

**Exhibit (E)**

**Supplemental  
Public Correspondence  
received as of  
August 2, 2021**

**From:** [cnrgreg@charter.net](mailto:cnrgreg@charter.net)  
**To:** [COMMISSION ODFW \\* ODFW](#)  
**Subject:** Salmon regulations & barbed hooks  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 8:21:58 PM

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Hi,

It's time to consider the science of barbed hooks.

The Tolman Report (and others) shows there's no basis to continue mandating barbless hooks for Salmon & Steelhead. There is no significant difference in mortality rates.

An alternate that could lower mortality rates is to retain the first fish caught, regardless of finned or not.

Please consider, statistics matter.

Greg Spanos

Hood River, OR

**From:** [John Abele](#)  
**To:** [COMMISSION ODFW \\* ODFW](#)  
**Subject:** Salmon and Steelhead  
**Date:** Friday, July 23, 2021 6:09:21 PM

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I do not think the use of barbless hooks should be encouraged.

In my experience I very seldom need to release a hooked fish.

I do think we need to encourage young "fishers" and using a barbless hooks adds to fish being lost...

Thank you..... John Abele ( age 79)

**From:** [Chris Foster](#)  
**To:** [COMMISSION ODFW \\* ODFW; TATE Michelle L \\* ODFW](#)  
**Subject:** Follow Up Email to Change the 2022 Fishing Regulations to Save the Native Mountain Whitefish on the Metolius River- Catch and Release All Species and Fly Fishing Only  
**Date:** Monday, July 26, 2021 2:30:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [OREGON NATIVE MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH AND THE METOLIUS RIVER DISCUSSION Follow Up on July 26 2021.docx](#)

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Commissioners,

Thank you for the courtesy extended to me in my 3 minute virtual testimony to Protect the Native Mountain Whitefish in the Metolius River in Central Oregon on Friday June 18, 2021.

I have condensed this follow up exhibit to one page which is attached.

Please take a moment to review my attachment. I know you are all swamped with a million items.

Thank you in advance.

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Lifelong Oregonian (72 years)  
Our family goes back to the 1850's in Oregon  
35 Year Volunteer Angler Education Instructor- ODFW  
I have fished the Metolius River since 1957.

**SAVING THE OREGON NATIVE MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH IN THE METOLIUS RIVER**  
**BY CHANGING THE 2022 FISHING REGULATIONS TO:**

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JULY 26, 2021

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**From:** [Bob Huston](#)  
**To:** [COMMISSION ODFW \\* ODFW](#)  
**Subject:** Walleye Bag Limit and Size Deletion  
**Date:** Monday, July 26, 2021 4:08:59 PM

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Commissioners, I am opposed to changing the current regs for walleye on the Willamette and Gilbert River system. The Multnomah Channel and Gilbert River boasts one of the best walleye fishing opportunities in the US. I have family and friends who come out from MN and WI to fish it. In 2006 when I first started to fish it, easy limits could be taken. However once the word got out the pressure came on, including guides, and the fishery has suffered from too many big females taken. This coupled with water issues at Sturgeon lake via a flushing canal that was installed has caused very low water levels hurting any spawning Walleye or fry. Please keep the status quo regs in place. I know of about 30 local fishermen who enjoy this fishery and your proposal will further reduce its lifespan. Instead, I would propose a 5 fish limit all under 23 inches! By the way. I have never cleaned a walleye with a smolt in its belly. However, I have cleaned many with pike minnows in their belly from the Multnomah Channel. Fishing seasons have become shorter for salmon and more limited for all of us who buy licenses and boats and gas and bait, so why destroy the walleye fishery in the Willamette system like you have done on the Columbia for minimal or no return on your investment for the salmon, steelhead or lamp ray. This makes no sense.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Huston

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Larry Hunt](#)  
**To:** [COMMISSION ODFW \\* ODFW](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda for August 6th  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 12:38:41 PM

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Commissioners,

On your agenda for August 6th, Exhibit E, Attachment 1, the Willamette Zone.

I noticed your proposal to remove the bag limit for Walleye in the Willamette and Gilbert River. This is not a good idea at all ..... it will devastate that fishery.

I hope that you reconsider your proposal and leave the bag limit as it currently stands.

Regards,

Larry Hunt

**From:** [Bbeswick](#)  
**To:** [COMMISSION ODFW \\* ODFW](#)  
**Subject:** Simple Action will Save Fish and Fishing  
**Date:** Friday, July 30, 2021 8:15:27 AM  
**Attachments:** [OREGON NATIVE MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH AND THE METOLIUS RIVER DISCUSSION Follow Up on July 26 2021.docx](#)

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Hi ODPFW Commission,

Please take action to protect one of the most beautiful rivers in Oregon.

The attachment details the issues for the health of the Metolius River and the fish.

Conservation is the first priority, and protection is your calling.

Thank You,

Robert Beswick



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**From:** [Lewis](#)  
**To:** [COMMISSION ODFW \\* ODFW](#)  
**Subject:** Walleye  
**Date:** Saturday, July 31, 2021 9:12:35 PM

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I have fished walleye in the Columbia and Willamette system for a number of years.. I also fished commercially out of Garibaldi for 12 years . Additionally I worked for Bumblebee seafood in Naknek Alaska and Astoria.. I have grown old observing the confusion of changing fish management. The result is the decimation of the salmon fishery by reactive policy made generally by non fishermen who spend little time on the water or investing in boats or equipment. The hatcheries have declined and the salmon fishery as well.

So is this decision made on science or political speculation. We have caught hundreds of walleye in the lower Willamette and Columbia and checked all their guts. We seldom see salmon smolt.

Have you netted walleye and inspected their entrails or are you planning decisions made by opinions on social networks. Is there any real science or research backing your proposals?

Additionally my oldest daughter received her undergraduate degree Marine biology and was the science director for the Columbia River keepers for a number of years.. Her thesis was on salmon management history in the entire columbia system. So we have watched this for years.

The only people who will benefit from no limits on walleye will be the guides who have methodically devastated fisheries from Oregon to Alaska.. review the Kenai river system and guide boats.

Political clout seems to prevail over Science.

The walleye fishery is a wonderful asset but dangerous to salmon at dams but thinking eliminating walleye to protect the salmon is another UNRESEARCHED fantasy.

The solution... turn over fishing management the tribes who actually care about the resource, put hatcheries on ever tributary below Bonneville dam. Culture eggs from wild fish.

Stop catering guides whose livelihood is centered on exploring a limited resource .

I would welcome your reply.

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Chris Daughters](#)  
**To:** [COMMISSION ODFW \\* ODFW](#)  
**Subject:** metolius river regulations  
**Date:** Sunday, August 1, 2021 7:20:07 AM

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Dear Commissioner(s),

I write to you today to ask that you consider making the Metolius River in the Central Zone completely Catch and Release Fly Fishing Only. While most anglers are under the impression this is already the regulation I urge you to simplify the current reg by making it **Catch and Release Fly Fishing Only**. This regulation will protect wild Mountain Whitefish that are a draw to anglers looking for winter opportunities to catch fish in a river that holds its fishing conditions despite high water in other areas. Additionally this regulation would protect Salmon and Steelhead being re-populated to the river by local students and ODFW.

Thanks very much

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**From:** [TATE Michelle L \\* ODFW](#)  
**To:** [KINGSLEY Lisa M \\* ODFW](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Aug. 6 Commission meeting letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 8:35:43 AM  
**Attachments:** [New Carl doc.docx](#)

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**From:** Carmel Finley <finleycm@peak.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 2, 2021 5:54 PM  
**To:** Michelle L Tate <Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us>  
**Subject:** Aug. 6 Commission meeting letter

Dear Michelle,

Here are my comments for the Commissioners at the August 6 meeting.

Thank you,

Carl

New Carl doc

To: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioners

Subject: OCN Prediction and Proposed Freshwater Harvest

At the upcoming August 6 meeting you will be presented with a truly freshwater harvest proposal for OCN salmon, based on a projection of a return of 125,000 adults. There is a problem here. The "model" is under-estimating the return by 300-400%, but the rigidity of the management process is such that no one can do anything about it.

The Columbia hatchery prediction is 1.6 million fish; it is totally irrational that OCN's would only produce 125,000 in the same ocean. OCN's usually outperform the hatchery fish in terms of survival... all terms, in fact. The last good year for Coho was 2014, when there were 1.5 M hatchery fish and 400,000 OCN's.

The hatchery forecast is based on a long-standing historical predictor, jacks, which are precocious males which return a year early. The OCN forecast is based on a very exotic, "leading edge" model based on a suite of environmental factors. The traditional predictor of returning jacks is totally abandoned. This model was devised by a NOAA scientist, Peter Lawson, now retired. Coastal rivers were choked with jack Coho last winter. There is a guide on the Commission. What are his observations?

I maintain that the predictor is a total, embarrassing failure this year. How do I support that? As of July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Oregon ocean salmon sport catch shows 35059 marked fish caught, and 46,804 unmarked fish caught and returned to the water. Now, I am not claiming a totally direct relationship here: there are a lot of details, but this does not match up to the concept that there are 125,000 OCN's and 1.6 M hatchery fish.

I accept that nothing can be done THIS YEAR, but I believe that ODFW harvest management staff has been very coy about communicating this problem to the Commission and the public. Ocean conditions were excellent this Spring. We can expect another good Coho year in 2022. It would be really nice to actually be able to harvest a reasonable number of wild Coho in our rivers next year. You as Commissioners, need to build a fire under staff to attack this issue immediately with maximum resources. As pointed out earlier, the PFMC process is quite rigid and resistant to change.

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