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**Public Correspondence received as
of August 31, 2018.**

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [April H Mack](#)
Subject: FW: Protecting Non-native Species
Date: Friday, April 20, 2018 2:16:54 PM

PC

From: Larry Caton <larrycaton@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 8:33 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Protecting Non-native Species

Dear Commissioners,

Every year I look at ODFW's fishing regulations and am baffled by the season and bag limits applied to introduced species (what the USGS calls Nonindigenous Aquatic Species).

I understand that the American shad, walleye, large and smallmouth bass, etc. are fun to catch, but I can't comprehend why the commission endorses policies to protect these species. Our public rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds aren't meant to be fish farms for NAS, and new scientific studies continue to reveal their detrimental ecological effects.

Please allow us sports fishermen to catch as many NAS as we want by any means that doesn't threaten native species.

I should be using Columbia River shad to fertilize my garden! We have bounties on northern pikeminnow yet allow bass and walleye to gobble up juvenile salmonids without concern.

Please require ODFW to lessen or eliminate fishing restrictions on NAS.

Regards,

Larry Caton
Portland, OR

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Thomas Thornton](#); [Michael Gauvin](#)
Cc: [Roxann B Borisch](#); [April H Mack](#)
Subject: FW: Regulations
Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 2:18:21 PM

Regulations PC

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

From: kirkman3@juno.com <kirkman3@juno.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2018 9:35 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: Kirkman3@juno.com
Subject: Re: Regulations

Dear ODFW:

Reviewing the State Regs. regarding Hunting and Fishing in OR, we noticed the header "Uniformed Services & Disabled Veterans" page.

Speaking for myself, I was most gratified that Oregon chooses to Honor our Veterans by reduced, and in some cases, Free advantages for Veterans.

However, we found these regulations to be short sighted; there is another Veteran that Serves the people--- placing their life on the line at great risk; no less than armed services.

I speak of Police, and Fire. I believe there is NO difference between the Armed services, and Police and Fire. That is to say Police & Fire become disabled, unable to work, and unfortunately, killed in the line of duty... every day.

In conclusion, it would be prudent that ODFW take a moment to evaluate an addition to the Regs. allowing for Police & Fire be added to this regulation.

Thank you for your time.

Mr. T. Kirkman, Fire Captain/Medic
First Battalion, "Alpha" Division
3rd. Engine Co., 2nd. Medic Unit
L.O.D.I., Disabled, Retired

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risingstarnewspaper.com
<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL3141/5abfb8bd6812b38bd2706st03vuc>

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Michael Gauvin](#); [April H Mack](#)
Subject: FW: Trout opening day
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:59:39 AM

Fishing regs PC

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

From: John Pacelt <arlorory@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 5:32 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Trout opening day

Hello,

In the future could you please schedule the trout opening day on a Saturday. Families work and kids go to school during the week. Let's keep fishing and camping family friendly!

Thanks,

John Pacelt
Bend OR
541-388-9206

From: Stephen Bruce
To: michael.w.gauvin@state.or.us
Subject: Please do not make the Metolius Fly Fishing Only
Date: Friday, May 25, 2018 10:06:51 PM

You may not even accept my opinion because I have not fished Oregon waters in over eight years. I have lived in Oregon continuously for 38 years. I gave up on fishing. Regulation, regulation, regulation. It is not a simple pleasure. Why set myself up for failure. I have not been cited by any game officer, but why risk it when I can save money and do something else without worrying that I missed a line in the regulation book. Just add another level of regulation from the insistence another fly fisherman group trying to protect every water so they can catch and release a fish. It adds up to be less fisherman with less water to fish, unless you're trying to attract non-resident license fees.

I am not a fish hog, but I used to like spin fishing and occasional fly fishing, but I also enjoyed having fish for dinner.

Sincerely
Stephen Bruce
LaPine, Oregon
Sent from my iPad

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Michael Gauvin](#); [April H Mack](#)
Subject: FW: Cole Hatchery hole
Date: Friday, June 15, 2018 8:23:36 AM

Fishing Reg PC

From: James McArron <mcarronj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 1:23 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Cole Hatchery hole

I wist to support your considering of regulations on hooks at the hatchery hole on the Rouge River at the Cole fish hatchery,As a non resident licensee I have been disgusted witnessing the snagging going on there,some of the Salmon look like they have been shot with a gun when landed after being snagged,after witnessing the shagging a couple times I have not been back,It is sickening.

Respectively, James McArron

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Michael Gauvin](#); [April H Mack](#)
Subject: FW: I think trouble hooks should be banned from gold hill up river on the Rogue
Date: Friday, June 15, 2018 8:40:33 AM

Fish Reg PC

From: Todd <sexytd@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 8:04 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: I think trouble hooks should be banned from gold hill up river on the Rogue

I think trouble hooks should be banned from gold hill to the Hatchery on the rogue river unless it is on a buoyant lure like a kwik fish.

John Stephen Ward
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Director's Office

Curt Melcher
Director,
ODFW

Dear Mr. Melcher,

I just wanted to express my EXTREME dismay over the date change for opening weekend for fishing season. How ridiculous. 35 years of traditional gettogethers gone because some bone head thought it best to make it on the same date each year. My daughter was born on the weekend opener 41 years ago and the lake has been the spot where her friends and family celebrate her birthday each year. That is basically over now.


John s. ward

Teresa & Steve Ward
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From: David Streight
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Owyhee river fishing regulations
Date: Monday, July 2, 2018 3:22:03 PM

I love to fly fish the Owyhee for the large Browns and am very disturbed by the regulation which allows bait fishing in this world class fishery!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michael Gauvin
To: [April H Mack](#)
Subject: FW: Angling Reg Simplification
Date: Friday, July 13, 2018 12:41:07 PM

PC

From: Robert Bradley
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 12:38 PM
To: Michael Gauvin <Michael.W.Gauvin@coho2.dfw.state.or.us>
Subject: FW: Angling Reg Simplification

FYI

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From: Jason Dunkin [<mailto:dunkin@slamdunkin.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 10:59 AM
To: Chris Knutsen <Chris.J.Knutsen@state.or.us>; Robert Bradley <Robert.Bradley@state.or.us>
Subject: RE: Angling Reg Simplification

Please include my comments into the record for the commission meeting.

I am opposed to opening the Nestucca upstream of the Cloverdale bridge August 1st- Sept 15. There is a wild run of Summer Chinook that enter the river that time of year during low flows. There were warm water events in the late 1980s that killed thousands of adult Spring and Summer Chinook. I do not believe that either population has recovered yet. Opening the river during this time not only allows for the direct take of these fish, but also the harassment of spawning fish.

I believe that the river has been closed during this time of year for the purpose of protecting spawning fish. The original logic for the closure is still valid today.

Big Creek

While I do not take part in this fishery, I find it disturbing that the ODFW proposes to remove all protection of wild Chinook in most North coast streams and at the same time close all access to a run of Chinook that I believe is entirely hatchery origin.

I do not support the retention of wild Spring Chinook in the ocean outside of Tillamook Bay. If the fish need protection inside the bay and river, they need it outside also.

Besides the biological reason for the mark select fishery, it is not fair to other license holders to have to release fish that others are able to kill just a few miles away.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jason Dunkin

On June 20, 2018 at 10:07 AM Robert Bradley <Robert.Bradley@state.or.us> wrote:

Attached is the information provided in the public meetings for the north coast. This is the only format I have the information in at this point. The season slides depict current seasons, followed by proposed seasons, and finally what the seasons would look like if adopted as proposed. Other specific proposals are outlined on additional slides. The combined angling tag change is not a new rule, just a new format for the tag and codes.

Proposals will be presented to the Commission at the August 3rd meeting in Salem for review and public input. Then they will be presented to the Commission again on September 14th in Bandon for rulemaking.

Robert

Robert W. Bradley

District Fish Biologist

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From: Chris Knutsen
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 9:25 AM
To: Robert Bradley <Robert.Bradley@coho2.dfw.state.or.us>
Cc: dunkin@slamdunkin.com
Subject: Angling Reg Simplification

Robert:

Can you send Jason Dunkin a copy of the proposed North Coast regulation changes. Also include dates\locations for commission meeting and adoption.

Jason is copied here.

Chris

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From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Michael Gauvin](#); [April H Mack](#)
Subject: FW: Comment Regulations in Southern Oregon
Date: Monday, July 23, 2018 7:53:23 AM

Fishing Reg PC

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

From: Dax Messett <Daxmessett@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 3:58 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Comment Regulations in Southern Oregon

Hello, I just wanted to make my public comment on a few proposed regulation changes in Southern Oregon.

First, I firmly support a ban on treble hooks on the Upper Rogue's hatchery hole. The amount of snagging with treble hooks that goes on there is utterly disgusting.

Second, there shouldn't be any retention of wild steelhead on the Southern Oregon coastal rivers. The numbers of returning wild fish are in turmoil, and catch and release regulations need to be implemented immediately to preserve the few remaining wild fish we have. It is incompatible that you can still kill a wild winter steelhead in Southern Oregon.

Thank you.

Dax Messett
Medford, Oregon

Dax Messett

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [Michael Gauvin](#)
Cc: [April H Mack](#)
Subject: FW: Trout value
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:35:41 AM

Fish regulation PC

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

From: Jeff Perin <greendrakehatch@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:09 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Trout value

ODFW,

as a lifelong Oregon angler and someone who has spent 32 years as a guide and fly shop owner, I am concerned with ODFW's decision to allow an unlimited catch of Brown Trout (and Brook Trout) in the Deschutes River from Lake Billy Chinook to Benham Falls.

I believe that both of those species hold a good economic value for both local and traveling anglers. Especially Brown Trout due to the sizes they can achieve during their long life.

I think it is sad to watch when anglers are currently walking out with stringers full of large brown trout knowing that if these fish were protected, either by a small kill limit, or simply protected under catch and release regulations how much value they would hold to people who enjoy fishing the Deschutes and those that are buying fishing licenses.

With the Deschutes in such bad shape with irrigation demands, the angling community has gone numerous times to rescue fish stranded when the water is drawn down for the storage season.

It hardly seems fair to those that value these fish enough to go save them, that the ODFW at the same time would allow other anglers to catch and kill as many of these same trout as they want.

We are seeing people coming off the river with stringers of a dozen or more dead brown trout, some of these fish are the size of steelhead. Trophy fish. Valuable fish. Wasted fish killed by people with antiquated values of what belongs to them in an ever increasing world that needs to value and share fish. We must keep them around to repopulate our river, and to allow more than just one angler the joy of catching one of these fish. We all know, Catch and Release works.

I take groups of anglers all over the world to fly fish in Argentina, Chile, New Zealand and most recently Tasmania in the hopes we will catch trophy Brown Trout. People spend \$4000 to \$8000 for trips like this to be able to catch such a special fish. And we have these special fish right here in our own Deschutes River but suddenly we take away their protections. It is terrible.

I urge the commission to change this regulation. With all trout species suffering from habitat loss as river levels are turned down to less than 100 cfs on many years, I think it is important to protect the fish we have. All trout species will provide people with joy, and the hope of catching them is especially important in keeping our local economies viable because people will want to come fish in an area that offers the chance at such brilliant fish. People spend a lot of money in communities doing just that.

I have fished the Deschutes since 1980. On the first day I lived in Bend, on a warm June evening I was first introduced to the trout of the Deschutes upstream of Bend. I've seen up's and downs, but right now with climate change and changing storage capacities in our reservoirs, plus more overall demand for water and less precipitation, on most years the Deschutes is not as it once was just from a flow standpoint, let alone fish habitat and population. Please work to protect fish that are self sustaining in the system. Brown Trout have cohabited well with native redbands for decades. It is bad policy to allow unlimited kill quotas on Browns.

Respectfully,

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