

North Umpqua Summer Steelhead Listening Survey Results Management Action Preferences

Overview

This document summarizes the answers to the Listening Survey question, “Which of the following management options would you prefer ODFW take with respect to releases of North Umpqua summer steelhead hatchery smolts for 2022 and beyond?” As with the rest of this Listening Survey, this survey was not administered to a representative sample of Oregonians, anglers, or any other group. Because of this, results cannot be taken as representative of a wider population. Key takeaways of survey participant preference include:

- Of the 517 survey respondents who answered the question, 40% (n=207) preferred that the program should be eliminated, 23.6% (n=122) preferred it should be increased, and 18% (n=94) preferred that the program should be paused until summer steelhead rebound. The other management options were less popular (Figure 1 below).
- Survey participants in Douglas County were more likely to prefer increasing the hatchery program, while those from elsewhere in Oregon or outside Oregon preferred eliminating the program (Figure 2).
 - Similarly, increasing the hatchery program was the most popular option among survey participants who identified “strongly” as local community members, while eliminating the program was most popular with those who identified “not at all” as local community members (Figure 3).
- Recreational catch-and-release anglers who participated in the survey preferred eliminating the program (Figure 4), whereas harvesting anglers who participated preferred increasing the program (Figure 5). Participants who identified “not at all” with either angler community also preferred eliminating the hatchery program.

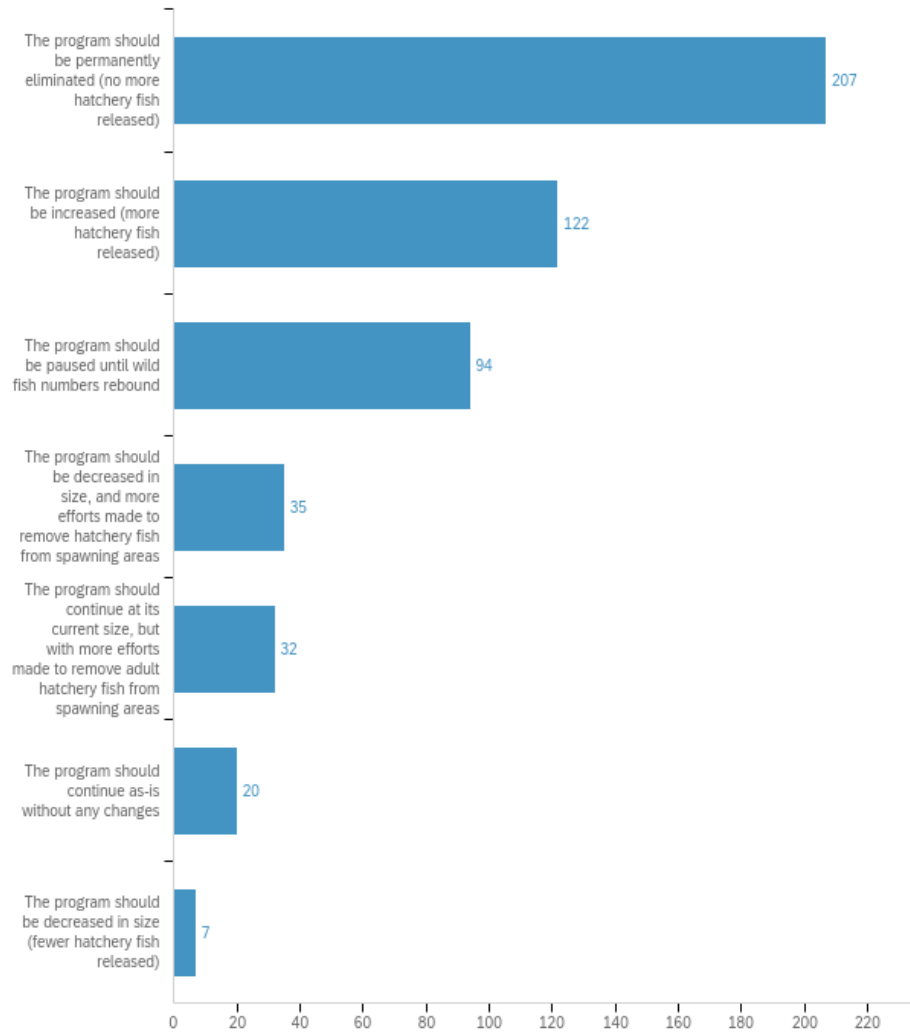


Figure 1. Overall responses (n=517), organized by frequency.

Management action preference by location of residence

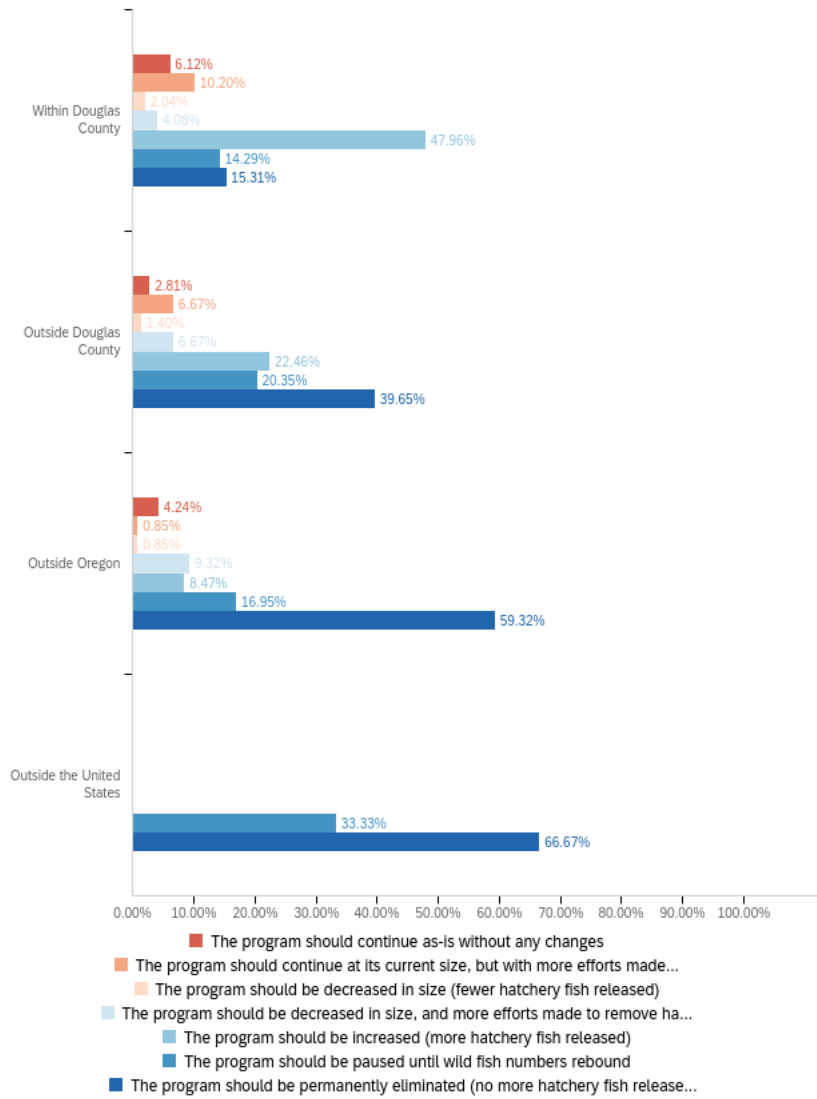


Figure 2. Management action preference by location.

Management action preference by how strongly people identify as "local community member"

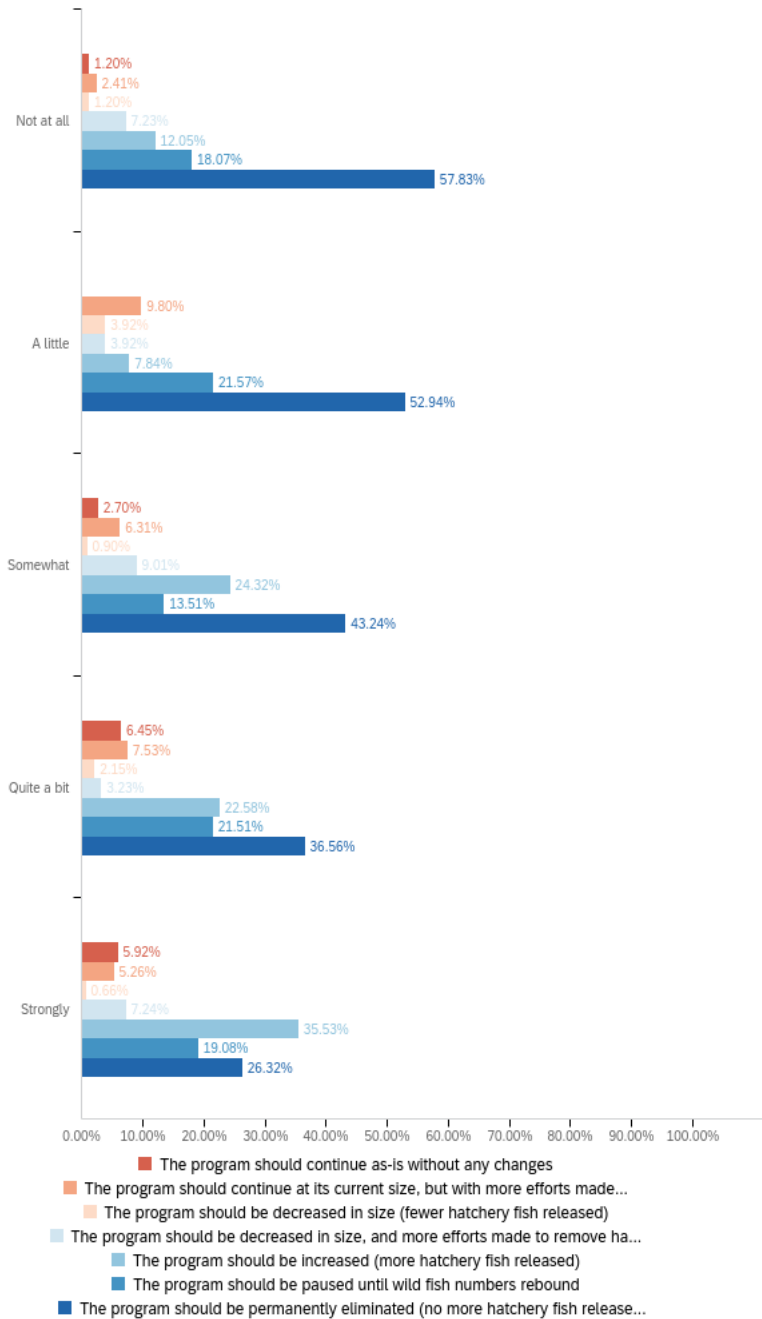


Figure 3. Management action preference based on strength of identification as a local community member.

Management action preference by how strongly people identify as "Recreational angler (catch and release)"

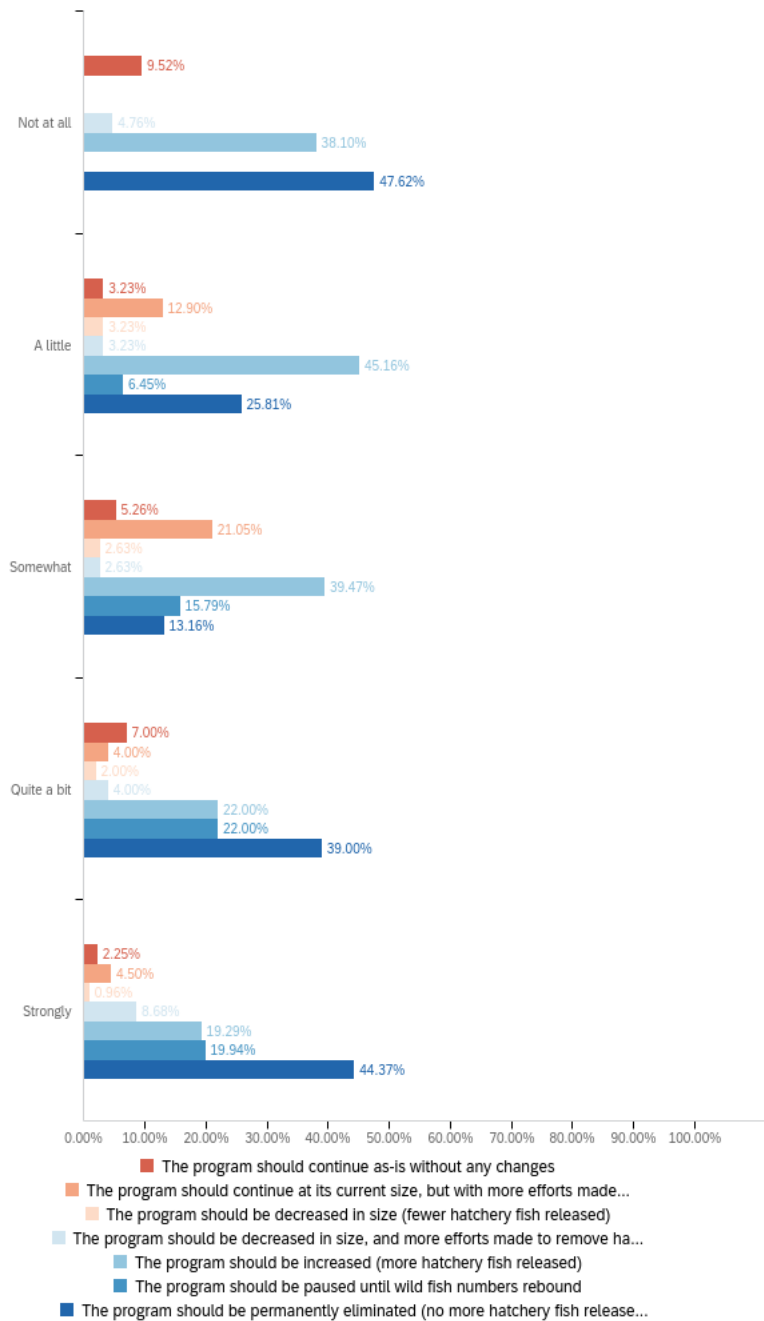


Figure 4. Management action preference based on strength of identification as a recreational catch-and-release angler.

Management action preference by how strongly people identify as "Recreational angler (harvest)"

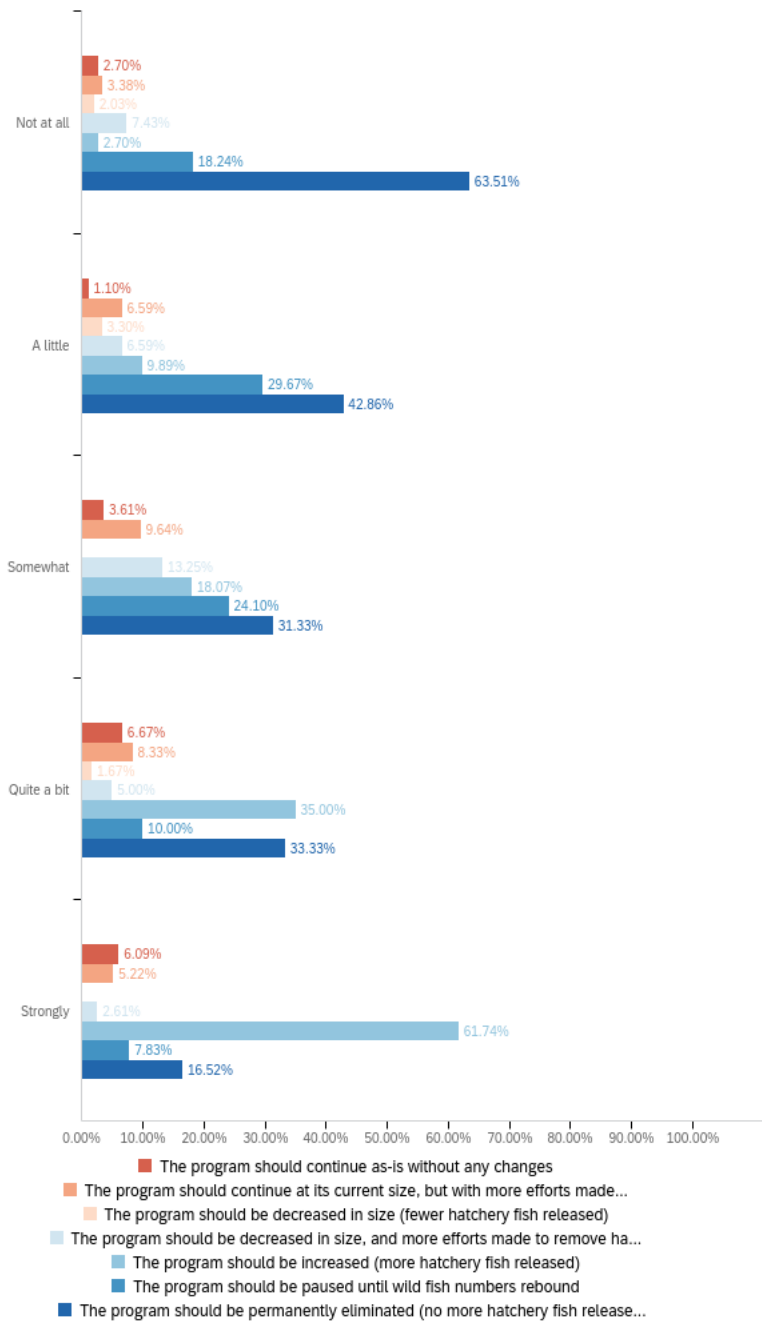


Figure 5. Management action preference based on strength of identification as a recreational angler for harvest.