

Proposed Angling Regulation Changes

The *Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP)* will require changes in angling regulations. There are two general categories of angling regulations addressed in the CMP: 1) those associated with deferred angling regulation proposals that were considered for consistency with the CMP and 2) those angling regulations required due to new harvest management direction for wild fish that result from CMP development. Both categories of regulation changes are being presented to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) at the June 6, 2014 meeting for approval in the context of the CMP. These regulation changes will be presented to the Commission for adoption at the August 1, 2014 meeting for inclusion in the 2015 Angling Regulations.

Deferred Angling Regulation Proposals

The angling regulation proposals are from the public 2012 Angling Regulation development process (for 2013 regulations), as well as regular Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) updates of the angling regulations that would have occurred for 2013 and 2014. These proposals were deferred pending development of the CMP. A summary and assessment of the proposed angling regulations received from the public based on consistency with the current "Final Draft" of the CMP follows. Most of the public proposals were denied due to inconsistency with the CMP.

Public Proposals Deferred in 2012 (*the complete proposals that were submitted are included at the end of this document*).

Population	Proposal Number and Summary	CMP Assessment
Nehalem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99P, 73P, 77P, 36P – all address Chinook daily bag and/or deadlines/closures 	<i>daily bag for early-run Chinook is consistent with draft CMP; closures are inconsistent</i>
Nestucca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 92P – move Chinook deadline down to First Bridge 	<i>consistent with draft CMP and ODFW proposal</i>
Umpqua (mainstem, North Umpqua)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56P, 125P, 75P, 31P, 66P, 18P, 85P – all call for harvest of wild winter steelhead in various locations 	<i>inconsistent with draft CMP</i>

ODFW Proposals Deferred in 2012 and 2013

Table 19 from the CMP (copied below) lists deferred deadline changes proposed by Department staff that were found to be consistent with the CMP. Only one substantive revision has been made to the proposed angling deadlines in Table 19 since it was presented to the Commission at the April 25, 2014 meeting. In an attempt to address concerns raised to the Commission with fishing occurring over early spawning Chinook above Ojalla Bridge, the new proposed Siletz deadline is 1,200 feet above Ojalla Bridge until October 6 and then shifts to the boat ramp at Illahee Park from October 7 to December 31. The spawning area closures are no longer proposed.

Table 1. Angling regulation changes for 2015.

Population	Regulation
Necanicum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tributaries and stream sections not listed in Zone Regulations are closed to all angling.
Nehalem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstem – Closed to salmon angling above Foss Road (CC) Bridge (RM 15.1) entire year. • Bay and River tributaries not listed in Zone regulations are closed to all angling.
Kilchis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to salmon angling above the Tilden Bluff's Road (Barker's /Green) Bridge (RM 11.0) entire year.
Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstem – Closed to salmon angling above Jordan Creek (RM 21.9) from Aug 1-December 31.
Nestucca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstem – Closed to salmon angling above First Bridge (RM 15.8) from Aug 1-December 31.
Siletz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drift Creek - Open for Chinook and <i>fin-clipped</i> coho upstream to Steel Bridge at Mennonite Camp (RM 10.0) from August 1-December 31. • Mainstem - Open for Chinook April 1 – July 31 upstream to deadline marker at the Moonshine Park boat ramp; <i>Open for Chinook and coho August 1 – October 6 upstream to an ODFW marker located approximately 1,200 ft. upstream from Ojalla Bridge (RM 31); Open for Chinook and coho October 7 – December 31 upstream to deadline marker at Illahee Park boat ramp (RM 41).</i>
Yaquina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Elk Creek – Open for Chinook and coho upstream to Bear Creek (Updike Road). • Mainstem - Open for Chinook and coho upstream to Simpson Creek (Hwy 20).
Alea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drift Creek – Open for Chinook and coho upstream to lower Wilderness Boundary (RM 10).
Siuslaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Creek – Open for Chinook from October 15-December 31 and coho <i>from October 15-November 30</i> upstream to Indian Creek. • Mainstem – Closed for Chinook and coho upstream from the confluence of Lake Creek and Siuslaw River
Coos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Fork Coos – Open for Chinook and coho upstream to Dellwood (RM 10). • Tioga Creek up to concrete bridge located ½ mile downstream from Burnt Creek – Open for steelhead January 1-April 30.
Coquille	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstem – Open for Chinook from July 1-December 31.

New Angling Regulations Required to Implement the CMP

The CMP proposes changes to harvest retention (bag) limits for wild Chinook, new harvest fisheries for wild winter steelhead in three locations, and eliminates the harvest of cutthroat trout in streams of the Upper Umpqua within the range of anadromous fish. These proposed changes are shown in Tables 17 and 18 from the CMP (copied below). These changes will require modifications to existing angling regulations and will be presented to the Commission at the August 1, 2014 meeting for inclusion in the 2015 Angling Regulations.

The CMP also calls for increasing the return rate of Combined Angling Tags, Hatchery Harvest Tags and Daily Licenses by making their return mandatory. This would be a change in rule and likely implemented statewide. In order for mandatory reporting to achieve higher return rates, it is also likely that a penalty/fee will be required, which would require legislative approval. The Department will begin developing a strategy for implementing mandatory reporting from anglers after the CMP is approved, including exploring the need for a penalty/fee. We will return to the Commission at a future date to describe the strategy and seek Commission approval.

Table 2. Management Areas where wild fish may be retained (i.e., harvested). “N” indicates no retention of wild fish is allowed. “Retention” indicates that harvest is allowed (see Table 3 for details of limits and seasons). Red stippling and an asterisk indicate a change from current management regarding wild fish retention. "NADOTs" include all direct ocean tributaries not listed elsewhere in the table. Note that coho retention is only intended to be to current deadlines, without expanding further into rivers (current deadlines are mostly within tidewater, including into some rivers above bays, but a few are above tidewater).

Management Area	Stratum	Wild Harvest Locations						
		CO	Chin	Protected Ch ^a /ChS	Chum	StW	SIS	CCT
Necanicum R	North Coast Stratum	N	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Nehalem Bay		Retention	Retention	Retention	N	N	---	Retention
NF Nehalem R		N	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Nehalem R		N	Retention	Retention	N	N	---	Retention
Nehalem - Salmonberry R		N	N	N	N	N	---	N
Tillamook Bay		Retention	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Tillamook - Miami R		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Tillamook - Kilchis R		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Tillamook - Wilson R		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Tillamook - Trask R		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Tillamook R		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Nestucca Bay		Retention	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Nestucca R		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Little Nestucca R		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Salmon R	Mid-Coast Stratum	N	Retention	---	N	Retention*	---	Retention
Siletz Bay		Retention	Retention	Retention	N	N	N	Retention
Siletz R		Retention	Retention	Retention	N	N	N	Retention
Siletz - above Falls		N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Siletz - Drift Crk		N	Retention	N	N	N	N	Retention
Yaquina Bay		Retention	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Yaquina R		N	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Yaquina - Big Elk Crk		N	Retention	---	N	Retention*	---	Retention
Alsea Bay		Retention	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Alsea R		Retention	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Alsea - Drift Crk		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Yachats Aggregate		N	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Siuslaw Bay		Retention	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Siuslaw - Lake Crk		Retention*	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Siuslaw R	Retention	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention	
Umpqua Bay	Umpqua Stratum	Retention	Retention	Retention	N	N	N	Retention
Umpqua - Smith R		N	Retention	N	N	N	N	Retention
Lower Umpqua R		N	Retention	Retention	N	N	N	Retention
Middle Umpqua R		N	Retention	Retention	N	N	N	Retention
N Umpqua R		N	N	Retention	N	N	N	N*
N Umpqua - above Rock Crk		N	N	N	N	N	N	N*
S Umpqua R		N	N	N	N	N	N	N*
S Umpqua R - above Canyonville		N	N	N	N	N	N	N*
Tennmile Lk/Crk (Sih/Tahk) ^b	Mid-South Stratum	Retention	---	---	N	N	---	Retention
Coos Bay Frontal		Retention	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Coos - EF Millicoma R		N	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Coos - WF Millicoma R		N	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
SF Coos R		N	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Coquille Bay		Retention	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
NF Coquille R		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
EF Coquille R		N	N	N	N	Retention*	---	Retention
Middle Fork Coquille R		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
SF Coquille R		N	Retention	N	N	N	---	Retention
Floras/New R		Retention*	Retention	---	N	N	---	Retention
Sixes R		N	Retention	---	N	Retention	---	Retention
Elk R		n/a	Retention	---	---	n/a	---	n/a
NADOTs			N	N	---	N	N	---

* – Denotes change from current management regarding wild fish retention

^a “Protected Ch” includes the summer-run Chinook in the Nehalem

^b Harvest for Siltcoos and Tahkenitch is the same as Tennmile (not other NADOTs)

^c See *Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations* for cutthroat retention regulations in NADOTs (no changes)

Table 3. Sliding scale retention schedule, harvest limits, and retention periods for wild fish within strata, across strata within Coastal SMUs, and statewide. Retention is only allowed in locations indicated in

Table 2.

Daily/Annual Retention Limits: Wild Salmon, Steelhead and Trout SMUs											
Limit Area	Stratum	Predicted Stratum Abundance Cycle	Expected Frequency	Coho SMU		Chinook SMU		Spring Chinook SMU	Chum SMU	Winter Steelhead smu	Cutthroat SMU
				Primary Limits	Protected Period	Primary Limits	Protected Period				
North Coast	Low	3 of 20 yrs	*	1/5	1/1	---	---	N	N	N	N***
	Average	12 of 20 yrs	*	2/10	1/5	---	---	N	N	N	2 fish/day over 8", no bait
	High	5 of 20 yrs	*	2/20	1/10	---	---	N	N	N	N
Mid-Coast	Low	3 of 20 yrs	1/2**	1/5	1/1	---	---	N	N	N	N***
	Average	12 of 20 yrs	1/2	Salmon R: 2/10 Yachats: 1/5	1/2	---	---	N	N	1/3	2 fish/day over 8", no bait
	High	5 of 20 yrs	1/5	2/20 Yachats: 1/5	1/2	---	---	N	N	N	N
Umpqua	Low	3 of 20 yrs	1/2**	1/5	---	1/1	---	N	N	N	N***
	Average	12 of 20 yrs	1/2	2/20	---	2/5	N Umpqua: 2/10	N	N	N	2 fish/day over 8", no bait
	High	5 of 20 yrs	1/5	2/20	---	2/10	N Umpqua: 2/20	N	N	N	N
Mid-South	Low	3 of 20 yrs	1/2**	1/5	---	---	---	N	N	N	N***
	Average	12 of 20 yrs	1/2	Floras, Sixes, Elk: 1/10	---	---	---	N	N	1/3 Sixes: 1/5	2 fish/day over 8", no bait
	High	5 of 20 yrs	1/5	2/20	---	---	---	N	N	N	N
Coast	Low	3 of 20 yrs	1/2**	1/5	---	---	---	N	N	N	N***
	Average	12 of 20 yrs	1/2	Floras, Sixes, Elk: 1/10	---	---	---	N	N	1/3 Sixes: 1/5	2 fish/day over 8", no bait
High	5 of 20 yrs	1/5	2/20	---	---	---	N	N	N	N	N
All / Coastal SMUs	All / Cross-Strata	All		2/20 for all salmon and steelhead combined, except no retention of chum salmon							no annual limits
Statewide	---	All		All Salmon and Steelhead Combined (1/1 through 12/31); 2/20							---
SMU-Specific NOTES											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> limits without a quota system in place and while still ESA-listed (approach requires NOAA approval) when de-listed, limits reconsidered for liberalization 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinook caught during the Protected Period count toward the annual bag limit for Chinook (identified under Chinook "Primary Limits") Umpqua spring Chinook have their own bag limits (i.e., they are in addition to Umpqua Chinook Primary Limits) 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> limited locations in each stratum "no bait", except where bait specifically allowed for other species 			

* due to high angling pressure in North Coast Stratum rivers, bag limits, open periods and season length for wild coho harvest will be determined annually

** wild coho harvest allowed only in select basins under low abundance cycle, possibly also employing a conservative quota or other basin-specific regulations

*** cutthroat harvest not allowed in mainstems during low abundance cycle (based on extremely low marine survival of coho) to protect searun life history; tributaries will remain open to harvest

Public Angling Regulation Proposals

**Submitted and Deferred in 2012 as part of the
Development of the 2013 Oregon Sport
Fishing Regulations**

Proposals are sorted by Angling Zones generally as they would appear in the angling regulations, with similar proposals and proposals with the same sponsor(s) grouped together. Proposal numbers were assigned as proposals were received.

Table 1. Northwest Zone Angling Regulation Proposals

Proposal #	Proposal Sponsor	Water Body	Title	Review Outcome
99P 73P	James W. Nelson; Garry Bullard and Jerry Vellutini	Nehalem Basin	Retain 2011 Special Salmon Regulations For Nehalem Bay	Deferred
77P	Burton Went	Nehalem Bay and River	Retain 2011 Special Salmon Regulations For Nehalem Bay	Deferred
36P	Lucas Noling	Nehalem River including North Fork	Nehalem Watershed Proposals	Deferred
92P	John Brake	Nestucca River	Fall Chinook Deadline on Nestucca River	Deferred

Public Proposal 99P – Deferred

1. Project Sponsor:	James W. Nelson	Phone #	503-368-5780
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2. Proposal Title	Chinook Conservation Nehalem		
3. Water body	Nehalem Basin	Angling Zone	Northwest
4. Existing rule	(None listed)		
5. Proposed rule	A. I feel very strongly that one wild Chinook daily bag limit should become a permanent regulation. B. I support the closure of the mouth of Nehalem Bay from the tips of the jetties inland to the launching ramp at Nehalem Bay State Park, from July 1 to at least September 15th if not the entire year. C. I also purpose that angling should continue to be open to the mouth of Peterson Creek on the main stem of the Nehalem River.		
6. Purpose	Conservation: A. I believe that proposals A and B would enhance the number of Chinook reaching the upper river, particularly the summer Chinook. Proposal C would continue to provide a much needed bank angling opportunity.		
7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information	Chris Knutsen		

Public Proposal 73P - Deferred

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2. Proposal Title	Manzanita Resident -- Fisherman		
3. Water body	Nehalem Bay/Watershed	Angling Zone	NW
4. Existing rule	2011 Salmon Special Regulations: Closed to Salmon angling below Nehalem Bay Park Boat Ramp to September 15, 2011; Closed to Salmon angling above Peterson Creek; Open to Salmon angling to Peterson Creek July 1-December 31.		
5. Proposed rule	Retain closures under 2011 Special Salmon Special Regulations. The September 15, 2011, opening of salmon angling below the Nehalem Bay State Park Boat Ramp was for the purpose of accommodating an extraordinary wild Coho fishery. Absent such an occurrence in the future this area (the "Jaws") should remain closed to Salmon angling for the entire season, pending the issuance in 2013 or 2014, of new permanent regulations pursuant to the Conservation Plan Process which is soon to be initiated.		
6. Purpose	<p>A. Actions intended to change fishing opportunities</p> <p>1. Need, benefit and rationale for change. The need for change has been demonstrated by steadily diminishing Nehalem River Salmon runs, particularly in regard to the summer run. This reached a crisis state in 2009, which necessitated an emergency closure of all Salmon fishing for the entire season. This closure was announced late, I believe in June, which created an economic crisis for those involved in providing goods and services to fishermen. The situation, while better in 2010 and 2011, is still precarious and will remain so for some time to come.</p> <p>The benefit of change which is based on a long-term conservation plan to restore the summer and fall Chinook runs is of economic value, social value in terms of the health of the adjacent community, and of benefit in terms of increasing fishing opportunities for families and young people. Policy should not be determined just in terms of benefit to those who can afford the expense of guides or the cost of big and powerful equipment.</p> <p>The basic rationale for change is to protect returning fish in the transition zone where they are most vulnerable and when they have succeeded in reaching spawning habitat upstream. Returning fish are concentrated when they first cross the bar and enter the narrow channel which is defined by the north and south jetties (the "Jaws"). These fish are still feeding and may enter the transition zone, return to the ocean, enter again and hold for the innate signals which send them upstream. This is where the professional fish-takers also congregate with their customers usually of 4 to 6 per boat. They are</p>		

there for good reason – to maximize the catch for their customers. They are there for the very reason that the fish are most vulnerable. They have suitable equipment that few ordinary fishermen can afford and they are good at their craft. The fish must be given an opportunity to enter this zone and to disperse into the bay and on upriver. This area should be a conservation zone. It should not be a major contributing factor to over-fishing and diminution of these runs which must be self-sustaining to survive.

The rationale of closure upriver is even more obvious. Spawning Salmon must be allowed to complete their life cycle to perpetuate the runs. To allow the continued taking of often dark fish for their eggs is outrageous and highly destructive. Closure upstream should be accompanied by strong enforcement measures.

2. Impact and Social Support.

The Nehalem area community has long been aware of what has been happening at “the Jaws” and to spawners upriver. The community has also been acutely aware of diminishing Chinook runs and with it the loss of angling opportunities for the majority of people in the community. There is very strong support for closure of “the Jaws” and the prohibition of Salmon fishing above a deadline established by ODFW, such as Peterson Creek.

3. Risk to Fishery. The changes proposed: the establishment of long-term protective conservation zones would not in any way cause or increase a risk to the fishery. Indeed, such long-term measures are essential to saving the fishery.

B. Actions Intended to Conserve Population

1. The Need. The need, as outlined above under A(1), is to establish a protective conservation zone at “the Jaws” where fish entering the bay are concentrated, are still feeding, and are subjected to intense angling pressure, largely by professionals and their day-in and day-out turnover of customers. The need is to allow the fish an opportunity to disperse on their upstream journey. The need to protect fish that are about to spawn upriver is self-evident. Diminished runs over the years and the necessity of special regulations in 2009, 2010, and 2011, demonstrate the need for a change in the current permanent regulations to provide long-term conservation measures to protect the fishery.

2. Conservation Benefit. Protected conservation zones at “the Jaws” and at upriver spawning areas can only provide a critical benefit. The proposal would provide relief from the current risk and provide additional protection to the fishery. Such changes would go far in mitigating the effects of over-fishing in these critical areas and would be of great help in rebuilding the runs.

Prior to the issuance of permanent regulations in 2013 or 2014, special regulations now in effect should be continued and strengthened by closure of “the Jaws” for the entire season as well as continued protection of spawning areas upstream.

7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information

**Chris Knutsen, Fisheries Biologist, North Coast Watershed District,
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Public Proposal 77P – Deferred

1. Project Sponsor:	Burton Went	Phone #	503-368-4648
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2. Proposal Title	Proposed Permanent regulation for Chinook Salmon angling in the Nehalem Bay		
3. Water body	Nehalem Bay and River	Angling Zone	Northwest
4. Existing rule	None listed		
5. Proposed rule	<p>Nehalem Bay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for spring Chinook salmon April 1 - July 31 <u>upstream from Nehalem Bay state Park boat ramp.</u> • Open for fall Chinook salmon Aug. 1 - Dec. 31 <u>except closed below Nehalem Bay State Park boat ramp.</u> 1 adult Chinook salmon per day, • 10 per season in aggregate from all Nehalem, Tillamook, and Nestucca bays and streams (clarifies application of fall Chinook limits to both summer and fall fish). <p>Nehalem River (Section 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for spring Chinook salmon May 26 - July 31 <u>below the mouth of Peterson Creek.</u> • Open for fall Chinook salmon Aug. 1 - Dec. 31 <u>below the mouth of Peterson Creek.</u> • No change to other regulations for Nehalem Bay and River. 		

6. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed changes is twofold. The first is to conserve the native Chinook Salmon runs in the Nehalem River through angling restrictions and the second is to make these restrictions fair for the angling public. Since 2005 the escapement estimates for the Nehalem have been at or below the target of 7,000 fish. In fact the average estimates for those years has been just a little over 5,000, well below the target. The primary tool available to ODFW to increase escapement is the reduction of angler harvest. After a dismal Chinook run in 2008, in 2009 the river was closed to Chinook angling and there were area closures and bag limit reductions in 2010 and 2011. The closure in 2009 eliminated the social benefits of a Chinook salmon fishery and created a significant hardship for local businesses that depend of the salmon anglers. The objective of this proposal is to increase escapements so as to more effectively utilize the spawning and rearing habitat of the Nehalem thereby increasing recruitment. Although there are other factors that affect Nehalem Chinook abundance, the proposed regulations could help create conditions that would eliminate the need for complete closures in the future as occurred in 2009. The proposed regulation changes are similar to the special regulations of 2010 and 2011. Compared to the existing permanent regulations, angling at the jaws and above tidewater is eliminated. Bag limits are reduced in the remaining open water. The high concentration of boats at the jaws, and area where maneuvering is difficult and risky, is evidence of an expectation of a higher success rate. If experience did not support this expectation, those anglers would probably be fishing elsewhere. An additional factor influencing the disproportionate harvest at the jaws compared to the upper bay is that a higher proportion of the boats that fish there are large guided parties who can take more fish in a day compared to the typical private boats. With the closure, boats that would otherwise fish at the jaws where fish are concentrated and vulnerable can fish in the open part of the bay and river, where fish are dispersed, on a level playing field with other anglers.

**7. ODFW/OSP
Contact
Information**

Public Proposal 36P – Deferred

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2. Proposal Title	Nehalem Watershed Proposals		
3. Water body	Nehalem River including North Fork	Angling Zone	Northwest
4. Existing rule	Two Chinook a day in the Nehalem and North Fork Nehalem		
5. Proposed rule	Adopt Permanent Regulations in the Nehalem to 1 Chinook a day and close the North Fork Nehalem above Aldervale for fall Chinook fishing.		
6. Purpose	<p>Help limit the recreational harvest in the main stem Nehalem and ensure more Chinook spawn in the North Fork Nehalem, which has certainly been on the decline over the last 10 years. I have a house on the North Fork Nehalem and while I never keep the Chinook I do go out and count to see how many spawning fish I can see every year. The low number of spawning Chinook is alarming to me. The argument against this is it limits people from fishing off of the disabled ramp for Chinook. I have seen the fish caught up there and the vast majority are barely even eating quality. The other option is the disabled ramp could be the only place left open on the North Fork Nehalem to fish for fall Chinook. With the population clearly on a steep decline. This should be put into effect immediately. My other concern is the steelhead hatchery program in affect now. My proposal would benefit the river and allow for more fishing opportunities. A brood stock program would not only allow for much more fishing opportunity for more quality fish, but also be healthier for the river. I have witnessed hatchery fish spawning with native or other hatchery fish above the hatchery and since these fish are Alsea stock this is having a very negative effect on the river. Also the North Fork Nehalem's, steelhead all return very early and only for a short window of time. A brood stock program would help spread out the returning hatchery fish for the whole season and also create a better hatchery fish. The hatchery fish now get hooked and basically roll over a few times then come right in. I have fished in many Oregon rivers and am amazed at how much harder the brood stock fish from other rivers fight. I would like to bring this to the North Fork Nehalem.</p>		
7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information	Nehalem Hatchery 36751 Fish Hatchery Lane Nehalem, OR 97131 (503) 368-6828		

Public Proposal 92P - Deferred

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2. Proposal Title	Fall Chinook Deadline on Nestucca River		
3. Water body	Nestucca River	Angling Zone:	Northwest
4. Existing rule	Open for Fall Chinook to Moon Creek located at Blain, Sept. 15 – Dec. 31.		
5. Proposed rule	Open for Fall Chinook to 1st Bridge. Sept 15 - Dec. 31.		
6. Purpose	Due to low returns 1st Bridge has been used as an emergency deadline. This would help in mainstem spawning and recruitment below Moon Creek to 1st Bridge.		
7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information	Chris Knutsen, Tillamook District Biologist talked about this situation and felt there is a need to move this deadline lower in the system.		

Table 3 Southwest Zone Angling Regulation Proposals

Proposal #	Proposal Sponsor	Water Body	Title	Review Outcome
56-P	Aaron Helfrich	North Umpqua	1/5 Wild Winter Steelhead Harvest on the North Umpqua	Deferred
125-P	John Gross	Umpqua Main; N.F. Below Rock Ck.	Limited Wild Steelhead Harvest - Umpqua River	Deferred
75-P	Vance Hird and 383 others	Umpqua River	Restore Wild Steelhead Harvest on Umpqua River	Deferred
31-P	Jeff Helfrich	Umpqua River - Forks to Tidewater	Umpqua 1 and 5 wild steelhead, 32 inches and under	Deferred
18-P	Steve Schaefer	Umpqua River to river mile 112	Mainstem Umpqua 1 and 5 Wild steelhead limit	Deferred
66-P	Leon Bunce	Umpqua River Mainstem	Umpqua River Basin 1 and 5	Deferred
85-P	Stephen Godin	Umpqua River, Mainstem	Allow the harvest of 5 wild steelhead on Main Umpqua river	Deferred

Public Proposal 56P - Deferred

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2. Proposal Title	1/5 Steelhead on North Umpqua		
3. Water body	North Umpqua River	Angling Zone	Southwest
4. Existing rule	No retention of wild steelhead		
5. Proposed rule	May retain one native per day 5 per year		
6. Purpose	<p>Harvest opportunity on healthy stocks. Attached letter. I would like to thank the ODFW biologists, commissioners and director for opening some rivers and estuaries to the harvest of wild coho for the first time in fifteen years. Even though it was a short season, the economic impact was felt by several depressed communities. As Director Elicker states in the 2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, "with conservation quotas and careful management, anglers have been able to harvest wild fish while still protecting native populations." It was great to see this fishery return. The logic seems to contradict management policies in the Umpqua basin. What we know about the North Umpqua winter steelhead from ODFW biologists and scientists: Spawners for maximum smolts, 5,500; 2000-2010 average return 9,690 (39% more adults than need of for maximum smolts); no returns under 7,400 in at least the last 11 years; winter steelhead fishery in the Umpqua Basin limited to 2 fish per day, 20 per year until 1999, resulting in no decline in the health of the North Umpqua winter steelhead population.; 2004 Umpqua basin winter steelhead have been shown to be robust and sustainable; 2004 department recommends commission pass 1/4 harvest; 2004 intrinsic population models utilized demonstrate the populating could sustain exploitation from the fishery; 2008 district biologist Laura Jackson said opening the N. Umpqua to harvest would increase angling opportunity. She also stated that it was open for harvest for decades with no detectable negative impacts.; the north Umpqua winter steelhead is one of the easiest to monitor with the fish passage at Winchester Dam. Any signs of decline will quickly be determines. As we near the close of the public process for none or modified fishing regulations, please help me understand the paradox in the management of wild coho and wild winter steelhead. In previous regulation cycles, the commission opinion had differed from the biologists' recommendations. Specifically for the North Umpqua, how do you apply your mi8ssion statement of : to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment ...?" Using "social considerations," instead of science, to form regulations and limit harvest, directly contradicts the ODFW mission statement. Thank you for serving on the ODFW Commission, Sincerely, Aaron Helfrich</p>		
7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information	Laura Jackson		

Public Proposal 125P – Deferred

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2. Proposal Title	Limited Wild Steelhead Harvest - Umpqua River		
3. Water body	Umpqua Main and N.F. Below Rock Creek	Angling Zone	Southwest
4. Existing rule	Open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead entire year.		
5. Proposed rule	Consider either a 1/5 or a 2/4 wild winter steelhead retention on the Umpqua - Main and N.F. Below Rock Creek.		
6. Purpose	Allows a limited harvest on a robust population. Provides additional fishing incentive especially for folks who may only fish several times per year or season.		
7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information	None		

Public Proposal 75P - Deferred

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2. Proposal Title	Restore opportunity		
3. Water body	Umpqua River, Mainstem up to confluence of North and South Forks	Angling Zone	Southwest
4. Existing rule	Open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead entire year.		
5. Proposed rule	Umpqua River - Mainstem up to confluence of North and South Forks: Nonadipose fin-clipped steelhead may be taken 1 per day 5 per year as part of the daily or annual salmon/steelhead catch limit. Open Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 - April 31.		
6. Purpose	Increases angling opportunity; supports local small businesses; makes regulations consistent with other SW Zone Rivers. To allow people to take a steelhead home with them if they choose to and allow the guides the option of retaining a certain fish that would be deemed a non-survivor due to bleeding or over stressed. The ban against keeping any Wild steelhead caught on the Umpqua River was put in effect on Jan. 1, 2008 as a result of a short term petition process that was done external to the ODFW 40FF Year regulatory review process where changes in regulations are normally considered with full public input. Most sportsmen were oblivious to what was being considered. This would be enforceable as it is on other rivers. A and the biology is being conducted by fish and game that is due to be done this year. According to ODFW the river can sustain a limited harvest.		
7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information	<p>Laura Jackson</p> <p>I have discussed this with Laura, she told me to add the enforcement and biology parts to my proposal, and the dates. Also, the people I have talked to, a lot of them did not have their license with them when they signed the petition. And the out of the people that signed the proposal I only had about 20 people against.</p>		

Public Proposal 31P - Deferred

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2. Proposal Title	Wild Winter Steelhead Harvest		
3. Water body	Umpqua River - Forks to Tidewater	Angling Zone	Southwest
4. Existing rule	Open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead entire year.		
5. Proposed rule	Umpqua 1 and 5 wild steelhead, 32 inches and under		
6. Purpose	Allows for the harvesting of adipose fin-clipped steelhead plus one native steelhead under 32 inches to be kept in a day and 5 in a year of winter fishing.		
7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information	Laura Jackson		

Public Proposal 18P - Deferred

1. Project Sponsor:	Steve Schaefers	Phone #	(541) 896-3789
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2. Proposal Title	Increased angling opportunity for mainstem Umpqua 1 and 5 Wild steelhead limit		
3. Water body	Umpqua River to river mile 112	Angling Zone	Southwest
4. Existing rule	Open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead entire year.		
5. Proposed rule	Open for non-adipose fin-clipped steelhead Dec. 1 - April 30, bag limit 1 steelhead per day, 5 per year, as part of the annual salmon/steelhead catch limit		
6. Purpose	Increased angling opportunity on robust and sustainable population of winter steelhead		
7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information	Laura Jackson		

Public Proposal 66P - Deferred

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2. Proposal Title	Umpqua River Basin 1 and 5		
3. Water body	Umpqua River Mainstem	Angling Zone:	Southwest
4. Existing rule	Open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead entire year.		
5. Proposed rule	Non adipose fin-clipped steelhead may be taken' 1 per day, 5 per year as part of the daily or annual salmon/steelhead catch limit.		
6. Purpose	Fisherman invest a great deal into purchasing licensed, Tags, fishing tackle, gas, lodging etc. To be able to take a fish home would be a nice compensation.		
7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information			

Public Proposal 85P - Deferred

1. Project Sponsor:	Stephen Godin	Phone #	541-255-3383
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2. Proposal Title	Allow the harvest of five unmarked steelhead on the Main Umpqua river		
3. Water body	Umpqua River, Mainstem	Angling Zone:	Southwest
4. Existing rule	Open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead entire year.		
5. Proposed rule	Open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead and five unclipped steelhead for the entire year. Two unclipped steelhead may be in possession as long as the annual limit of five has not been exceeded.		
6. Purpose	<p>Many unclipped steelhead (20 or more) are caught and released by an angler on the Mainstem Umpqua river before on clipped fish is caught. Many of these steelhead are injured or killed in the pursuit of catching a "keeper". There is no problem with the quantity of Winter Steelhead passing the Winchester Dam, as recorded since 2000, peaking in 2003 at approximately 13,000. As a result of allowing five unmarked steelhead to be harvest, fewer fish will be injured or killed. More anglers will be encouraged to fish the Mainstem Umpqua for steelhead knowing that they may actually be able to catch a fish they can keep. More fishing licenses may be sold as a result. (ODFW Winchester Dam counts and signature sheets attached, 68 signatures)</p>		
7. ODFW/OSP Contact Information			