

# **PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

**Received May 23, 2018 to August 31, 2018**

**Subject: Support Native Fish Society/Harvey Young  
Petition**

**Letters with additional comments attached**

**From:** Carson's Guide Service  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild Steelhead Release  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 4:26:36 PM

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I am in full support of the petition on the Wild Steelhead Catch and Release!

Carson's Guide Service  
fishwithcarson@aol.com

**From:** Mike Staiger  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Steelhead catch and release  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 1:09:00 PM

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Wild Steelhead are worth far more to the State of Oregon if they're alive -- please mandate that all wild Steelhead fishing be catch and release.

Thank you,

Mike Staiger

Palo Alto, CA

**From:** Taylor Moore  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild steelhead release  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 11:23:33 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to send an email in support of releasing wild steelhead in southern Oregon. I've been involved as a board member of California trout and have a greater appreciation for the need to take proactive steps to preserve and protect our rivers and fish. This is such an important decision to assure that we are taking action and doing what's in our control to help foster and protect wild steelhead populations.

Thanks you.

Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** James Naughton  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us); Rich Zelman  
**Subject:** wild steelhead harvesting  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 10:02:37 AM

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I am writing in support of stopping the harvesting of wild steelhead in southern Oregon. Returns of wild steelhead continue to decline in many rivers and remain at only a small fraction of their historic runs. They need all the help they can get, so please stop any angler harvesting.

James Naughton

**From:** Raymond Kelly  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Potential Steelhead release  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 8:54:08 AM

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As an avid fly fisherman that fishes the western United States,I would very much like to see the wild Steelhead of southern Oregon released.

Raymond Kelly

**From:** Peter Heitman  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Release of Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 8:26:34 AM

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To Whom It May Concern

I strongly recommend that you release wild steelhead from their current state of “bondage”. There is NO earthly reason to continue to harvest the few remaining wild steelhead that continue to return to southern Oregon’s coastal rivers each year. We should be focusing on expanding their population, not further depleting it.

Sincerely, Peter W. Heitman

Sent from my iPad

**From:** DIANE MORRELL  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 6:19:11 AM

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As a concerned angler, I am writing you today to urge you to preserve the WILD steelhead. Oregon does such an amazing job with the hatcheries throughout the state, but we must protect our wild fish. The steelhead numbers are dwindling and I would love to know that our wild fish at least have a chance of survival. I plead with you to help those that remain... Catch and Release our wild steelhead before they are gone!

I angle in both California AND Oregon (purchasing an out of State license each year with steelhead tags and Columbia River basin supplement), even if I only fish in Oregon once a year... I do this because Oregon has amazing fisheries. I have always released both hatchery AND wild steelhead.

Please help these fish survive. Keep them wet and let them spawn!

Thank you,  
Diane Morrell  
CA AND Oregon homeowner

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Dennis Reasoner  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Release Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 4:57:03 AM

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Dear Sirs,

As an out of state angler who often makes steelhead excursions to your beautiful state I would like to comment on your decision on September 14th to allow the killing of wild steelhead. I am of the opinion that all wild steelhead should be released. I understand that there is a contingent of fishermen who like to keep fish that I believe should be limited to hatchery fish only. The wild steelhead stock is a valuable resource that should be diligently protected. Thank you.

Dennis Reasoner

**From:** David Geisser  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Steelhead release  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:01:45 PM

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Dear Sirs

Please make it catch and release only for wild steelhead . The beleaguered steelhead is to valuable to the thousands of fishermen that come to spent money and fish in Oregon

Sincerely

Dave Geisser

Out of state Oregon license holder

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** chamerstad@aol.com  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** No kill wild steelhead regulation  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 6:06:47 PM

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Commissioners,

I urge you to support a **no kill wild steelhead** regulation on the 10 southern Oregon rivers which now have a one fish wild kill limit. Populations of wild steelhead are on the decline and those wild genetics need to be preserved. Thanks for your consideration.

Chuck Hammerstad  
Flycasters, Inc, fly fishing club member

**From:** Fred P  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild Steel Head  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 4:37:43 PM

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Dear Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission!

I am a 77 year old Steelhead Junkie! I have fished for those precious fish since I was 12 years old. I must admit I kept my share of Wild Steelhead in my younger years not realizing how it would take it's toll on the Wild Steelhead population.

The DECISION TO ALLOW killing of Wild Steelhead is a NO BRAINER the fish has enough trouble surviving in our current environment a decision to allow harvesting such a precious fish is just plain STUPID.

VOTE NO ON HARVESTING WILD STEELHEAD ON ANY RIVER!.

Fred Pendergast  
11700 Upland Way  
Cupertino, CA 95014

**From:** Gil Takemori  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Updates to Oregon Department of Justice Response - #9035603  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 3:31:58 PM

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Dear commission,

I am not a resident of Oregon, but am a patron of your fabulous fisheries there and would like to continue doing so with your support of this proposal that will more uniformly protect your wild steelhead there. I am urging you to consider this update for several reasons:

1. Protecting this valuable species is critical not only for their survival, but for the continued success of your sport fishing industry there in OR. The native wild steelhead are genetically adapted for the best chance of survival in their home waters, but only if they can return to spawn each year without being harvested first.
2. Simplifying this regulation makes it easier for both enforcement as well as for adherence to the regulations by sport fishermen.
3. With the abundance of hatchery-bred fish now readily available in most of the areas in question, it makes no sense to harvest the wild native specimens which have the genetic ability to further reproduce and perpetuate themselves over time, and possibly restore themselves in their former habitats. This is your best chance at possibly restoring a fully self-sustaining fishery for the future.

Thank you for considering this update and for promoting its adoption into law soon.

Sincerely,

Gil Takemori  
CA resident

**From:** mark brown  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 2:52:13 PM

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Hello,

I travel to OR each summer and winter to fish for steelhead. I buy an OR fishing license for an out of state angler, fly into Portland, rent a car, and stay in motels for a week at a time. I hire a steelhead guide for a few days each time. I generally spend a few thousand dollars in OR for each trip and have been since 1985. Wild steelhead is the reason I come there. They should not be killed. Kill the hatchery fish but let the wild go.

In my opinion there should be rivers that are only wild and rivers that are primarily hatchery, but the two shouldn't mix.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Brown

**From:** James Boyd  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** wild steelhead southern Oregon  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 2:51:30 PM

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Dear ODFW,

Get with the times guys! **Protect wild steelhead.** That is one of the few things that California has done well, protect wild anadromous fish!

Thanks,

James

**From:** Peter Sakai  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild Steelhead Regulations  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 1:22:20 PM

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I am writing this to urge the enactment of regulations to protect remaining populations of Southern Oregon wild steelhead while providing for sustainable angling opportunities.

There are 10 rivers in Southern Oregon where harvest of wild steelhead is still allowed. Too few of these fish remain. Catch and release regulations to protect remaining fish will be good for the fish, economy and anglers.

Although I live in Red Bluff, CA, I frequently fish in Oregon for summer and winter steelhead. I spend money for guides, tackle, food, lodging and fuel in Oregon during each trip. I am not alone, there are many from north and south that arrive in Oregon to fish.

Throughout the entire Pacific Northwest, steelhead populations are in trouble. Let's protect what is left while preserving angling opportunities.

Thanks for listening!

Peter Sakai

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** Terry Sternberg  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Release of Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 12:51:36 PM

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Please protect our wild fish by **REQUIRING THE RELEASE OF ALL WILD STEELHEAD!** Thank for giving future generations the chance to see this incredible species.

Terry Sternberg

Sent from my iPhone

Terry Sternberg  
Email: [terry@tjstern.com](mailto:terry@tjstern.com)  
Cell: 415-990-2555

**From:** Dennis Lindquist  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 12:35:32 PM

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I believe the Commission should not allow any “harvesting” of any Steelhead on any river in Oregon.  
Dennis R. Lindquist  
Hamilton, Montana

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Rick Davis  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** S OR Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 10:12:07 AM

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As an avid Steelhead fisherman who spends a lot of my time and money traveling to OR to chase wild Steelhead, I hope the Commission will seriously consider the critical importance of preserving Oregon's population of wild Steelhead and rule that fishermen must release all wild Steelhead. These fish are a unique treasure to OR whose populations I have witnessed in steady decline. It's time to put an end to the harvesting of these unique fish. It's hard to imagine that Southern OR rivers remain the only place in the world that anglers can still harvest wild Steelhead.

Thanks for your consideration,

Rick Davis

**From:** Victor Yee  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild Steelhead and Salmon  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 11:59:48 AM

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I believe we should continue to protect and promote natural spawning for our ever increasing elimination of our fishery. Lets continue to promote our catch and release and single hook barbless hooks. Lets preserve our wild runs of steelhead and salmon for the generations to come before it is too late.

Victor

**From:** MATTHEW MAYNARD  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Release wild steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 11:40:23 AM

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Please make it mandatory to release wild steelhead. There are enough hatchery steelhead for killing. Protecting these wild genes is very important to future generations. This is a very important decision for us to keep these fish wild and thriving.

Thank you

Matthew Maynard

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** John Luis  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Sept 14th  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 11:27:34 AM

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ODFW

Very grateful for the well kept campgrounds throughout the state. Especially those near the tributaries/streams that I frequent.

Please be judicious and fair to allow wild steelhead be released.

That being said, as a devoted steel header, I'd miss those campgrounds and surrounding businesses if wild fish release program is not implemented.

Thank you  
A Californian

**From:** Jim noble  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 10:42:54 AM

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ODFW,

All wild Steelhead should be released on all rivers in southern Oregon. These fish are too few and valuable to be taken and killed.

Thank you for your consideration

James Noble

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Mark Haffenreffer  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Release the Wild Steelhead of Southern Oregon.  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 10:26:50 AM

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To Whom it may concern-

As a California Angler who travels up to Oregon several times a year, I'd like to weigh in on the decision as to whether the wild steelhead of southern Oregon should be released or remain the only place in the world that anglers can still harvest them.

My feeling is that the practice of catch and release is vital to the retention of steelhead anglers who travel from around the world to experience these beautiful creatures. I've attached a photo of a beautiful B-Run hen I caught last year in Oregon. Obviously if harvesting this fish was an option I would have never been able to catch, briefly hold, and then release this beautiful fish. It is the opportunity to fish in this manner that keeps me coming back to Oregon.

Best-

Mark Haffenreffer



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MARK HAFFENREFFER  
415-987-2604

**From:** Brady Johnstone  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 9:02:39 AM

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Hi,

I have heard that you are weighting the merrits of continuing to allow harvest of Wild Steelhead. I come to Oregon 4-7 times a year almost exclusively to chase steelhead. I have to urge you to not allow any wild steelhead to be killed. These fish have gone through such enormous challenges and feats to get back to there home waters so they can breed and continue the species. It is a shame that any should be allowed to be taken. With hatchery fish in the systems the people that feel the need to kill their catch so they can eat it can have what they want, no need to allow the originals to be taken too. Please ban all killing of wild steelhead, they don't need humans help to make their struggle even harder.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely  
Brady Johnstone

**From:** Charles Dilworth  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [Rich Zellman](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon Steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 10:22:23 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Please do not allow the harvesting of wild steelhead in Oregon rivers to continue. These fish are an extraordinary resource that the state of Oregon should work hard to preserve, and it is an embarrassment that southern Oregon is the only place in the world where these magnificent fish can be harvested.

Thank you,  
Charles Dilworth

Charles Dilworth, FAIA  
Visiting Professor  
Distinguished Teaching Fellow



**From:** Mike Stevenson  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Please Release all wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:54:42 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

On the 14th of September the ODFW Commission will decide if the wild steelhead of southern Oregon should be released or remain the only place in the world that anglers can still harvest them. Currently there are 10 rivers you can still kill wild fish on south of the Umpqua.

**I would like to see these wild Steelhead released.**

**Mike Stevenson**  
**GEOGRID** Retaining Wall Systems  
Cell 619-843-4343

**From:** John Mullenholz  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Releasing Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:52:40 AM

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Hi ODFW Commission -

Salmon and steelhead are a personal issue for so many of us, and I understand that harvesting wild steelhead is a tradition that extends backwards in time through many, many generations that came before us.

That's exactly why it's critically important to end legal harvest of wild steelhead in Oregon from now on: I just had my first daughter last month, and she deserves to see and experience wild steelhead just as much as anyone else who came before here and those who will come after her.

The reality of wild steelhead in 2018 is that there simply aren't enough for the dinner plate or the smoker. I'm writing this email to ask you to end the legal harvest of wild steelhead on all Oregon rivers immediately. It's the responsible decision to make for our children, so that future generations have access to this tremendous natural resource themselves.

Best,  
John Mullenholz  
[Mullenho@gmail.com](mailto:Mullenho@gmail.com)

**From:** Henry Carlile  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Protection for Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:38:22 AM

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Dear ODFW Commissioners,

It is my understanding that there are ten rivers south of the Umpqua where it is still legal to catch and kill wild steelhead. This is unacceptable. I support mandatory catch and release regulations for all Oregon wild steelhead. Please do the right thing by protecting these iconic Northwestern fish.

**From:** Craig  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:37:21 AM

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Dear ODF commission

I write to advocate for regulations mandating catch and release fishing for wild steelhead in all of Oregon

Craig Zarling

Portland

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Robert Adams  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Southern Oregon wild steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:28:57 AM

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Good morning,  
Im writing to lend my support in hopes that ODFW will designate wild steelhead in Southern Oregon as catch and release only. Wild steelhead are in such decline that it does not make sense to allow harvest. Im writing from Southern Calif and with more abundant wild steelhead I am more likely to continue to travel to the area and spend my recreational dollars. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,  
Bo Adams

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**From:** Jay Bailey  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** No Harvesting of Wild Oncorhynchus Mykiss Iredius  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:25:52 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

Let's give this species a break. Wild Steelhead populations across the whole western seaboard have plummeted. Let's do what we can to help bring their numbers back. Once they make it back to the rivers for spawning, they should be off limit to harvest.

If people want to harvest steelhead let them have at the hatchery stock. We need to do all that we can to protect wild fish species and the water within which they live!

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

**Jay K. Bailey**  
**#Letthewildbefree**

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**From:** Hossein  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Release ALL wild steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:23:50 AM

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To whom it may concern,

With upcoming decision on September 14th I believe it is essential for state of Oregon to take into law to protect all wild steelhead. Therefore I encourage catch and release of all WILD steelhead.

Sincerely

Hossein Hassani, MD

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Bruce Moore  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Release of Wild Fish  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:22:17 AM

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I have been fishing for wild steelhead on the Umpqua for years and hope that one day my grandchildren will be able to do the same. Or will the steelhead die out from harvesting by anglers. that is the story everywhere.

We have a choice to make. Protect the wild steelhead for future generations or kill them off now.

I implore you to adopt a resolution to release all wild steelhead on this fishery system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bruce Moore  
67 year old angler.

**From:** Pete  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Release the Wild Fish!  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:19:47 AM

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See above.

Get on the "right" side of environmental history and release all wild fish.

Pete J

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**From:** Rich Zellman  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** South Coast Wild Steelhead  
**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:01:38 AM

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Dear commissioners,

I would like to voice my support of wild steelhead release on the south coast of Oregon.

As a full-time guide out of southern Oregon, steelhead being my only pursuit, the future of these fish are the future of my business. My clients come from all over the states and beyond in hopes to catch the wild steelhead of southern Oregon.

I often say, "we have the best of what's left". Lets keep it that way by changing the south coast to mandatory wild steelhead release.

Thank you for your time,

Rich Zellman  
[www.steelheadwater.com](http://www.steelheadwater.com)

**From:** Kirk Kowalke  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild steelhead release Rogue river  
**Date:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 3:57:49 PM

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As an avid fly fisher living in Medford I fish the Upper rogue many dozens of times a year. I feel it is important to protect the wild returning steelhead in the rogue. The most logical way to achieve this would be to return all wild fish to the river and not even remove them from the water when caught. We need to do all we can for this valuable resource for Oregon. It doesn't take away from the experience to release a few fish for the sake of preservation of a species. Thanks Kirk Kowalke 2310 sronebrook dr. Medford or. 97504.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Lee S  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Allowing wild southern Oregon steelhead to be killed  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:00:46 AM  
**Attachments:** [13,000+ Wild Fish on an El N.textClipping](#)

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Dear ODFW commission,

The time has come and it has been here for a while, when allowing wild summer steelhead to be killed is a travesty. Despite belief to the contrary, it has long been clear that ODGW fish students to have a clue about what the numbers of wild summer steelhead are. In the absence of this comprehensive knowledge, killing these wild steelhead cannot be justified surely.

Attached to this email, is a short discussion of Fish Commission study of the number of steelhead in the North Umpua River in 1942. This Fish Commission paper make it abundantly clear that the state game commission has never had a good handle on historic fish numbers and, given this, what sort of a game are we playing, fellas and gals.

With the amount of sincerity that I trust this message will be examined and considered.

Lee Spencer

**From:** Axel Schug  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Please don't kill Wild Steelhead!  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 9:55:23 AM

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I am writing regarding the Commission's upcoming decision. As an avid steelhead angler, I strongly urge the Commission to require all wild steelhead to be released in the State of Oregon. There are plenty of opportunities for the harvest of hatchery-raised steelhead in the region. Wild fish need all the help they can get if they are to survive.

Thank you for your consideration!

Axel Schug  
Managing Partner  
Schug Carneros Estate Winery  
Cell: 707-738-8699

**From:** Mark Stangeland  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** SW Zone rule change  
**Date:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 5:51:06 PM

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Hi,

I am a fly fishing guide on the North Umpqua and Rogue rivers and would like to lend my support for the proposed rule change protecting wild steelhead from retention.

These fish are a precious resource that need to be protected and all wild fish should be released unharmed. I whole heartedly stand behind getting this rule implemented as soon as possible.

Thanks for your comment consideration on this matter.

Mark Stangeland

**From:** Stuart Warren  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Wild Fish Release on the Rogue  
**Date:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 4:33:32 PM

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Hello,

My name is Stuart Warren. I am a fly fishing guide on the Rogue River. I am writing you today to encourage the removal of wild steelhead retention from the Rogue River.

This is a great opportunity to provide an economic stimulus to the Rogue River. Our fishery is getting better thanks to restoration efforts from many agencies and organizations yet we continue to allow wild steelhead retention. With many fisheries on the decline around Oregon, the Rogue is in a position to capture a lot of traveling fisherman who want to catch fish. These anglers have been slowly migrating to my business because I am catch and release ONLY for wild steelhead. I advertise it and gain a lot of business because of it.

A great example of a fishery that is catch and release only for wild steelhead is the North Umpqua. Not only has the regulation saved those fish but it created a huge attraction for fly fisherman from around the world who want to experience a wild steelhead caught in a fly. That place, and its guides, are busier than they have ever been. Even the campgrounds are packed.

Catch and release fisheries attract fishermen who will be good stewards of the river. Our rivers need more protection and so do our fish.

I understand that the ODFW Commission doesn't believe that the Rogue fish need more protection but the numbers show differently. While their numbers are increasing, they are well below historical averages. We need to manage our fisheries in an effort to TRY to restore them to historical averages. Not the ten year average.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if I can provide any more testimony,

Best fishes,

Stuart Warren  
Owner  
Stuart Warren Fly Fishing  
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Sent from my iPhone