large fish as recognized in the CMP. Sound management requires caution with such a resource.
2. ODFW relies on their 2004 Biological Assessment to support harvest. Based on admittedly sketchy data, they estimate a run of 30,000 - 35,000 wild steelhead with over half coming from mainstem Umpqua River tributaries. Neither ODFW nor BLM can identify the tributaries with sufficient high quality rearing habitat to produce the half-million smolts needed for this estimated return (and it likely doesn't exist).
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5. Given the budgetary problems ODFW is facing, they cannot identify the current state of wild steelhead or adequately monitor impacts from harvest combined with these other factors. This isn't the time to increase pressure on the best wild run in the US.

Sent from my iPad

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:19 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua wild steelhead

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**From:** Chris O'Donnell [<mailto:orguide@quixnet.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:06 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Umpqua wild steelhead

Hi,

My name is Chris O'Donnell. I am a fishing guide on the Deschutes River. I am writing this to express my concern about opening up wild steelhead harvest on the Umpqua system. This is one of the few remaining strongholds for big wild winter steelhead in United States. Why would you compromise this so that a few local people can keep wild fish? I travel to the Umpqua every year, sometimes twice a year to chase these beauties and the thought of not visiting and spending my time (and money) on the Umpqua is pretty sad. Please keep the Umpqua a catch and release fishery for all wild steelhead. Thanks for reading.

Chris O'Donnell

**Chris O'Donnell**  
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PO Box 42  
Maupin, OR 97037  
(541) 978 - 0152  
[fishdeschutes.com](http://fishdeschutes.com)



## Amanda Mckenzie

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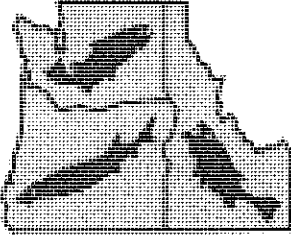
**From:** Amanda Mckenzie <amanda.mckenzie@state.or.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:26 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: (no subject)

**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:13 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: (no subject)

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**From:** [DDAronian@aol.com](mailto:DDAronian@aol.com) [<mailto:DDAronian@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 5:30 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Gentlemen and ladies.....as a long time fan of the Numpqua and also as an ardent winter fisher person on the O.P I am shocked to hear that you might consider a 'kill of wild winter fish' on the Numpqua. Are you inviting the Hoh Nation to join in?....are you thus licensing your indigenous peoples to begin netting??.... with depleting stock of wild fish in almost any given river in the US of A that has anadromous species what could you be thinking? There are precious few critters with adipose fins in many too many rivers to even think about killing them. Offer a hatchery fish to any fisherman who claims to have released a wild fish! WOW, now there's a thought! John Aronian aka Grampus the survivor



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June 4, 2014

Bobby Levy, Chair

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302

Re: Coastal Multi Species Conservation and Management Plan

Chair Levy, Director Elicker and Member of the Commission,

On behalf of the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, I am writing in support of Commission adoption of the Coastal Multi Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) before you for consideration on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Due to a fundraising event in Seattle, I regret that we are unable to present testimony in person.

Your staff is to be commended for the Plan before you today for many reasons. The process was transparent, advice was sought from both statewide organizations and individuals with unique and local knowledge, and staff repeatedly made adjustments to the Plan based on thoughtful public input.

Also to be appreciated is the effort to create a plan for the future that is not driven by crises, rather meeting the requirements of the Department's Native Fish Conservation Policy and a desire to ensure healthy and robust fisheries into the future.

In the 'portfolio' approach it appears the department has, with much public input, attempted to protect the important economics of hatchery (and wild) fisheries in coastal streams. We appreciate the fact that overall hatchery production is increased in the plan, yet some areas are enhanced for wild fish populations. Presumably, this approach will increase the economic benefit of hatchery and wild fisheries to communities and to our industry and increase protections wild populations at the same time. We trust the agency will follow through with monitoring the success of both the economic and biological responses to the Plan. With limited resources, placing monitoring and research priorities on specific streams of concern and partnering with outside entities is strategic.

With regards to the harvest of wild steelhead, NSIA is not opposed when there is biological justification and social support for doing so.

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Sadly, we are in an era where radical organizations have turned to the courtrooms and turned the discussion into a hatchery vs wild debate. Those of us, in what can be called “the big middle”, know that this is a false choice and appreciate that the Plan enhances the economic and biological diversity of both.

The CMP is a unique opportunity to learn from and laudable if this approach avoids future management decisions driven by listings, litigation or legislation. We certainly hope that Commission adoption of the Coastal Multi Species Conservation and Management Plan will inoculate coastal streams and our state from further lawsuits and legislation that pits those of us who love fishing for both hatchery and abundant wild fish against each other.

Liz Hamilton  
Executive Director  
NSIA

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Jessica Sall  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 10:10 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

Thought you might want this as well.

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 9:39 AM  
**To:** Teri Kucera; Jessica Sall  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

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**From:** James A. Nudelman [<mailto:JAN@xraydocs.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 9:20 AM  
**To:** 'odfw.comments@state.or.us'  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

### PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other  
Name: James A. Nudelman  
E-mail: [jnudelman@xraydocs.com](mailto:jnudelman@xraydocs.com)

Comment:

To whom it may concern,

My name is James Nudelman and I live in Corpus Christi, Texas and Medford, OR. I am a steelhead fisherman that travels to fish with a guide each year on the Umpqua. I bring my dollars to Douglas County to specifically catch and release the Umpqua River's wild steelhead. Over the years, I have noticed a drastic increase in angling pressure and have always been in support of the river's catch and release policy so this incredible strain of fish is assured to continue to flourish. I find it amazing that the harvesting of wild Umpqua River steelhead is even being considered. Why risk one of the last great wild winter steelhead runs when we have seen what has happened to other rivers in the past? Places like British Columbia have recognized the value of these wild fish and instated mandatory catch and release regulations decades ago. They have built an entire travel industry around providing people from all over the globe with an angler opportunity to come and "catch and release" the Province's wild steelhead. The uncertainties presented as angling pressure rises exponentially is a real cause for concern. Let's please follow suit with the

flourishing rivers of British Columbia and manage the Umpqua's great run of wild steelhead on the side of conversation. Catch and release makes the most sense for ensuring that these incredible fish continue to flourish and that angling dollars continue to roll into the Umpqua Valley.

Thank you,

James A. Nudelman

## **Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:26 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: No Harvest of Wild Steelhead

**From:** David Kalinowski [<mailto:david@flywatertravel.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:50 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission  
**Subject:** No Harvest of Wild Steelhead

Dear odfw,

I strongly oppose wild steelhead harvest in any system and here's why.

You do not have accurate data on harvest rates in any of these systems.

You continue to sell daily licenses to guides throughout this state, who can sell as many of those they can. I have witnessed the discussions between these guides on "how to get around the 1 fish limits and 5 per year" on the south coast. They continue to load their boats with daily clients and can harvest up to 1 wild fish per day per client! On a system like the Elk, Sixes, etc. they likely take a good portion of the capable spawners. So in my estimation there is no way to determine the accuracy of harvest totals. Not to mention the lack of sending in the harvest cards by most anglers. Your surveys and survey crews are not collecting enough to have a good sample size. So your guesses as to what is sustainable is in my estimation not true science and until you can accurately estimate these totals and enforce the laws you already have in place, I will continue to oppose all wild steelhead harvest in this state

Please do what's right for our precious natural resources and not for what a select few want for the freezers!

David Kalinowski

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## **Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:26 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Please do NOT allow the harvest of wild steelhead on the Umpqua River

**From:** Ross Wood [<mailto:rossevanwood@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 9:03 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Please do NOT allow the harvest of wild steelhead on the Umpqua River

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern for the well being of wild steelhead stocks on the Umpqua River. As a Sportsman and a Conservationist I feel that preserving the wild steelhead stocks and ensuring that the Umpqua river remains catch and release only is an important issue not only to Oregon but to Steelhead Conservation as a whole. Please see the list of reasons below as to why it is important.

This is the last, best wild steelhead run in the United States, a world-famous fishery characterized by uniquely large fish as recognized in the CMP. Sound management requires caution with such a resource. Many anglers, my self included travel to the Umpqua to experience this unique river and its special fish. They are the reason I am planning at trip to Oregon for this September.

ODFW relies on their 2004 Biological Assessment to support harvest. Based on admittedly sketchy data, they estimate a run of 30,000 – 35,000 wild steelhead with over half coming from mainstem Umpqua River tributaries. Neither ODFW nor BLM can identify the tributaries with sufficient high quality rearing habitat to produce the half-million smolts needed for this estimated return (and it likely doesn't exist).

Pending Federal legislation would transfer management of O&C lands currently administered by BLM to state control, under the provisions of Oregon's Forest Practices Act. This will result in additional deterioration of fish habitat in mainstem Umpqua River tributaries

Climate change will have a disproportionately high impact on the upper Umpqua Basin for both flow levels and temperatures. As the only Cascade Mountains rivers in the CMP, the Umpqua headwaters depend on snowpack for summer flows, and snowpack is diminishing – note the recent news articles

about record low snowpack in Crater Lake, the source for much of the North Umpqua summertime flows.

Given the budgetary problems ODFW is facing, they cannot identify the current state of wild steelhead or adequately monitor impacts from harvest combined with these other factors. This isn't the time to increase pressure on the best wild run in the US

Sincerely,

Ross Wood



## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:27 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: release all wild Umpqua steelhead

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

From: Patrick Buresh [<mailto:pburesh67@bendbroadband.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 9:00 AM  
To: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
Subject: release all wild Umpqua steelhead

It seems clear that this river is different and should be given every opportunity to remain a special place. Please keep the current regs in place.

The run is strong so let's keep it that way. Why experiment with a harvest that could put this run in the same sad state as other winter runs on the coast? There is enough harvest opportunity as is.

It seems the data being used to suggest a harvest is sustainable is questionable. If a change in regs is authorized, I would expect it would be based on sound data. There should also be a study funded to monitor the impact on the returns. Given the lack of funding at ODFW, I doubt this could happen.

In summary - a lot of risk for a very small reward. Leave it alone!

thanks,

Patrick Buresh

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:27 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: North Umpqua Winter Wild Fish Kill

**From:** Sam Maher [<mailto:sam.maher8@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 9:31 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Reg: North Umpqua Winter Wild Fish Kill

Hello,

My name is Sam Maher, an avid fly fisherman located in the north west. I just wanted to pass along my support for the wild steelhead run in the North Umpqua and other rivers around the north west. As you know, this is one of the most challenging species of fish to catch on the fly and lowering the population through a winter fish kill will have a large impact on the overall population of steelhead (winter and summer). I am a catch and release fisherman who is only fishing for the sport.

Losing wild fish runs all over the country from man made environmental impacts is a detriment to the fly fishing industry. Anglers from all over the world come to places like the North Umpqua to fish hard for some of the most robust and beautiful steelhead runs!

Thank you for reading and taking my opinion into consideration.

-Sam Maher

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:27 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Winter Wild Fish Kill

**From:** Michael Maher [<mailto:michael@taylorstitch.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 9:53 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Winter Wild Fish Kill

To Whom It May Concern,

It concerns me that this is being proposed in at all. Steelhead runs are already down across the PNW and to allow for a fish kill seems incredibly detrimental.

It is amazing that the Umpqua has a nice run of Steelies as it is and to think that catch and release sportsmen who come from near and far would have that opportunity jeopardized is crazy. I am simply sending my wishes that this would never be allowed to happen for the hope of keeping the river wild as it was meant to be.

Thank you,  
Mike

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Mike Maher  
Taylor Stitch  
207.756.9310

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:28 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua

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**From:** Scott Vix [<mailto:svix@tricommercial.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 10:14 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Umpqua

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention that you are considering a winter wild fish kill and I am writing to let you know that I think this is a terrible mistake.

I am a novice steel head fisherman but from my research and conversation with experts have come to learn that this is not the way to responsibly manage our precious fish resources.

I hope that you take consider the perspectives of the steel head fishermen before taking such a course of action.

Sincerely,

Scott Vix

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:29 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua wild steelhead

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**From:** Aron Bosworth [<mailto:aronbosworth@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 10:32 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Umpqua wild steelhead

Dear ODFW,

I recently learned of a proposal for another winter wild steelhead kill on the N Umpqua. I am one of a group of out of state anglers that come to the Umpqua to catch and release these amazing fish. I value the Umpqua's rare and healthy wild steelhead population, as do many others I know, and hope to continue coming back to catch and release wild steelhead. We would like to see them continue to return in healthy numbers and to avoid the fate of so many other PNW rivers that have seen their wild steelhead populations decline. Please keep the Umpqua wild.

Sincerely,

Aron Bosworth | 503.545.2816

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:29 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua Wild Steelhead

**From:** Charlie Erdman [<mailto:cerdman44@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:23 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Umpqua Wild Steelhead

Dear Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission:

First, I appreciate your hard work in managing and conserving the aquatic and terrestrial resources within Oregon.

Second, I am writing this email to show my support in opposing the harvest of wild steelhead on the Umpqua River. Wild steelhead are important for numerous ecological, social, and economical reasons: they are indicators of the health of our river systems, the reason people begin to care and become involved and interested in conservation, and attract anglers to the Pacific Northwest from all over the world. Catch and release regulations for wild steelhead on the Umpqua should remain.

We all have a responsibility to ensure that these fish continue to be wild and magnificent. Why rush into management decisions with so much uncertainty? For once, be cautious in your management of this species in Oregon. I value the wild fish of the Umpqua and those fish are why the river is special.

We all know the how the story will go: catch and kill fishery-->increased hatchery plants-->the Umpqua loses its uniqueness-->local economies of Roseburg, Glide, Steamboat are hit hard-->less revenue from license sales because less people want to fish the Umpqua. It is your responsibility to ensure us that we do not go down this path. Instead, keep the catch and release fishery and help preserve these fish.

Before you make a decision, ask yourself this question: will ODFW generate more public revenue if catch and kill regulations are introduced? If this answer to this question is no, and I realistically believe it is no, then you owe it to the people of the state of Oregon to ensure that the Umpqua remains a refuge for wild fish for generations to come.

Thank you very much for your time,

Charlie Erdman

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:32 AM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Keep the current no-kill policy on the Umpqua

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

From: Billy McKnight [[mailto:billy\\_mcknight@yahoo.com](mailto:billy_mcknight@yahoo.com)]  
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:32 AM  
To: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
Subject: Keep the current no-kill policy on the Umpqua

Please, please, PLEASE, do not change the current no-kill policy on native Umpqua steelhead. Keep our fishing resources the way they were meant to be with NATIVE runs of steelhead. Allowing kills would put even more pressure on this precious natural gift. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

-Billy McKnight  
Oregonian and Fly Fisherman

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 12:10 PM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: No harvesting of wild Steelhead

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**From:** [sr@sportkilt.com](mailto:sr@sportkilt.com) [<mailto:sr@sportkilt.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:41 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** No harvesting of wild Steelhead

To: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Wild Steelhead – NO kill

My name is Jim Ansite, a California resident and avid steelhead fisherman. I spend a great deal of time and money chasing (and releasing) wild steelhead on the North Umpqua river.

Over the years, I have noticed a drastic increase in angling pressure and have always been in support of the river's catch and release policy, so that this incredible strain of fish is assured to continue to flourish.

I find it amazing that the harvesting of wild Umpqua River steelhead is even being considered! Why risk one of the last great wild winter steelhead runs when we have seen what has happened to other rivers in the past?

Places like British Columbia have recognized the value of these wild fish and have initiated mandatory catch and release regulations decades ago. As a result, an entire travel industry has been established, providing people from all over the globe with an opportunity to come and "catch and release" the Province's wild steelhead.

Increasing angling pressure also adds to the concern. Can we not follow suit with the flourishing rivers of British Columbia and manage the Umpqua's great run of wild steelhead on the side of conservation.

*Catch and release* makes the most sense for ensuring that these incredible fish continue to flourish and that angling dollars continue to roll into the Umpqua Valley.

Please, say NO to killing wild steelhead and save this dwindling, precious resource for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Ansite

562.243.7625 (cell)

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Coastal Plan  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:51 AM  
**To:** Kevin Goodson  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua Winter Steelhead Harvest Proposal

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

From: "David J. Vázquez, PhD" [<mailto:vazquez@uoregon.edu>]  
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 7:01 AM  
To: [ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us); [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
Subject: Umpqua Winter Steelhead Harvest Proposal

To Whom it May Concern,

I write to urge you to reconsider a plan to harvest wild winter steelhead in the Umpqua River. This plan is short sighted at best and at worst promises the demise of one of the last, best wild steelhead runs in the Northwest. Based on ODFW's own science, this plan proposes an unsustainable harvest that could seriously impact the viability of this unique species. I ask that ODFW do the right thing and continue to protect wild winter steelhead in the Umpqua for generations to come.

Sincerely,

David Vázquez

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## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Coastal Plan  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:49 AM  
**To:** Kevin Goodson  
**Subject:** FW: Comment on coastal management plan

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**From:** TC [<mailto:trcolvin@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 3:16 PM  
**To:** [ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Comment on coastal management plan

Please do not allow harvest of Native Salmon, Steelhead and Rainbow trout. In any Rivers. In Rivers where there is a steady population of Natives, manage these rivers for the natives to allow better survival and improved populations. In Rivers where there is minimal native populations, do not allow fishing until these populations improve. Do not introduce hatchery fish in rivers to compete with natives. Thanks you  
Terry Colvin

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Coastal Plan  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:49 AM  
**To:** Kevin Goodson  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment for Coastal Multi-Species Conservation Management Plan

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**From:** Jane H. Holloway [<mailto:talkabouttrees@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 11:46 PM  
**To:** [ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Coastal Multi-Species Conservation Management Plan

### Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan

#### Public Comment

My name is Jane Holloway and I am writing this email in support of the current no-kill regulation. I oppose any harvest of wild steelhead on the Umpqua River.

My husband and I settled in Oregon over 35 years ago and we have had the opportunity to fish throughout this beautiful state and beyond. One of our most treasured rivers to fish is the Umpqua for its beauty and its legendary wild steelhead. Last year while fishing on the Dean River in British Columbia we met a gentleman from Tallahassee, Florida named Bill Wiley. We had all come to the Dean to fish for steelhead but once Bill learned we were from Oregon he immediately turned the discussion to the Umpqua. He shared that he flew every year from Florida to the Umpqua for over a decade just to have the chance to possibly catch one of its wild steelhead. He knew every twist and turn of the upper river and he could even draw a map from memory of his favorite runs. You could hear and see the passion he had for the Umpqua ...he remembered its beauty but most of all he remembered its wild steelhead. No matter where we go, if we mention the Northwest, the conversation turns to the Umpqua and its reputation as one of the last great wild steelhead rivers in the world.

I ask you to strongly consider keeping the no-kill regulation for the Umpqua River in the CMP and send a clear stewardship message that wild steelhead are not a resource to be consumed but are an iconic symbol of the Northwest that represents a strong natural fishery that should be revered and nurtured.

Jane Holloway  
Pleasant Hill, Oregon

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Teri Kucera  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 12:49 PM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Cc:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 9:39 AM  
**To:** Teri Kucera; Jessica Sall  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

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**From:** James A. Nudelman [<mailto:JAN@xraydocs.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 9:20 AM  
**To:** 'odfw.comments@state.or.us'  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

### PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other  
Name: James A. Nudelman  
E-mail: [jnudelman@xraydocs.com](mailto:jnudelman@xraydocs.com)

Comment:

To whom it may concern,

My name is James Nudelman and I live in Corpus Christi, Texas and Medford, OR. I am a steelhead fisherman that travels to fish with a guide each year on the Umpqua. I bring my dollars to Douglas County to specifically catch and release the Umpqua River's wild steelhead. Over the years, I have noticed a drastic increase in angling pressure and have always been in support of the river's catch and release policy so this incredible strain of fish is assured to continue to flourish. I find it amazing that the harvesting of wild Umpqua River steelhead is even being considered. Why risk one of the last great wild winter steelhead runs when we have seen what has happened to other rivers in the past? Places like British Columbia have recognized the value of these wild fish and instated mandatory catch and release regulations decades ago. They have built an entire travel industry around providing people from all over the globe with an angler opportunity to come and "catch and release" the Province's wild steelhead. The uncertainties presented as angling

pressure rises exponentially is a real cause for concern. Let's please follow suit with the flourishing rivers of British Columbia and manage the Umpqua's great run of wild steelhead on the side of conversation. Catch and release makes the most sense for ensuring that these incredible fish continue to flourish and that angling dollars continue to roll into the Umpqua Valley.

Thank you,

James A. Nudelman

# Tillamook County



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June 6, 2014

Fish & Wildlife Commission, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE  
Salem, OR 97302

RE: Support for the Draft Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan

Commissioners. I come before you today as a representative of the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners to indicate our **support for the Draft Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan and ask that you also support it.**

As you may be aware, the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners provided you a letter on February 19, 2014 indicating our support for the plan as amended. That letter should be in your Commission packet. We have not wavered from that support.

I have personally been involved in the development of this draft as a member of one of the stakeholder groups since its inception over the last two yrs. The Department staff has listened to our concerns and issues and I believe has been receptive to incorporating the changes needed to get this plan to where it is today, that being ready for your support.

It is important that you balance wild and hatchery fish in a way that reduces the risk of ESA listings. It's also important that you continue to strive to provide enhanced overall fishing opportunities, reduce conservation risk, establish conservation areas where appropriate, stabilize hatchery production levels, simplify angling regulations, improve data collection, manage predators, prioritize effective habitat restoration opportunities and keep the Hatchery Research Center as a key player in providing valuable science to the Department. Easier said than done right? Well, approving this plan helps Oregon move in that direction and most importantly helps deter litigation from those who's agenda might be quite narrow and focused on what's best for them than what's best for Oregon overall.

Again, the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners asks that you approve this draft plan and we thank the department staff for their work in developing a document that we believe meets your mission and is in the best interests of Oregon. Thanks also for your service to the citizens of Oregon by serving on this Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Labhart". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Mark Labhart  
Tillamook County Commissioner  
Stakeholder Member

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 3:13 PM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: North Umpqua Native Steelhead harvest.

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

**From:** Martin Ciszek [<mailto:martinciszek@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 1:40 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** North Umpqua Native Steelhead harvest.

Hello my name is Martin Ciszek,

I'm writing you to hopefully have my opinion taken into account on the matter of harvesting wild fish on the North Umpqua. I've been fishing for steelhead for 4 years now and Native steelhead have really been a driving force in keeping me going to the river. I believe if you start harvesting wild steelhead it will destroy the population and the love and preservation that has been devoted to the fish of the North Umpqua. Please take my opinion into account and do not allow the harvest of native steelhead.

Thank you for your time.

Martin Ciszek



## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 3:13 PM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: catch and release for native species

**From:** Aura Johnson [<mailto:aura.flyshop@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 1:42 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** catch and release for native species

Dear Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife-

Please maintain catch & release regulations on wild steelhead stocks for the Umpqua River. These fish need to propagate, and changing the regulations now could put their future at risk.

Thank you,  
Aura Johnson

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Aura Johnson  
The Ashland Fly Shop  
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## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 3:13 PM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Umpqua River Steelhead

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**From:** Dan McCue [<mailto:Dan.McCue@ucancap.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 2:31 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us); [ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Umpqua River Steelhead

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Plain and simple: No harvest of wild steelhead in the Umpqua Basin.

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## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 3:14 PM  
**To:** Amanda Mckenzie  
**Subject:** FW: Keep the Umpqua wild!

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**From:** Jonathan Matthews [<mailto:jonathan.e.matthews@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 2:33 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Keep the Umpqua wild!

A quick note to weigh in as a concerned citizen and angler. Harvested steelhead are one thing, but we need to pay special attention to the wild populations, to make sure they come back year after year. With any good return we should be inspired to take further action to keep that cycle growing. I value the Umpqua's robust wild steelhead run and think it's imperative to have release rules to make sure these wild fish keep returning.

Thanks for your time.

JONATHAN MATTHEWS  
C: 415.299.1108

## Michelle Tate

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**From:** Andrew Marx [fishon.96067@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 5:09 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** wild steelhead harvest

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am opposed to any return to wild steelhead harvest in the Umpqua drainage.

I fish the system extensively both by fly and conventional techniques. I come to the Umpqua from California several times each season because the fishing is a mixed bag of fish to revere (wild) and fish to eat (hatchery): as such it is a rare a place where one can have his cake and eat it too. I will likely find a different river to devote my time to (and spend my money at) if wild fish become harvestable as the run will suffer as have the wild runs of countless other rivers (Olympic Peninsula is a prime example).

Lately I've seen more wild fish in the South Umpqua, which, based on habitat destruction, is primarily a hatchery fish run. Any impact on the South Fork's recovering wild run is too much considering the hurdles these fish have overcome to survive as a run.

I have seen no lack of fishing interest on the Umpqua because the wild fish are protected, when the fish are there the fishermen are too, often in droves. Considering the popularity of the Umpqua fishery, why try to fix something that isn't broken?

Respectfully,

Andrew Marx

## Michelle Tate

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**From:** ODFW News  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 4:58 PM  
**To:** ODFW News  
**Subject:** ODFW seeks volunteers for high lakes backpack stocking

### NEWS RELEASE

#### Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Contact:** Shannon Richardson (541) 726-3515, ext. 28  
Rick Swart (971) 673-6038

[www.odfw.com](http://www.odfw.com)

For Immediate Release Thursday, June 5, 2014

### ODFW seeks volunteers for high lakes backpack stocking

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking volunteers to assist with trout stocking in approximately 60 High Cascade Lakes on Saturday, July 19.

Fingerling-sized trout are carried by backpack into a variety of lakes in the Cascades every other year where they are then released. The project is designed to provide angling opportunities for people interested in a more remote fishing experience.

“This is a great opportunity to get out into the backcountry and participate in a unique fish stocking project,” said Shannon Richardson, fish biologist in Springfield who is coordinating the project.

Driving and hiking distances vary for each lake, as do road and trail conditions. Some access roads to lakes require four-wheel drive and/or high clearance vehicles. Some lakes do not have trails to them and require experienced volunteers with good navigation skills. Many other lakes are easily accessible and especially well-suited for families with children.

Each participant will have the opportunity to request a specific area or lake that they would like to stock on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers who would like to stock lakes in the Three Sisters or Washington Wilderness areas will pick up fish from Leaburg Hatchery near Vida and those preferring the Waldo or Diamond Lake Wilderness areas will pick up fish from Willamette Hatchery near Oakridge. If there is no preference, ODFW staff will assign a lake that best fits the participants' experience and preferences.

Volunteers will be responsible for meeting at either Leaburg or Willamette Hatchery at their appointed time on Saturday, between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., where they will be loaded with fish and provided with maps and instructions. All volunteers will need to provide their own vehicle, backpack and appropriate clothing and supplies for weather and hiking conditions.

To participate in this opportunity or to request more information, please contact Shannon Richardson by email at [shannon.e.richardson@state.or.us](mailto:shannon.e.richardson@state.or.us) or by phone at 541-726-3515, ext. 28. Pre-registration is required.

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**Michelle Tate**

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**From:** Frank [chlank@q.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 4:16 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Umpqua River catch & release

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

My name is Franklin Hopkins, & I live in Klamath Falls. I have fished for steelhead in the North Umpqua with a guide, Tony Wratney. I bring my dollars to Douglas County specifically to catch & release the River's wild steelhead. I feel recent increases in angling pressure will adversely affect the River's fishery if the catch & release policy is not maintained to allow these incredible fish to continue to flourish. Why is the harvesting of wild Umpqua River steelhead even being considered? Why risk one of the last great wild winter steelhead runs after seeing what has happened to other rivers in the past?

British Columbia has long recognized the value of these wild fish & mandated catch & release regulations decades ago. They have built an entire travel industry around providing anglers worldwide with the opportunity to catch & release the Province's wild steelhead. The uncertainties presented as angling pressure rises on the Umpqua is a real cause for concern. Let's please emulate the flourishing rivers of British Columbia & preserve the Umpqua's great wild steelhead runs through conservation. Catch & release makes the most sense for ensuring that these amazing fish continue to thrive & that fishing dollars keep rolling into the Umpqua Valley.

Abundant fish--good for Oregon's economy.

Yours for a sustainable fishery,

Franklin Hopkins  
[chlank@q.com](mailto:chlank@q.com)  
Klamath Falls, OR

## Michelle Tate

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**From:** Arce, Jim [Jim.Arce@cassidyurley.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 3:33 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Keep the Umpqua wild

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,

I am an avid fly fisherman and frequently travel to Oregon to fish. You have remarkably beautiful rivers and very healthy wild steelhead and trout population.

One of your most amazing resources is the Umpqua River. This has long brought fisherman from around the world because of quality of the wild fish and the scenic beauty. This brings a significant amount of revenue to the Oregon economy.

Change regulations to permit winter wild fish kill could have a significant impact on the health of the river and the health of the economy. The value to the few who legitimately harvest fish, could be significant overshadowed by the detriment of illegal harvesting. It would be hard to police.

No kill keeps the population healthier for the world to enjoy.

I would please ask you to keep the Umpqua catch and release only for wild fish.

Thanks. jim

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**From:** Pat <pat-orm@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 3:48 PM  
**To:** odfw.coastalplan@state.or.us  
**Cc:** pat-orm@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Umpqua Wild Steelhead harvests proposal

I oppose the proposal to allow harvest of wild steelhead on the Umpqua River. The best available science supports a protective approach to managing this resource. Habitat to sustain wild runs is limited and the complexities that insure long-term sustainability of runs are susceptible because of changing ocean conditions, climate change, increased fishing pressure, etc. The long-term status of this run is not well known in the context of future risks, particularly when considering impacts such as current and predicted reduced snowpack. There are existing options for harvesting wild and hatchery steelhead in Oregon's Coastal waters, let's not risk degrading what may currently and in the future be the critical epicenter for sustaining wild runs of Steelhead in Oregon or the PNW. Protect wild steelhead runs on the Umpqua River from harvest.

Sincerely,

Pat Ormsbee  
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Eugene, Or 97404

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**From:** Dan McCue <Dan.McCue@ucancap.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 2:31 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us; ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us  
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**From:** Cameron Derbyshire <derbyshc@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2014 5:44 AM  
**To:** ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Coastal Management Plan

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**From:** john <jhamburg97477@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 2:09 PM  
**To:** ODFW.CoastalPlan@state.or.us  
**Subject:** umpqua wild steelhead harvest

I oppose a proposal to allow harvest of wild steelhead on the Umpqua River, as the status and sustainability of this resource is not secure. The snowmelt water source is also an uncertain factor going forward. The fish run should be protected from harvesting.

Sincerely,

John Hamburg  
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