

RSP Stakeholder Survey Results





Rogue-South Coast Angler Survey

- Developed by ODFW in 2019 to inform *Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP)*
- Implemented in Oct-Nov 2019 as online survey of anglers in six counties (Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Coos, Douglas, Klamath)
- Questions about fishing preferences, satisfaction, and potential changes in management
- Distributed to *RSP Stakeholder Team* members in Feb-Mar 2020



Survey Response

- 20 of the 27 *RSP Stakeholder Team* members completed the survey in Feb-Mar 2020
 - 13 of 16 *South Coast Stakeholder Team* members
 - 10 of 14 *Rogue Stakeholder Team* members
- ~230 anglers completed the public survey in 2019



Survey Results: Fishing Preferences

“How often do you fish using these methods in the Rogue-South Coast area?”

Stakeholders

	Never	1-2 days/yr	3-10 days/yr	>10 days/yr
from a boat (any floating device)	5%	20%	40%	35%
from the bank (inc. bridges & docks)	15%	5%	35%	45%
with a guide	79%	11%	11%	0%
with bait	35%	0%	35%	30%
with artificial flies and lures	5%	11%	32%	53%
with fly fishing gear only	32%	16%	21%	32%

Anglers in Public Survey

	Never	1-2 days/yr	3-10 days/yr	>10 days/yr
from a boat (any floating device)	23%	21%	24%	32%
from the bank (inc. bridges & docks)	24%	30%	25%	21%
with a guide	73%	18%	4%	5%
with bait	22%	20%	30%	29%
with artificial flies and lures	15%	28%	31%	25%
with fly fishing gear only	64%	17%	8%	11%



“How often do you fish for these species in the Rogue-South Coast area?”

Stakeholders

	Never	1-2 days/yr	3-10 days/yr	>10 days/yr
Winter Steelhead	0%	10%	45%	45%
Summer Steelhead	26%	21%	26%	26%
'Half-Pounder' Steelhead	16%	26%	21%	37%
Coho Salmon	58%	21%	16%	5%
Resident Cutthroat Trout	79%	11%	11%	0%
Sea-Run Cutthroat Trout	79%	5%	5%	11%

Anglers in Public Survey

	Never	1-2 days/yr	3-10 days/yr	>10 days/yr
Winter Steelhead	29%	27%	26%	18%
Summer Steelhead	38%	27%	22%	13%
'Half-Pounder' Steelhead	53%	21%	17%	9%
Coho Salmon	59%	22%	11%	9%
Resident Cutthroat Trout	64%	18%	11%	7%
Sea-Run Cutthroat Trout	78%	12%	7%	3%



“How often do you fish in these locations in the Rogue-South Coast area?”

Stakeholders

	Never	1-2 days/yr	3-10 days/yr	>10 days/yr
Lower Rogue River and Bay	15%	25%	20%	40%
Illinois River	63%	21%	11%	5%
Middle Rogue River	37%	37%	16%	11%
Applegate River	68%	21%	11%	0%
Upper Rogue River	39%	33%	17%	11%
Elk River	53%	16%	21%	11%
Chetco River	26%	37%	32%	5%
Hunter, Euchre, Pistol, Winchuck	37%	32%	32%	0%

Anglers in Public Survey

	Never	1-2 days/yr	3-10 days/yr	>10 days/yr
Lower Rogue River and Bay	37%	30%	17%	16%
Illinois River	81%	15%	3%	1%
Middle Rogue River	41%	22%	25%	12%
Applegate River	64%	23%	8%	4%
Upper Rogue River	35%	25%	18%	22%
Elk River	68%	15%	11%	6%
Chetco River	60%	23%	10%	7%
Hunter, Euchre, Pistol, Winchuck	78%	12%	6%	4%

“How important are the following factors in deciding where you fish and which species you fish for?”



Stakeholders

	Not Important	Slightly Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Extremely Important
Distance from home	5%	20%	15%	55%	5%
Angling regulations at site	15%	25%	20%	20%	20%
Facilities at site	35%	20%	20%	25%	0%
Opportunity to harvest fish	10%	15%	0%	35%	40%
Opportunity to catch & release fish	15%	25%	10%	25%	25%
Limited interaction with other anglers	0%	20%	5%	60%	15%
Social interaction	40%	20%	20%	15%	5%

Anglers in Public Survey

	Not Important	Slightly Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Extremely Important
Distance from home	10%	18%	19%	38%	15%
Angling regulations at site	7%	10%	16%	34%	32%
Facilities at site	21%	18%	25%	24%	12%
Opportunity to harvest fish	4%	4%	11%	34%	46%
Opportunity to catch & release fish	21%	9%	30%	17%	23%
Limited interaction with other anglers	9%	9%	32%	33%	17%
Social interaction	39%	8%	38%	13%	3%

Survey Results: Fishing Experience



“How would you generally rate your fishing experience for the following species in the Rogue-South Coast area?”

Stakeholders

Species	Poor or Very Poor	Fair	Good or Very Good	Did not fish for this species
Winter Steelhead	15%	15%	70%	0%
Summer Steelhead	5%	5%	60%	30%
'Half-Pounder' Steelhead	5%	10%	50%	35%
Coho Salmon	5%	5%	15%	75%
Resident Cutthroat Trout	0%	5%	5%	90%
Sea-Run Cutthroat Trout	0%	5%	15%	80%

Anglers in Public Survey

Species	Poor or Very Poor	Fair	Good or Very Good	Did not fish for this species
Winter Steelhead	20%	27%	22%	31%
Summer Steelhead	12%	30%	15%	43%
'Half-Pounder' Steelhead	10%	18%	17%	56%
Coho Salmon	23%	7%	8%	63%
Resident Cutthroat Trout	10%	15%	11%	64%
Sea-Run Cutthroat Trout	10%	8%	5%	77%

“How would you generally rate your fishing experience in the following locations?”



Stakeholders

	Poor or Very Poor	Fair	Good or Very Good	Did not fish in this location
Lower Rogue River and Bay	10%	15%	60%	15%
Illinois River	5%	16%	21%	58%
Middle Rogue River	0%	16%	37%	47%
Applegate River	11%	26%	0%	63%
Upper Rogue River	0%	11%	42%	47%
Elk River	5%	10%	25%	60%
Chetco River	10%	20%	40%	30%
Hunter, Euchre, Pistol, Winchuck	10%	10%	35%	45%

Anglers in Public Survey

	Poor or Very Poor	Fair	Good or Very Good	Did not fish in this location
Lower Rogue River and Bay	20%	22%	23%	35%
Illinois River	6%	7%	7%	80%
Middle Rogue River	14%	22%	23%	40%
Applegate River	8%	16%	10%	66%
Upper Rogue River	20%	17%	27%	36%
Elk River	9%	12%	10%	69%
Chetco River	12%	16%	9%	63%
Hunter, Euchre, Pistol, Winchuck	6%	7%	7%	79%

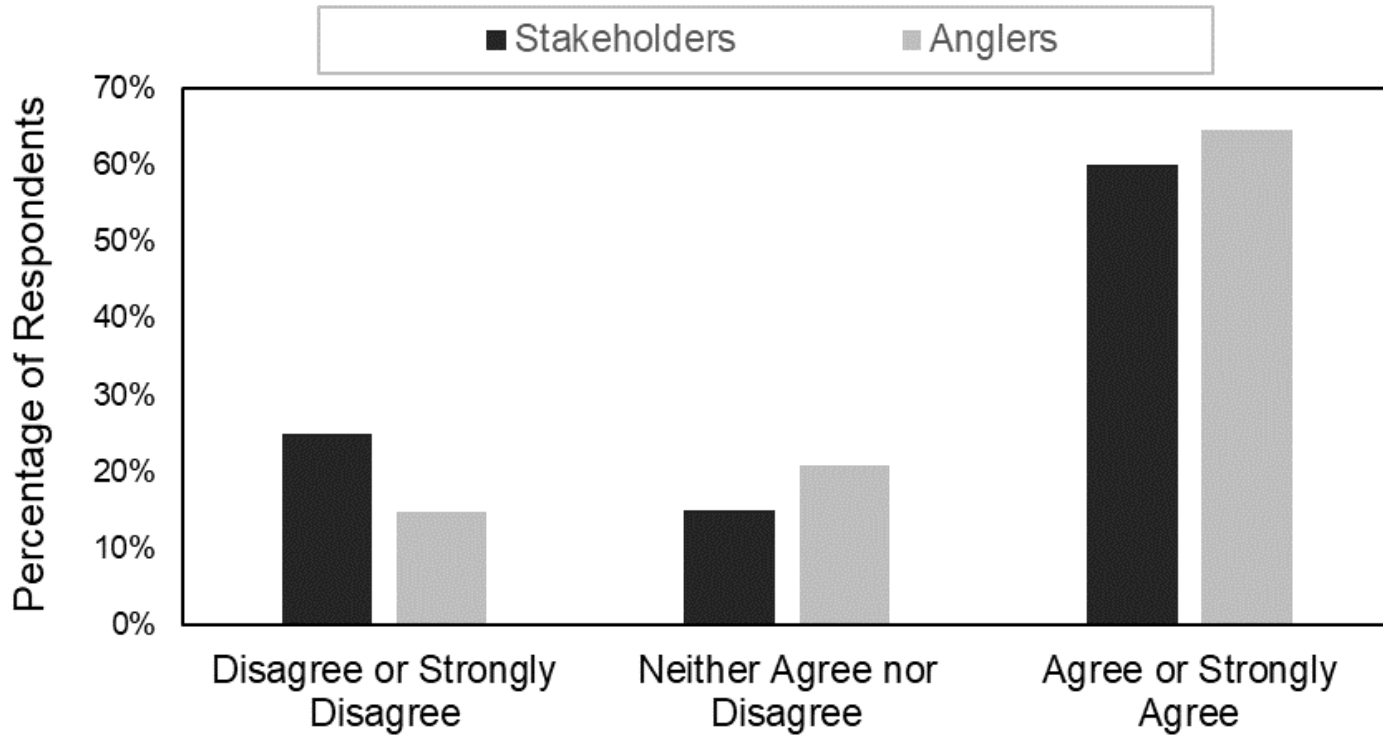


Survey Results: Fish Management

- The following 13 slides present stakeholder responses to statements about fish management in the order they appeared on the survey
- For each statement, stakeholder responses are compared to responses from anglers in the public survey conducted in 2019

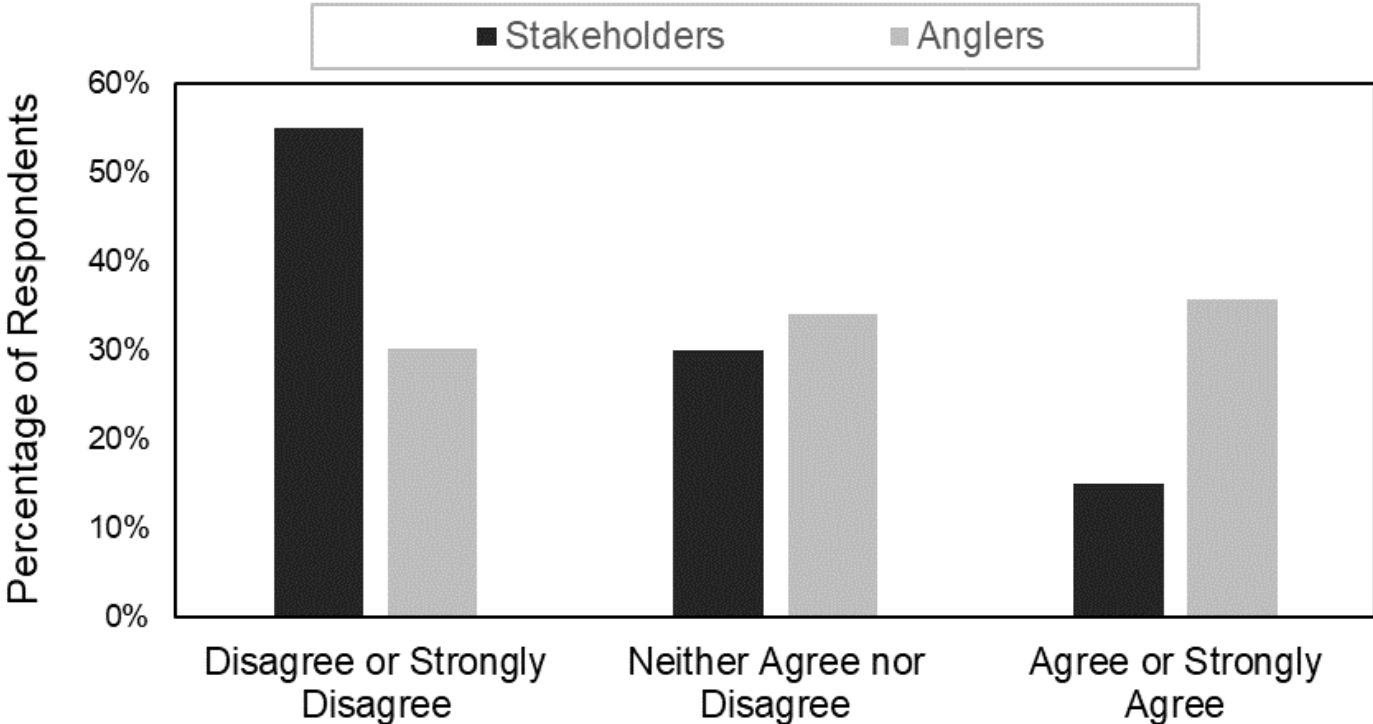


“The opportunity to harvest wild winter steelhead should continue in the Rogue-South Coast area.”



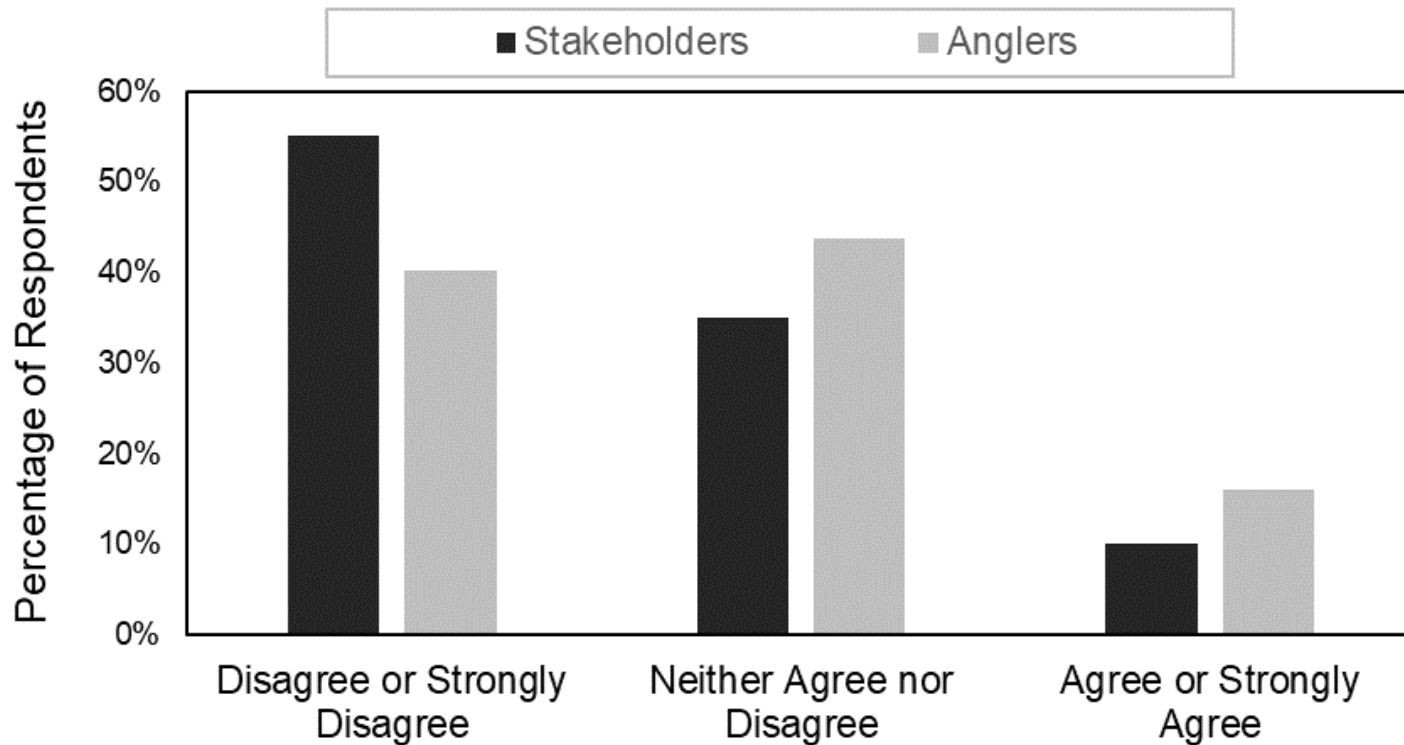


“The size of wild winter steelhead that an angler can retain should be limited to reduce harvest of older and larger steelhead.”

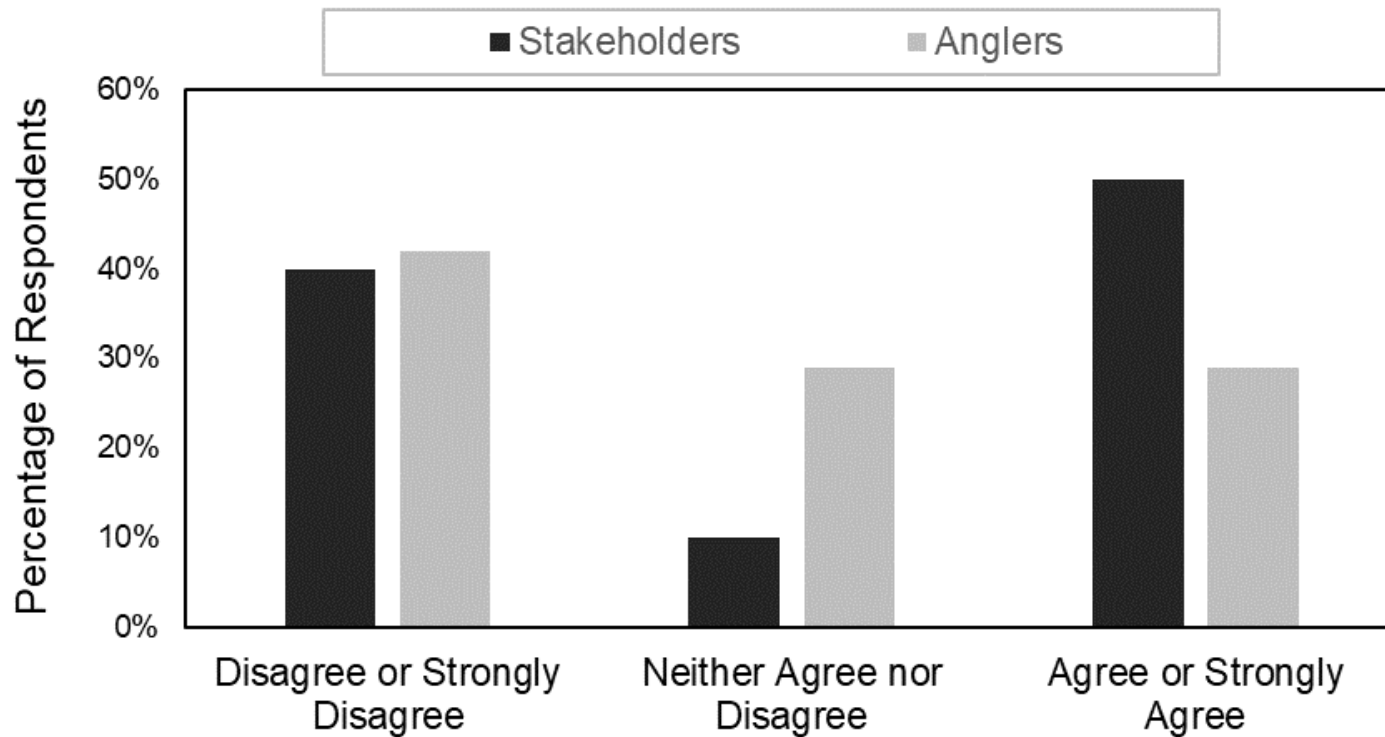




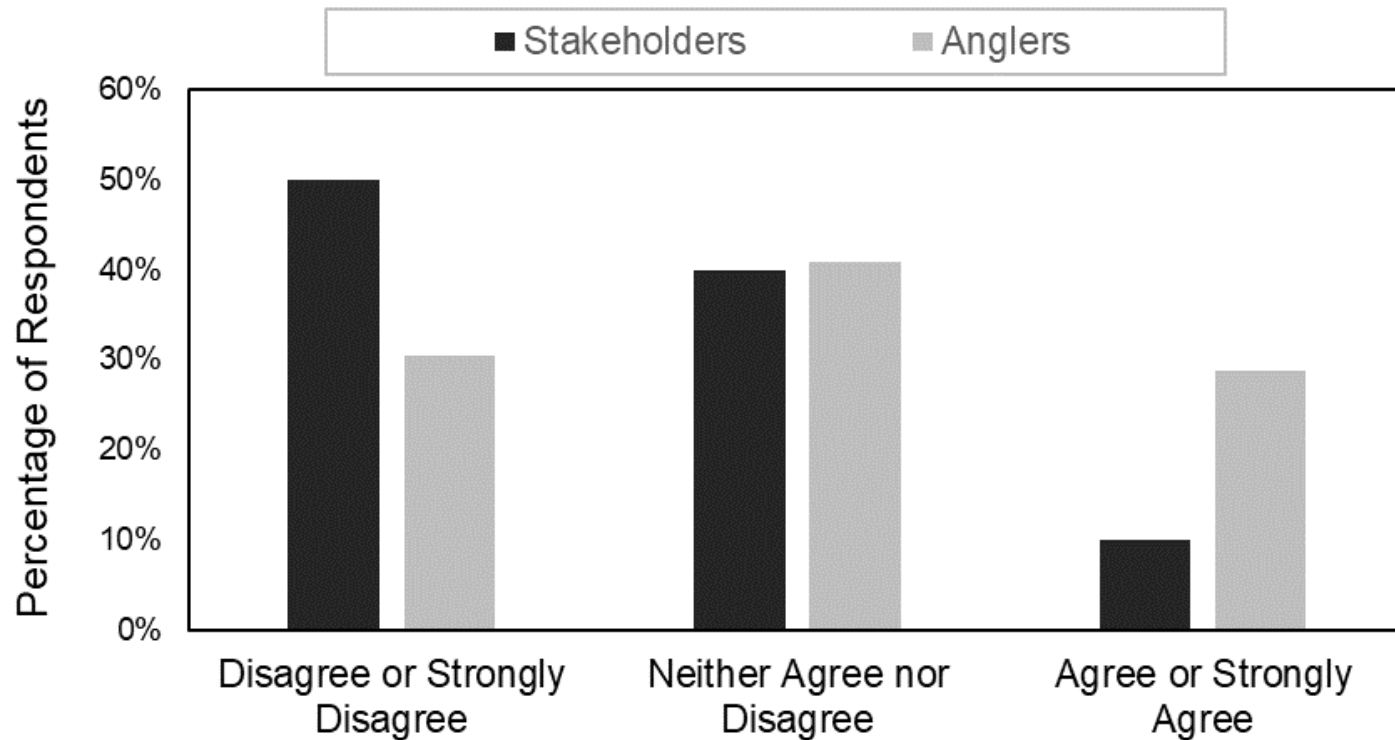
“The winter steelhead season in the Applegate River should be extended to mid-April even if this would increase disturbance of spawning wild steelhead.”



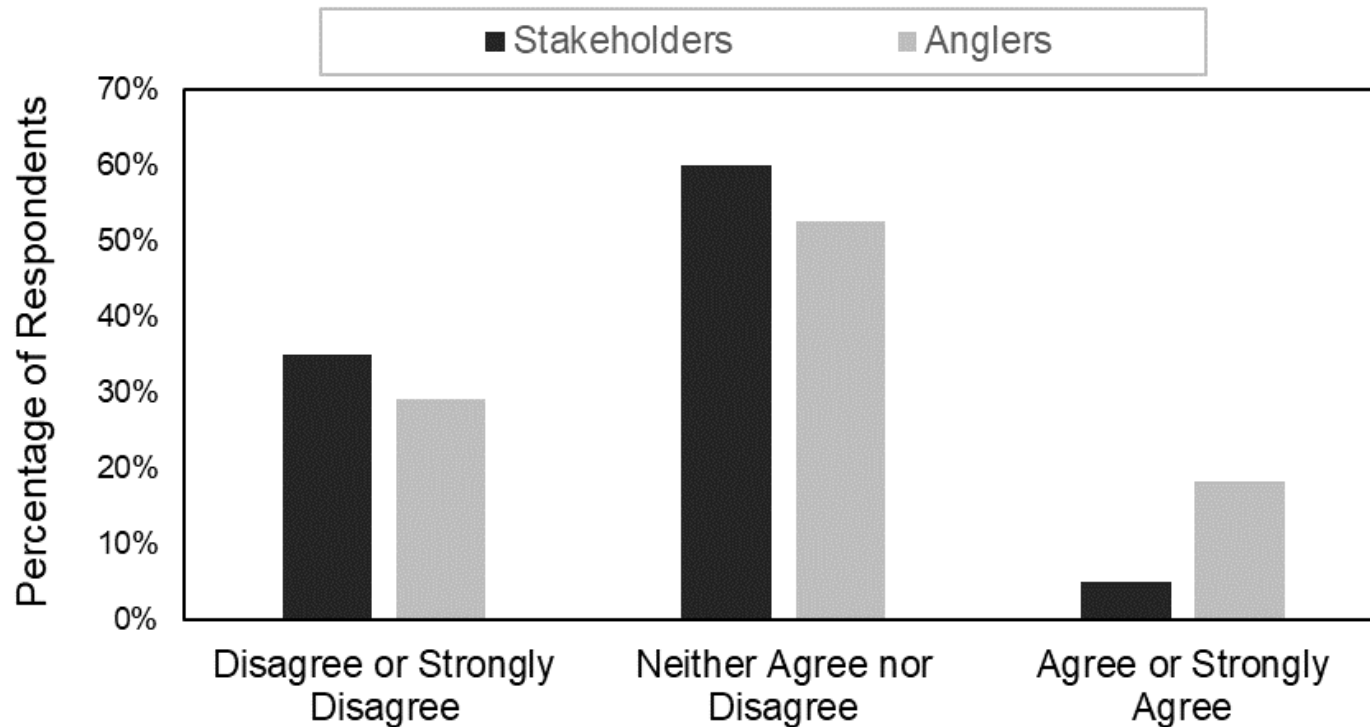
“Seasonal barbless hook regulations should be implemented in Rogue Bay to protect wild coho salmon.”



“Angling opportunity for cutthroat trout should be increased by allowing fishing in some streams that are currently closed to protect juvenile wild steelhead.”

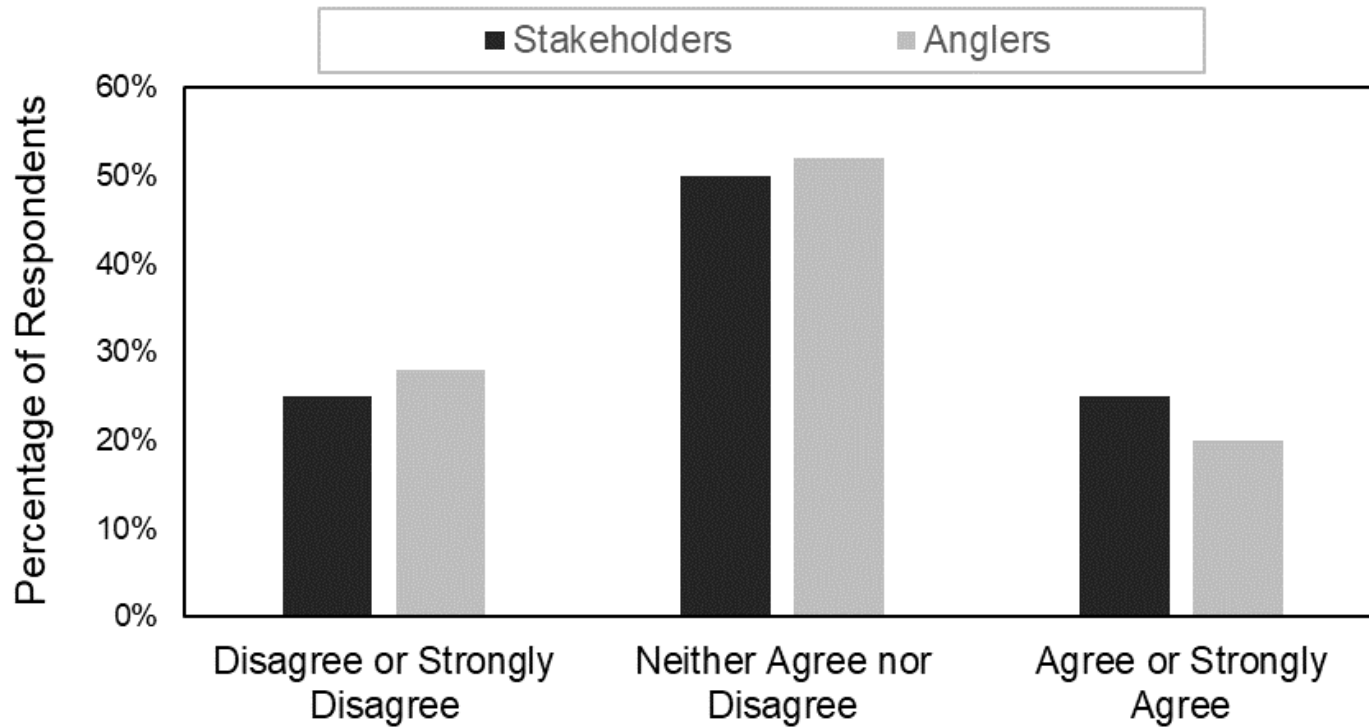


“Angling opportunity for cutthroat trout should be increased through higher bag limits in streams where harvest is currently allowed.”



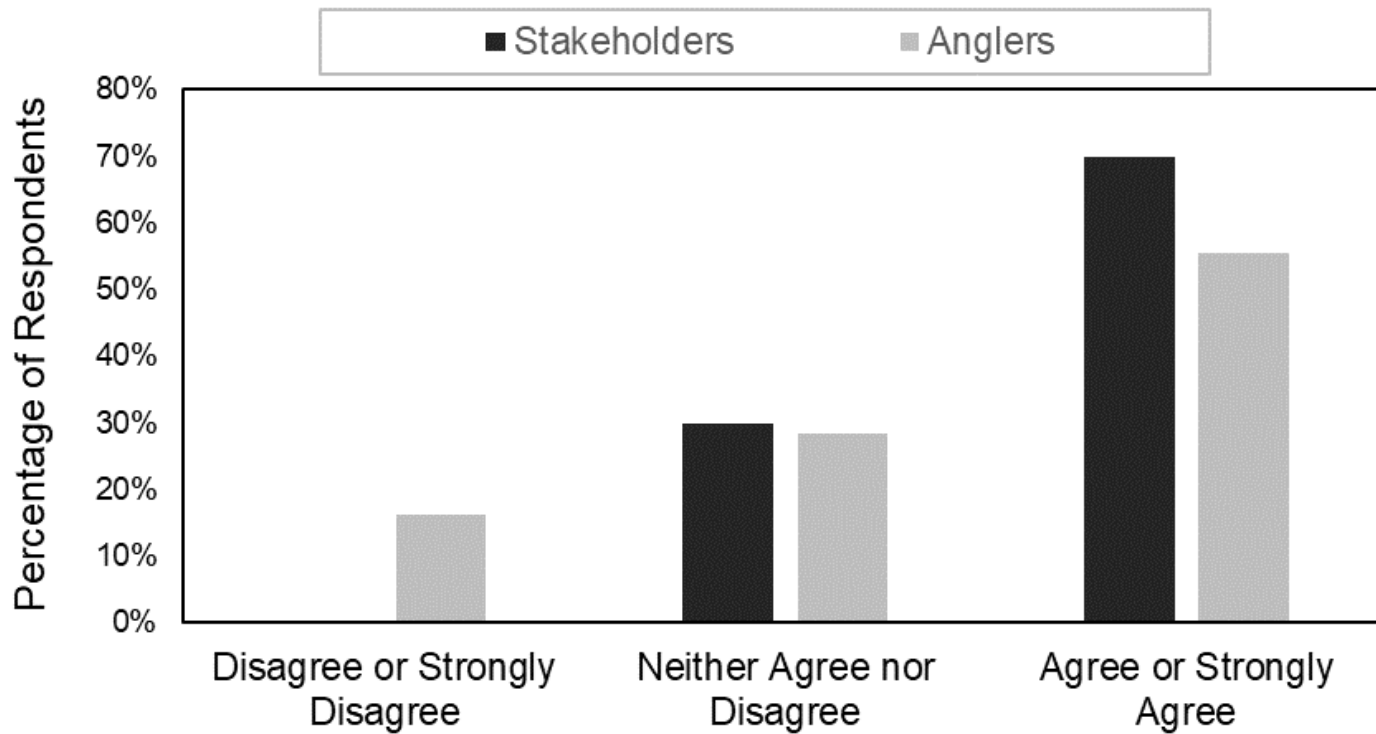


“The size of wild trout that an angler can retain should be limited to reduce harvest of sea-run cutthroat trout.”



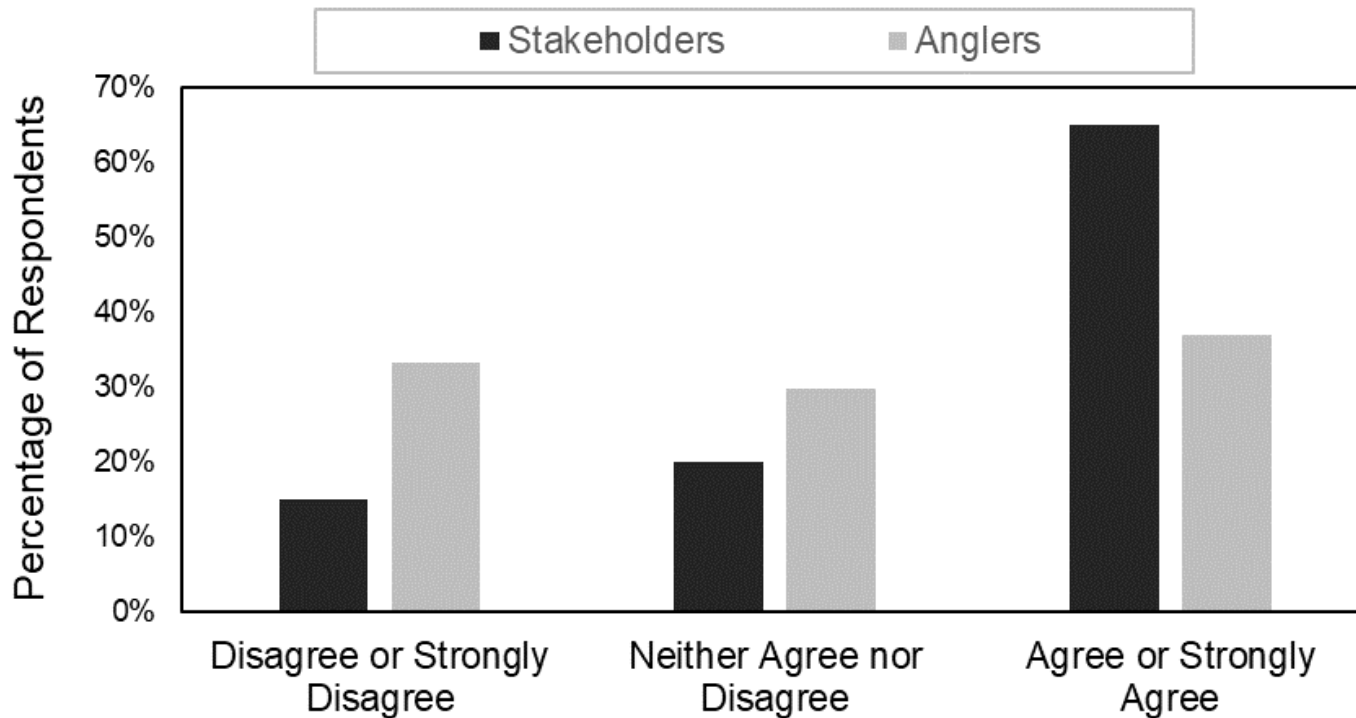


“ODFW anti-snagging gear restriction rules (one single point hook) should be in place in the upper Rogue River when spring Chinook salmon are present.”



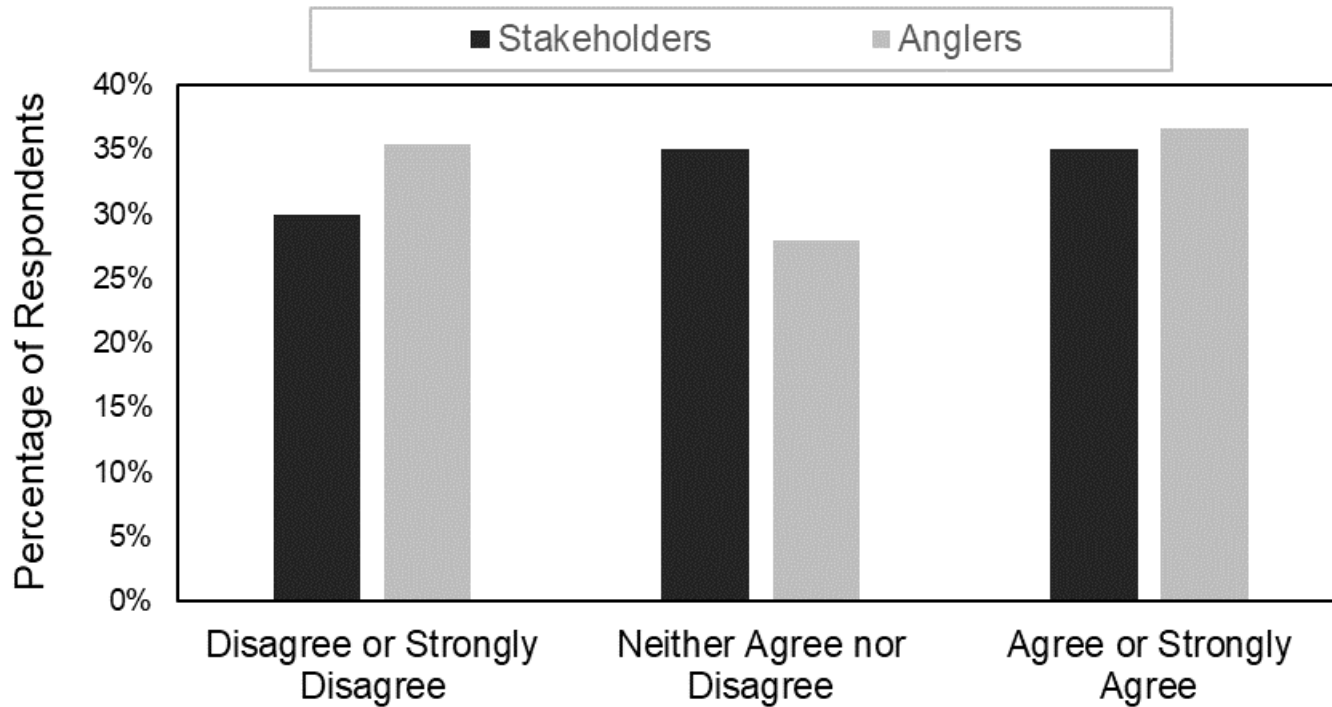


“Some pools in the Rogue River where spring Chinook hold during the summer should be seasonally closed to fishing to protect wild spring Chinook salmon (i.e. a specific reach of river).”



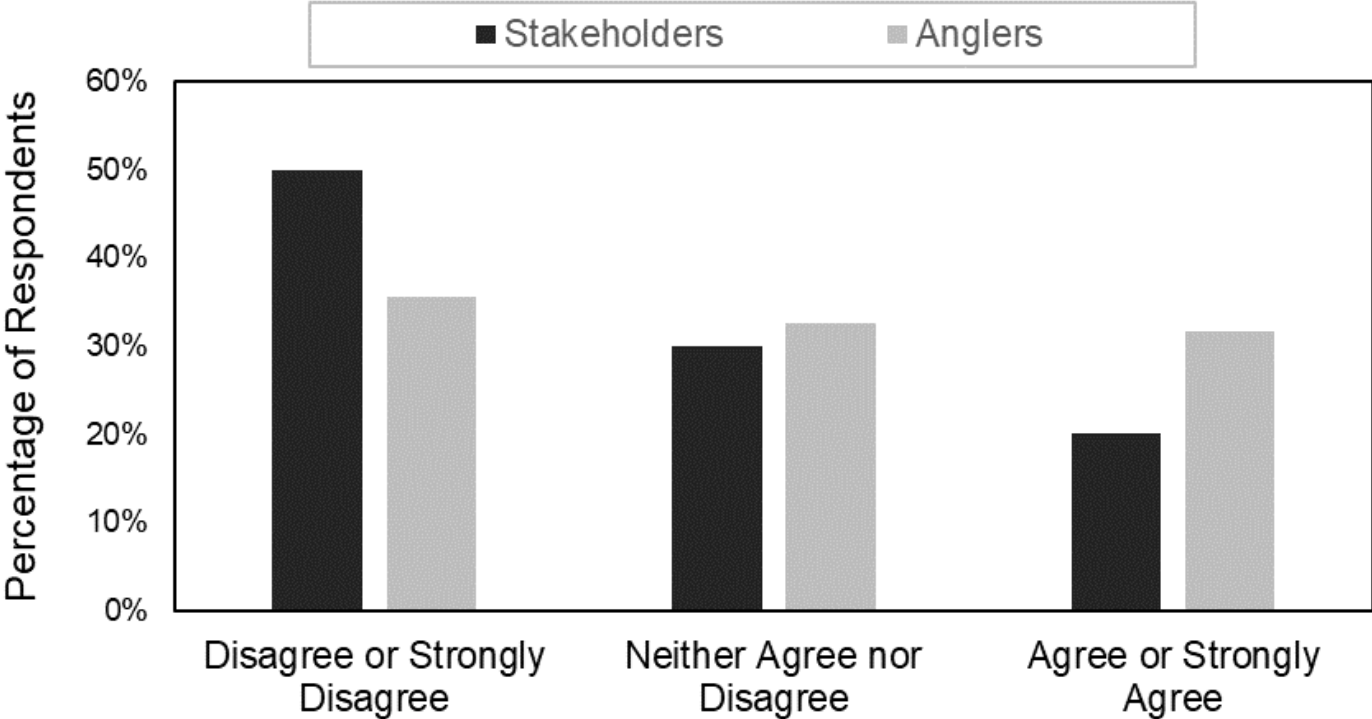


“Some locations in the Rogue River that consistently produce complaints about illegal fishing activity should be closed to fishing (for example, Hays Falls/Nugget Falls, or the Hatchery Hole).”



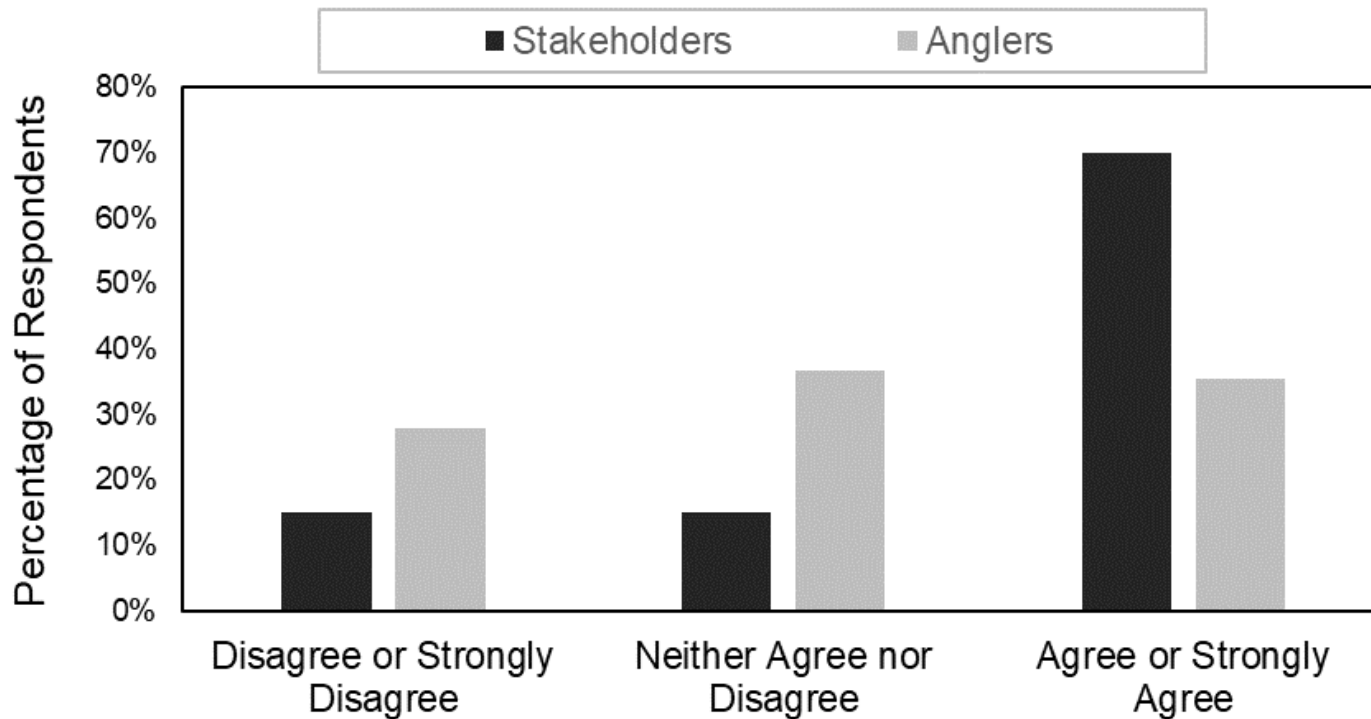


“Rogue angling regulations should be simplified even if this reduces some fishing opportunities.”



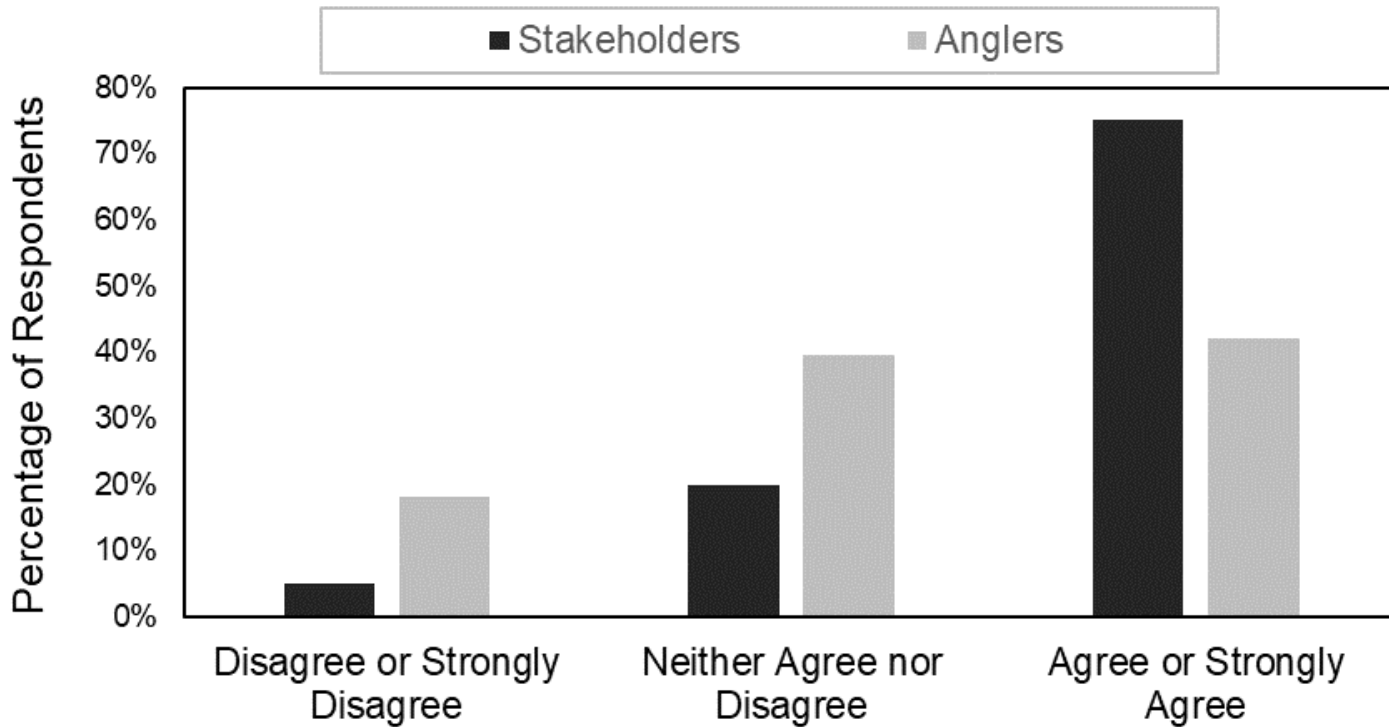


“Outboard motor use should be restricted in the lower Chetco River to reduce steelhead harvest if there is a conservation concern for wild steelhead.”





“The number of professional fishing guides should be limited on the Chetco River or the Elk River.”





Conclusions

- Stakeholders represent diverse fishing preferences and tend to fish for Plan species more often than anglers in the public survey
- Stakeholders tended to rate their general fishing experience higher than anglers in the public survey
- Stakeholder opinion on fish management issues generally similar to angling public, but indicated stronger support for protective regulations