

Exhibit D

Fishing regulation changes for 2024 Oregon Coastal fall salmon seasons and smallmouth bass in Coos- Coquille

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My name is Jim Muck. I worked for ODFW for 28 years, and for NOAA fisheries an additional 11 years. I have the following recommendation and comments for the Fall Coastal Salmon Management.

Recommendation: 2024 Wild Coho Salmon Seasons. extend the open season dates to the following: Coos 9/14-10/30; Coquille 9/14-10/30.

Justification: The Coos and Coquille populations are two of the healthiest populations of coho in Coastal Oregon. The fishery in 2023 was underutilized and many harvestable surplus fish escaped to the spawning grounds. This is well below the number of adults projected for full seeding. NOAA has recommended to the ODFW to harvest under Amendment 13 to a full 28% harvest rate. We need to utilize these surplus harvestable fish, and reward agriculture and forest landowners, cities, watershed councils, and anglers who have worked hard for the conservation of the wild coho salmon.

Additional comments about conservation measures.

The seasonal bag limits for Fall Chinook and Coho Salmon are insignificant as conservation measures to reduce freshwater harvest. Very few anglers in Oregon reach their seasonal limit for wild salmonids. This can be easily verified by ODFW evaluating their electronic harvest tag data.

Recent data has shown that guide catch is approaching 60-70 percent of catch in coastal basins. These guide caught fish are usually reported on day catch records and do not reach seasonal limits. Seasonal bag limits do not affect the catch rates from guide boats. A conservation measure is then to restrict guide boats to just a few days a week, or create a limited entry with a grandfather clause for existing boats based on seniority or a successful business plan. ODFW should work with the Marine Board to determine a study for the amount of guides per basin that is reasonable for the projected harvest rate. ODFW should also require the Marine Board to set a moratorium on new guides until this study is done.