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Proposal Number 1 **Page Number** 0

Regulation Type Other

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation Anglers who have a valid two rod endorsement in possession are authorized to utilize 5 rods or lines when ice fishing.

Justification Provides additional opportunity for anglers when ice fishing. All bag limits will remain in effect.

Northwest

Bear Creek (Clatsop Co.)

Section: All

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Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery steelhead Jan 1 - Mar 31, May 22 - Aug 31, and Oct 1 - Dec 31.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery steelhead Jan 1-Mar 31 and May 22- Dec 31

Justification Increases harvest opportunity for hatchery steelhead by removing the September closure.

Section: All

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Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Closed to all angling from Sep 1-30.

Proposed Regulation Remove this regulation.

Justification Simplifies the rules by removing September closure period. Fishery limited to hatchery Chinook, so wild protection remains and provides anglers with additional opportunity.

Section: All

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Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery Chinook salmon May 22 - Aug 31 and Oct 1 - Dec 31.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery Chinook salmon May 22-Dec 31.

Justification Increases harvest opportunity on stray hatchery Chinook by removing the September closure.

Gnat Creek

Section: Aldrich Point Road Bridge to Falls

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Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery Chinook salmon Jan 1 - Aug 31 and Oct 1 - Dec 31.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery Chinook salmon all year.

Justification Increases harvest opportunity of hatchery Chinook by removing the September closure.

Northwest

Gnat Creek

Section: Aldrich Point Road Bridge to Falls

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Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Closed to angling from Sep 1-30.

Proposed Regulation Delete entry

Justification Angling restricted to hatchery fish, so wild protection remains. No adult collection at hatchery.

Section: Aldrich Point Road Bridge to Falls

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Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery steelhead Jan 1 - Aug 31 and Oct 1 - Dec 31.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery steelhead all year

Justification Increases harvest opportunity of hatchery steelhead by removing the September closure.

Kilchis River

Section: From Hwy 101 Bridge upstream to North Fork

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Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook Apr 1-Jul. 31

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook salmon Jan 1 - Jul 31.

Justification Increased opportunity to harvest hatchery Chinook salmon. Consistent with proposals for Wilson, Trask, and Nestucca River(s).

Lewis and Clark River

Section: Upstream to 200 ft downstream Warrenton Reservoir Dam

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Regulation Type Location

Purpose of Change Simplification

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation Old Hwy 101 bridge to 200 ft downstream Warrenton Reservoir Dam

Justification Clarifies the lower boundary for the Lewis and Clark River by designating it at the Old Hwy 101 Bridge.

Northwest

Little Nestucca River

Section: Hwy 101 to USFS bridge at Dolph

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Regulation Type Gear

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation Use of bait allowed.

Justification Allows the use of bait in the Little Nestucca River, consistent with other streams in the NW zone.

Nestucca River and Bay

Section: Bay and river to First Bridge (near Beaver)

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Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook Apr 1-Jul. 31

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook Jan 1-Jul 31.

Justification Increased opportunity to harvest hatchery Chinook.

Section: First Bridge upstream to Moon Creek.

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Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook Apr 1 -Jul 31.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook salmon Jan 1-Jul 31.

Justification Increased opportunity to harvest hatchery Chinook.

Salmon River

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Regulation Type Gear

Purpose of Change Inadvertant restriction

Current Regulation Knight Park boat ramp to Sulphur Creek from Sep 1 - Dec 31, angling is restricted to single point hook metal lures, fly angling, or salmon bobber angling (see diagram page 16).

Proposed Regulation Knight Park boat ramp to Sulphur Creek from Sep 1 - Dec 31, angling is restricted to single point hook artificial flies and lures or salmon bobber angling (see diagram page 16).

Justification Allows angling with all lure types with a single point hook only.

Northwest

Three Rivers

Section: All

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Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook Apr 1-Jul. 15

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook Jan 1-Jul 15.

Justification Increased opportunity to harvest hatchery Chinook.

Tillamook Bay

Section: All tidewater upstream to Hwy 101 bridges ...

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Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook Apr 1-Jul 31.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook Jan 1-Jul 31.

Justification Increased opportunity to harvest hatchery Chinook.

Tillamook River

Section: Upstream of Burton Bridge

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Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** Housekeeping corrections

Current Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook salmon Apr 1 - Jul 31.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook salmon May 22-Jul 31.

Justification Correction of an error. Opens Chinook and steelhead season concurrent with trout season.

Trask River

Section: From Hwy 101 Bridge upstream to confluence of North and South Forks

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Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook salmon Apr 1 - Jul 31.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook salmon Jan 1-Jul 31.

Justification Increased opportunity to harvest hatchery Chinook salmon. Consistent with proposals for Wilson, Kilchis, and Nestucca Rivers(s).

Northwest

Wilson River

Section: From Hwy 101 Bridge upstream to South Fork

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Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook salmon Apr 1 - Jul 31.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery spring Chinook salmon Jan 1-Jul 31.

Justification Increased opportunity to harvest hatchery Chinook salmon. Consistent with proposals for Kilchis, Trask, and Nestucca River(s)

Zone Regulation

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Regulation Type General **Purpose of Change** New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Pink salmon, sockeye salmon and hatchery coho salmon may be retained as part of the adult and jack salmon daily bag limit in all waters that are currently open to angling for Chinook salmon or steelhead, except as specified in Exceptions.

Proposed Regulation Pink salmon, sockeye salmon, hatchery coho salmon and hatchery steelhead may be retained as part of the adult and jack salmon daily bag limit in all waters that are currently open to angling for Chinook salmon or steelhead, except as specified in Exceptio

Justification Increased harvest opportunity. Effectively opens steelhead fishing in open Chinook angling areas to the retention of hatchery steelhead.

Section: 5. See Marine Zone for additional regulations that apply to coastal bays.

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Regulation Type General **Purpose of Change** Simplification

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation 5. See marine zone for additional regulations that apply to coastal bays.

Justification Coastal bays are included in both zones. Regulations in the marine zone apply to coastal bays, but some regulations for bays are also listed in the NW Zone. Reference is needed to remind people to look for rules in both places.

Southwest

Cooper Creek Reservoir

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Regulation Type Other

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation All landlocked salmon are considered trout.

Justification Excess coho from the South Umpqua hatchery program will be released in Cooper Creek Reservoir instead of Galesville Reservoir. This addition will allow for the legal harvest of these fish as part of the trout bag limit.

Diamond Lake

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Regulation Type Bag limit

Purpose of Change Critical conservation need

Current Regulation Catch-and-release for tiger trout.

Proposed Regulation Catch-and-release for tiger and brown trout.

Justification Triploid brown trout along with tiger trout were outplanted in Diamond Lake in 2017 as a biological control of cyprinids. Catch-and-release is necessary so that these fish are returned to the lake to remain part of the control effort.

East Fork Coquille River

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Regulation Type Bag limit

Purpose of Change Critical conservation need

Current Regulation Open for hatchery steelhead Jan 1 - Apr 30 and Dec 1 - Dec 31, upstream to marker at the lower end of Brewster Gorge.

Proposed Regulation Open for wild steelhead (1 per day and 3 per year) and hatchery steelhead Jan 1 -Apr 30 and Dec 1-31, upstream to marker at the lower end of Brewster Gorge at approximately MP 23 upstream of Dora.

Justification Modifies bag limits under the directions of the Coastal Multi Species Plan.

Southwest

Middle Creek (Coos Co.)

Proposal Number 24 **Page Number** 35

Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change Simplification

Current Regulation Open for hatchery steelhead Jan 1 - Apr 30 and May 22 - Dec 31, upstream to Cherry Creek.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery steelhead Jan 1 – April 30 and Oct 1 – Dec 31, upstream to Cherry Creek.

Justification Consistency with other steelhead regulations within the basin.

Zone Regulation

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Regulation Type Other

Purpose of Change Critical conservation need

Current Regulation Only hatchery steelhead may be kept, except as noted under Exceptions for the mainstem Illinois, Chetco, Elk, Pistol, Rogue, Sixes, and Winchuck rivers and Hunter and Euchre creeks.

Proposed Regulation Only hatchery steelhead may be kept, except as noted under Exceptions for the mainstem Illinois, Chetco, Elk, Pistol, Rogue, Sixes, Winchuck, and East Fork Coquille rivers and Hunter and Euchre creeks.

Justification East Fork Coquille was added to protect wild steelhead as directed by the Coastal Multi Species Plan.

Section: 6. See Marine Zone for additional regulations that apply to coastal bays.

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Regulation Type Location

Purpose of Change Simplification

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation 6. See Marine Zone for additional regulations that apply to coastal bays.

Justification Companion rule to NW Zone bullet that references Marine Zone for bays

Willamette

Long Tom River

Proposal Number 27 **Page Number** 44

Regulation Type General

Purpose of Change Simplification

Current Regulation Open all year. Harvest allowed May 22 - Oct 31, remainder of year catch-and-release.

Proposed Regulation Open all year for trout. Harvest allowed May 22 - Oct 31, remainder of year catch and release.

Justification Clarifies regulations, interpreted by the public and OSP as applying to all fish including warmwater fish, not just trout.

Mill Creek

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Regulation Type Location

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation Mill Creek (Marion Co.) and Tributaries

Justification Opens the tributaries of Mill Creek to angling. This broadens angler opportunities in Mill Creek.

Central

Deschutes River

Section: From I-84 Bridge upstream to Northern Boundary of the Warm Springs Reservation.

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Regulation Type Bag limit **Purpose of Change** Critical conservation need

Current Regulation Zone regulation for largemouth and smallmouth bass.

Proposed Regulation No limits on size or number of bass.

Justification Bass have been becoming more prevalent in the Deschutes River in recent years. This change would provide consistency with Columbia River regulations, and allow for control of potential negative interactions with native salmonids in the Deschutes River.

Section: Sherars Falls Area

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Regulation Type Bag limit **Purpose of Change** Critical conservation need

Current Regulation Zone regulation for largemouth and smallmouth bass.

Proposed Regulation No limits on size or number of bass.

Justification Bass have been becoming more prevalent in the Deschutes River in recent years. This change would provide consistency with Columbia River regulations, and allow for control of potential negative interactions with native salmonids in the Deschutes River.

Section: Northern Boundary of the Warm Springs Reservation to the Pelton Regulating Reservoir.

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Regulation Type Bag limit **Purpose of Change** Critical conservation need

Current Regulation Zone regulation for largemouth and smallmouth bass.

Proposed Regulation No limits on size or number of bass.

Justification Bass have been becoming more prevalent in the Deschutes River in recent years. This change would provide consistency with Columbia River regulations, and allow for control of potential negative interactions with native salmonids in the Deschutes River.

Central

Herman Creek

Section: Upstream of mainline railroad bridge.

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Regulation Type General

Purpose of Change Housekeeping corrections

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation Open for trout May22-Aug 15, catch-and-release, Open of Chinook, hatchery coho and hatchery steelhead Jan 1 - Mar 21, May 22-Aug 15, Dec1-31;Use of bait allowed; Closed downstream of hatchery dam Aug16-Nov 30.

Justification The Central Zone special regulations for Herman Creek above the mainline railroad bridge were inadvertently removed and replaced with Columbia Zone special regulations for Herman Creek below the mainline railroad bridge. This change corrects that error.

Lake Billy Chinook

Section: All

Proposal Number 33 **Page Number** 52

Regulation Type Bag limit

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Kokanee are part of the trout daily bag limit.

Proposed Regulation 5 kokanee per day in addition to daily trout limit. No size limits.

Justification Increasing angler opportunity will encourage more participation in the fishery. Naturally reproducing kokanee population can support additional harvest. The bonus bag of 25 kokanee would be too high, as we are attempting to establish sockeye population.

Odell Lake

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Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change Critical conservation need

Current Regulation Zone regulation - open all year.

Proposed Regulation Open Apr 22-Oct 31.

Justification This would close the lake from November 1 until April 21 to protect sensitive bull trout population.

Central

Wickiup Reservoir

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Regulation Type Bag limit

Purpose of Change Critical conservation need

Current Regulation 25 kokanee per day in addition to daily trout limit. No size limits.

Proposed Regulation 5 kokanee per day in addition to daily trout limit. No size limits.

Justification Changes in water management result in the reservoir being drawn down to a low pool earlier, more severely and more frequently. Results in reduced spawning habitat for kokanee and brown trout and increased vulnerability of spawning fish and native redband.

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Regulation Type Location

Purpose of Change Critical conservation need

Current Regulation The Deschutes River Arm, upstream of ODFW marker at West South Twin boat ramp is closed to angling after Sep 30.

Proposed Regulation The Deschutes River Arm, upstream of ODFW marker at Gull Point is closed to angling after August 31.

Justification Changes in water management result in the reservoir pool being drawn down earlier and more severely than previous years. This results in spawning and pre spawning fish vulnerable to angling and disturbance. Wickiup Reservoir is not a stocked waterbody.

Northeast

Umatilla River

Proposal Number 37 **Page Number** 57

Regulation Type Location **Purpose of Change** Housekeeping corrections

Current Regulation Open for coho and fall Chinook salmon Sep 1- Nov 30 from Threemile Dam upstream to CTUIR reservation boundary located upstream of Hwy 11 bridge.

Proposed Regulation Open for coho and fall Chinook salmon Sep 1 - Nov 30 from Hwy 730 Bridge upstream to the CTUIR reservation boundary located upstream of Hwy 11 bridge.

Justification Clarifies the boundary in the Umatilla river.

Section: Above CTUIR reservation

Proposal Number 38 **Page Number** 57

Regulation Type Gear **Purpose of Change** Critical conservation need

Current Regulation Use of bait allowed up to Ryan Creek (approx 550 ft.)

Proposed Regulation Use of bait allowed up to Ryan Creek (approx 550 ft), artificial flies and lures only above Ryan Creek.

Justification Restricting the use of bait above Ryan Creek will provide protection for native fish.

Wenaha River

Section: All

Proposal Number 39 **Page Number** 57

Regulation Type Bag limit **Purpose of Change** Housekeeping corrections

Current Regulation Catch-and-release for bull trout in the mainstem Wenaha River upstream to the confluence of the N. and S. Forks.

Proposed Regulation Catch-and-release for bull trout.

Justification Clarifies the catch-and-release regulations for bull trout in the Wenaha River.

Southeast

McDermitt Creek Basin

Proposal Number 40 **Page Number** 62

Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Closed

Proposed Regulation Zone Regulation

Justification McDermitt Creek can reopen after major fires burned a significant portion of the basin. This change will open McDermitt Creek under Zone Regulations.

Sprague River

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Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change Critical conservation need

Current Regulation Open all year. (Zone Regulations)

Proposed Regulation Open Apr. 22-Oct. 31.

Justification Under zone regulations the stream was opened all year. This regulation change is necessary to protect spawning redband trout that are vulnerable to harvest and over exploitation in the late winter and early spring months.

Columbia

Youngs Bay Mouth

Proposal Number 42 **Page Number** 75

Regulation Type Location

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation Incorporate the fall Youngs Bay Control Zone permanently.

Justification Implements permanent Youngs Bay Control Zone per Commission policy.

Marine

Zone Regulation

Proposal Number 43 **Page Number** 81

Regulation Type General **Purpose of Change** Housekeeping corrections

Current Regulation 9. Multi-species restrictions: It is unlawful for any person to fish for, or take and retain any species of salmon, Pacific halibut, or marine fish while possessing on board any species not allowed to be taken in the area at that time.

Proposed Regulation 9. Multi-species restrictions: It is unlawful for any person to fish for, or take and retain any species of salmon, trout, Pacific halibut, or marine fish while possessing on board any fish not allowed to be taken in the area at that time.

Justification Changing the word "species" to "fish" allows for inclusion of the same species but with different fin mark restrictions to be prohibited. More enforceable, particularly in fisheries that occur at the mouths of bays and cross into ocean.

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Regulation Type General **Purpose of Change** Critical conservation need

Current Regulation 7 fish in aggregate; of which no more than 6 may be black rockfish; no more than 4 may be any combination of blue, deacon, China, copper, and/or quillback rockfish...

Proposed Regulation General marine bag limits are set after this booklet is printed. Check regulations before fishing at <https://tinyurl.com/m9mzp6g>, or call (541) 867-4741. Retention of yelloweye rockfish is prohibited.

Justification The daily limits are subject to change, and are determined during November and December (after printing of the Sport Fishing Regulations). Directing anglers to visit the MRP website will provide up to date and accurate information on these species.
