



Oct. 15, 2021 Opposition to Umpqua hatchery and angling restrictions and closures

Thank you, Commissioners and Director Melcher,

My name is Leonard Krug, I'm a Stakeholder on the RSP, Board member of the Oregon South Coast Fishermen, and the President of the Oregon Anglers Alliance.

At the Sept. 17th meeting the Native Fish Society and others, proposed a ten-year ban for the Umpqua Summer Steelhead Hatchery program. They claimed that this is a compromise of them not petitioning to halt the additional winter steelhead and Spring Chinook Hatchery programs.

They stated that monitoring shows that the percent of hatchery spawners exceeds the CMP goals, but the truth is, is that the magnitude of data from Winchester dam is not a true reflection of what's happening on spawning grounds. Winchester dam is far below any spawning grounds. In fact, telemetry data has shown very little interaction between hatchery and wild fish in the upper reaches where spawning occurs.

Now, if we examine a graph for historical numbers of fish, it will show us that there are highs and lows for all populations, some of them quite extreme at times. The population graphs for a wild fish population with a well-balanced ratio of hatchery to wild fish shows us higher lows, and a higher mean-average number for the total population. If we

remove that hatchery program from the system, comparable historical data has shown us that the result will simply be lower lows with an overall lower mean average for population abundance.

Some claim that any risk is too much risk, but we assume a level of risk in everything that we do. When we go out to our mailbox, we mitigate the risk by checking for traffic. It is a very small risk that we happily mitigate every day. The simple truth is, we only need to utilize the science that we have and complete a fair assessment of all the factors that may be contributing to the decline before we make a decision.

Yes, the Archie Creek fire was catastrophic, but the majority of the riparian corridor is still intact. So, we'll see.

We only need to consider the full range of information based on the evidence, not on the ideological justifications.

Thank you,
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I tried to register to speak at the Friday meeting your link says I can not register as the Weimar is over. I would like to stand in support of the Oregon anglers alliance letter that was sent to you. Thank you John Schrunk 2004 Grant St North Bend Or 97459 cell 541-297-2205