

Statewide

All Angling Zones

Proposal Number 1 **Page Number** 27,35,43,52,58,62

Regulation Type Bag limit **Purpose of Change** Simplification / Angling Opportunity /
Conservation Need

Current Regulation Bass: 5 per day, No more than 3 over 15 inches in length.

Proposed Regulation In Streams: No limit on the size or number of bass.

Justification Currently, there are twenty-four regulation exceptions that allow for no limit on the size or number of bass harvested in streams. This proposal would streamline and simplify the regulations by reducing the redundant regulation exceptions and implement a standardized regulation that would allow for no limit on the size or number of bass harvested in streams. In addition to simplifying regulations, this change will provide additional angling opportunity and aid in the conservation of native species that overlap with bass populations in streams.

Northwest

Lake Creek

Section: Mouth to Indian Creek

Proposal Number 2 **Page Number** 29

Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** Housekeeping correction

Current Regulation Open for hatchery steelhead Jan 1 - Mar 31 and Oct 15-Dec 31.

Proposed Regulation Open for hatchery steelhead Jan 1 - Mar 31 and Dec 1-Dec 31.

Justification Modifies the season to be consistent with regulations on the Siuslaw River upstream of Lake Creek
Protects spawning Chinook salmon that are present during October and November.

Lost Lake (Clatsop Co.)

Proposal Number 3 **Page Number** N/A

Regulation Type Bag limit **Purpose of Change** Inadvertant restriction

Current Regulation Salmon under 15 inches are considered trout, except coho salmon, which are always considered salmon regardless of size.

Proposed Regulation All landlocked salmon are considered trout.

Justification Lost Lake is stocked with surplus hatchery coho salmon to provide additional fishing opportunity. This change will allow these fish to be counted as part of the trout bag limit.

Nestucca River and Bay

Section: Tributaries and river sections not listed.

Proposal Number 4 **Page Number** 29

Regulation Type Location **Purpose of Change** Conservation need

Current Regulation Closed.

Proposed Regulation Closed (included Clarence Creek Pond).

Justification Clarence Creek pond is located above Clarence Creek Falls. The pond is created by a road and beaver activity, and functions as an in stream pond. It should be managed as part of the stream to protect an isolated population of cutthroat trout.

Southwest

North Umpqua River

Section: All

Proposal Number 5 **Page Number** 38

Regulation Type Location **Purpose of Change** Simplification /Housekeeping

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation Modify section descriptions

Justification Multiple changes to improve readability. There has been some public confusion and enforcement issues under the current section descriptions. Generally, no regulations will be modified, however any specific regulation changes are described below.

Section: All open sections from mouth to marker at Soda Springs Dam

Proposal Number 6 **Page Number** 38

Regulation Type Bag limit **Purpose of Change** Conservation need

Current Regulation Zone regulation.

Proposed Regulation No limit on the size or number of bass.

Justification Provides consistency with the rest of the Umpqua Basin bass regulations. This change would not be needed if proposal one is approved.

Section: Tributaries from Soda Springs Dam to Slide Creek Dam

Proposal Number 7 **Page Number** 38

Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** Conservation need

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation Fish Creek is closed from mouth to USFS Rd 3701 (Big Camas) Bridge.

Justification Closure needed to protect the summer steelhead population that occurs in this area.

Willamette

Cascade Lakes

Proposal Number 8 **Page Number** 44

Regulation Type Bag limit

Purpose of Change New non-controversial angling opportunity

Current Regulation Zone regulation

Proposed Regulation No limit on the size or number of brook trout; use of bait allowed.

Justification Includes Otter Lake to the list of Cascade Lakes. Allow for harvest on robust population of brook trout.

Green Peter Reservoir

Proposal Number 9 **Page Number** 46

Regulation Type Bag limit

Purpose of Change Housekeeping correction

Current Regulation Salmon may be retained as part of the kokanee bag limit.

Proposed Regulation Remove this regulation exception.

Justification USACE will start out-planting adult Chinook above Green Peter Reservoir in 2022 in as part of their reintroduction efforts. This change will protect these out-planted fish.

Santiam River, Little North Fork

Section: All

Proposal Number 10 **Page Number** 47

Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change Housekeeping correction

Current Regulation Zone regulation

Proposed Regulation Open for coho salmon Jan 1 - Aug 31 and Oct 15 - Dec 31

Justification Provides an additional angling opportunity for coho in the Little North Fork, Santiam River. This season is consistent with the North Fork Santiam section where the Little North Fork enters the North Fork.

Central

Deschutes River

Section: Lake Billy Chinook to Benham Falls

Proposal Number 11 **Page Number** 53

Regulation Type Size limit

Purpose of Change Conservation need

Current Regulation

Proposed Regulation No harvest of rainbow trout over 20 inches.

Justification Protects the steelhead that are part of the Deschutes reintroduction program. This regulation is consistent with other locations where reintroduced steelhead may occur, such as the Crooked River, McKay, Ochoco, Whychus creeks.

Fall River

Proposal Number 12 **Page Number** 53

Regulation Type Bag limit

Purpose of Change Conservation need

Current Regulation Zone regulation.

Proposed Regulation Wild rainbow trout must be released.

Justification Protects wild rainbow trout from being harvested. Fall River is stocked with hatchery rainbow trout and has a robust population of brown trout that can be harvested. This is consistent with upper Deschutes River regulations to protect wild rainbow trout.

Proposal Number 13 **Page Number** 53

Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change Conservation need

Current Regulation Open all year.

Proposed Regulation Open May 22 - Sep 30 below Fall River Falls.

Justification Provides consistency with the upper Deschutes River regulations that also have this seasonal closure to protect wild rainbow trout during spawning.

Central

Metolius Pond

Proposal Number 14 **Page Number** 54

Regulation Type Season

Purpose of Change Housekeeping correction

Current Regulation Open all year.

Proposed Regulation Open May 1 - Oct 31.

Justification Seasonal change needed based upon extensive public scoping. This will also help to reduce a potential use conflict when the pond is used as a acclimation facility as part of the reintroduction effort in late winter to early spring.

Wickiup Reservoir

Proposal Number 15 **Page Number** 55

Regulation Type Location

Purpose of Change Housekeeping correction

Current Regulation The Deschutes River Arm is closed from the ODFW marker at Gull Point to ODFW markers near Sheeps Bridge from Sep 1 - Apr 21.

Proposed Regulation The Deschutes River Arm is closed from the boat ramp at Gull Point Campground to ODFW markers near Sheeps Bridge from Sep 1 - Apr 21.

Justification Identifies the boat ramp as the boundary instead of a marker buoy. It is difficult to for staff to maintain a marker buoy due to the fluctuating water levels in Wickiup Reservoir.

Northeast

Big Sheep Creek

Section: Above Little Sheep Creek

Proposal Number 16 **Page Number** 59

Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** Housekeeping correction

Current Regulation Open all year for trout, 5 hatchery rainbow trout per day.

Proposed Regulation Zone regulation: May 22 - Oct 31; 2 trout per day; 8 inch minimum length.

Justification Hatchery fish are no longer released in this section, access is limited, and angling pressure outside of May 22 - Oct 31 trout season is low.

John Day River

Section: Mainline railroad bridge to North Fork

Proposal Number 17 **Page Number** 59

Regulation Type Season **Purpose of Change** Inadvertant restriction

Current Regulation Bass, catfish, and other warmwater fish open during trout, salmon, or steelhead seasons.

Proposed Regulation Open all year for bass, catfish, and other warmwater fish.

Justification Due to recent hatchery steelhead closures, bass and catfish fisheries were unintentionally closed. This change will allow for these fisheries to remain open if trout, salmon, or steelhead fisheries are closed in this section of the John Day River.
