



2012 Public Meeting Packet
2013 Public Process for Development of the
2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations

This package contains information on Public Angling Regulation Meetings scheduled across the state to present and discuss proposed Staff and Public Angling Regulation proposals. This document includes the following:

- **Overview of the New Five Step Public Process for Angling Regulation Development**
- **Public Meeting Schedule and Implementation Guide**
- **How to Participate in the Public Process**
- **Summary of ODFW/Oregon State Police and Public proposals**

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Overview of the New Five-Step Public Process for Angling Regulation Development

Introduction:

Angling regulation development and subsequent rule adoption are fundamental actions used by Fish and Wildlife Agencies to manage fish populations, associated fisheries and anglers. Oregon Department of Fish Wildlife (ODFW) utilizes a “Public Process” for angling regulation development that gives anglers an important role in developing and shaping future angling regulations. During the public process, the public also has expanded opportunities to comment on staff and public proposals through local public meetings, and Commission informational and rule setting meetings. This “Public Process” represents an effective outreach opportunity and allows incorporation of the public’s views on the social aspects of angling.

New Five-Step Public Process:

The ODFW Public Process for angling regulation development has evolved over the years with periodic reviews to look at the efficiencies and outcomes to determine if the process achieved goals, objectives and effective implementation. Following the adoption of the 2009 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, the Fish and Wildlife Commission instructed staff to evaluate the current public process and propose revisions to angling regulation development rules and process implementation, and address concerns expressed during the 2009 process. Outlined below is the revised New Five-Step Process that will be used during 2012 to develop the 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations. The New Five-Step Public Process is designed to; 1) reduce the number of public proposals carried forward throughout the entire year-long process, 2) allow for meaningful public participation, 3) keep policy level decisions out of the angling regulation development process, 4) establish public proposal development criteria that focus on “non-biological” aspects of angling. The process still allows for public proposals which address critical biological or conservation issues. A detailed implementation guide for the New Five Step Public Process is located on ODFW’s website under Commission minutes. The Five-Step Public Process was approved at the August 5th, 2011 Commission meeting; Exhibit Item H and is found at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/11/08_aug/index.asp

Outline of the New 5-Step Public Process for Angling Regulation Development

Step 1. Staff Proposal Development - October – November 2011

Step 2. Public Proposal Development and Submission - January – February 2012

Step 3. Staff review of public proposals January – March 2012

Step 4. Public Meetings – Staff proposals and public proposals passing review – May 2012

Step 5. Commission Meetings; Aug. 3rd (Salem) Informational only; Sept. 7th (Hermiston) Rule Adoption.

During Steps 1-3, a total of 138 public proposals were submitted. Of the 138, a total of 5 proposals were withdrawn prior to staff review and are not included in any summary documents or staff reviews. For ODFW staff reviews, similar proposals were grouped together. All public proposals underwent field staff review, followed by the final Fish Division/Oregon State Review (OSP). Participating on the Final Fish Division/OSP review were: from the OSP: Lt. David Anderson, Sgt. Hoodenply and Sgt. Schwartz. ODFW staff included: Ed Bowles, Fish Division Administrator; Steve Williams, Deputy Fish Administrator, Columbia IJ and Marine Programs; Bruce McIntosh, Deputy Fish Administrator, Inland Fisheries; Charlie Corrarino, Conservation and Recovery Program Manager, Dave Steward, Assistant Angling Regulation Coordinator, and Rhine Messmer, Recreational Fisheries Program Manager/Angling Regulation Coordinator..A summary of staff reviews of public proposals are available on ODFW’s website at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/fishing_regs_public_process.asp. Public proposals that passed staff reviews are presented in this document and will be presented at the public meetings for public comment and then presented to the Commission for consideration. There were a

total of 7 public proposals from the Northwest (2) and Southwest (5) zones that were deferred into the Multi-Species Coastal Conservation and Management Plan Development Process. These proposals will be evaluated for incorporation into development of fishery options and once the plan is completed, be presented to the Commission for adoption in the annual Angling Regulation Development cycle (scheduled for the August 2013 Commission meeting, for the 2014 Angling Regulation Development Process). Proposals that were rejected have been dropped from further consideration and will be included in a summary document that will be part of the August Commission Packet. This summary document is also available for viewing on ODFW's website http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/fishing_regs_public_process.asp

Step 4. Public Meetings

We are now at Step 4 of the New Five-Step Public Process. This step involves a series of public meetings held in April and May across the state. This year an additional meeting was scheduled for Ontario on April 19 to gather input on regulation issues in that corner of the state. Other than the Ontario meeting the dates and locations for public meetings have been scheduled well in advance of the meetings so interested public could get the dates on their calendars. The meeting schedule is shown in Table 1 (below) and is also printed in the 2012 angling pamphlet (Page 13 of the 2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations).

- At the meetings, Fish Managers will present staff and public proposals (those that passed ODFW review) in their respective fish management areas. Fish Division staff will present any Statewide proposals, or applicable Zone Regulations of interest to the attending public. Meeting objectives are to 1). review local public and staff proposals and take public comments, 2). review any Statewide proposals of public interest and take public comments, and 3). And if time permitting, take public comment on proposals in other areas of the state (all 2012 proposals will be included in the May Public Meeting Packet). There might also be a public expectation to discuss rejected or deferred public proposals. Staff will assess this need prior to each meeting to determine if there is an interest to discuss rejected or deferred public proposals and time to include these discussions in the meeting agenda.
- At the beginning of each public meeting the specific meeting agenda will be developed. Staff will assess the range of public interest in Statewide and non-local proposals and work with attending public to set the agenda and if needed schedule time for discussion of out-of-area proposals at the end of the meeting. If time does not permit discussion of non-local regulations, then staff will let interested public know if any of the remaining public meetings will be presenting their proposals of interest, or let them know that they can submit written comment to the Commission.
- Following staff presentations and public comment, proposals will be classified into three general categories including: wide public support (Yes), mixed public support (Maybe), or little or no public support (No). The level of public support at the meeting will be assessed based on substance of public comments along with number (percentage) of anglers who support, reject or have mixed opinion on proposals. Final assessments on levels of public support will be made on a statewide basis and include all public meeting information and public correspondence (received to date of final assessment).

After the Public Meetings; Preparation for August Commission Meeting and Determining Staff Recommendations

June 2012. Angling Regulation Coordinator will compile all staff, OSP, and public comments and develop ODFW staff positions (A – Adopt, C – Reject, or B - In need of further consideration) on public proposals and incorporate these rankings into the August Commission Packet.

- Staff positions will be developed in consultation with District, OSP, and Fish Division staff and be reviewed by the Director's Office prior to being incorporated into the August Commission Packet.
- August Commission Packet will include notes from public meetings and submitted written public comment and correspondence submitted to date.
- The August Commission Packet will also include any ODFW Backgrounders on "Key Issues" to provide a more in-depth analysis of proposed regulations for the Commission's review. Key issues will be identified during the course of the public process and need for backgrounders communicated to Districts as soon as possible.
- August Commission briefing documents will also include a summary of all rejected and deferred public proposals and staff review summaries so the Commission can gain a sense of the content of public proposals deferred to the Conservation Plan Process or screened out by staff at the start of the public process. This information will be available on ODFW's website developed for 2013 Angling Regulation Development as well as on the Commission Meeting website. There will be no automatic reconsideration of rejected proposals by the Commission. Project sponsors still retain the right to file a petition for a rule change at a later date, if they feel that their proposal did not get adequate review and consideration during the Public Process.

Step 5. Two-Step Commission Meetings

August 3rd Commission Meeting (Salem) – Informational Preview Only

At this point in the process the deferred and non-substantive proposals have been screened and the volume of public proposals should be significantly reduced from past public process. Although the volume of public proposals may be small, but there will likely be significant regulation issues with major fishery and social implications; and therefore, require comprehensive and thorough analysis.

The Angling Regulation Coordinator will present a preview of the 2013 staff and public angling regulation proposals at the August Commission meeting. Staff positions (A – adopt, C – reject, or B – In need of further consideration) will be determined on public proposals and included in the Commission Packet summaries. Staff will provide an overview of any major regulation proposals in the "A" category as well as basis for rejection for category "C" proposals which would have passed initial staff review but are not being recommended to be adopted. Positions on select category "B" proposals will be determined following the August meeting and presented at the September Commission meeting.

- The focus of the August Commission meeting will be to review completed steps in the public process up to the August Commission meeting, then provide an overview of the "Key Issue" regulation changes being considered for adoption (Category A proposals)
- District staff will attend the August meeting as needed to provide technical input on "Key Issues" in their District and to respond to Commission questions but will not be making presentations at this time.
- The Commission will be asked to concur with staff recommendations on classifications of proposals and have the option to reclassify proposals for further consideration (reclassify C proposals to B, or A proposals to B). Proposals classified as A or C by the Commission at the August meeting will be carried forward to the September Commission meeting for rule making with the recommendation that Category A be adopted and Category C be rejected without further discussion. There will likely be few category C proposals at this point in the process, but there could be a few proposals that pass initial staff review that have little or no support from the public and therefore, receive a C classification.
- Following the August Commission meeting, staff will prepare the September Commission packet and determine staff positions on any outstanding category B proposals.
- The Angling Regulation Coordinator will develop the September Commission presentation working with District staff and include a more in-depth assessment of the Classification (B)

proposals, including development of any Commission Backgrounders. Statewide rules to be presented by the Angling Regulation Coordinator (or designee) and Zone Rules will be presented by District Fish Biologist (or their designee).

September 7th Commission Meeting (Hermiston) – Final Rule Making

Commission receives detailed presentations on category B proposals by Angling Regulation Coordinator and District staff.

- Category A proposals recommended to be adopted without further discussion.
- Category B proposals considered by the Commission individually.
- Category B proposals will carry staff recommendations (Adopt or Reject), with potential neutral position on select purely social regulations.
- Category C Proposals should be minimal. There could be some Category B proposals that due to public input, are recommended to be rejected even though initially the proposal had some level of staff and public support or lack of opposition (neutral).
- Final results of Public Process; Commission rule adoption-rejection are sent to project sponsors, posted on ODFW's website, and made available to interested anglers.

Table 1. Schedule of 2012 Public Meetings for development of 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations. All meetings will be held from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Meeting Date	City	Location	Address	Zones Covered
April 19	Ontario	Malheur County Library	388 SW 2 nd Ave., Ontario 97914	Southeast (Malheur) & Statewide
May 7	LaGrande	Blue Mt. Conference Center	404 12 th Street LaGrande OR, 97805	Northeast; Snake River & Statewide
May 8	Bend	USFS Ponderosa/Aspen Conference	63095 Deschutes Market Rd Bend, OR 97701	Central; Southeast (Malheur portion); & Statewide
May 9	Klamath Falls	OSU Extension Service	3328 Vandenberg Road Klamath Falls, OR 97603	Southeast (Klamath and Lake Basins) & Statewide
May 10	White City (Central Point)	Jackson County Auditorium	400 Antelope Road White City, OR 97503	Southwest (primarily upper Rogue Basin) & Statewide
May 14	Roseburg	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Office	4192 N Umpqua Hwy. Roseburg, OR 97407	Southwest (Umpqua Basin) & Statewide
May 15	Coos Bay	North Bend Library	1800 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, OR 97459	Southwest (Coos, Coquille and Tenmile basins) and (Lower Rogue and south coast streams) & Statewide
May 16	Newport	Hallmark Resort	744 SW Elizabeth Street, Newport OR 97365, (541) 254-2600.	Northwest; Marine; (Central Oregon Coast basins) & Statewide
May 17	Tillamook	Oregon Dept. of Forestry	5005 Third Street Tillamook, OR 97141	Northwest (North Coast streams); Marine (mid coast and ocean) & Statewide
May 21	Eugene (Springfield)	Lane Community College; Forum Building (#17), Room 308	4000 East 30 th Avenue Eugene, OR 97405	Willamette (South Willamette basin) & Statewide
May 22	Salem	Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Headquarters	3406 Cherry Avenue NE Salem, OR 97303	Willamette (Mid Willamette basin); Columbia River; & Statewide
May 23	Portland	To be determined	To be determined	Willamette (North Willamette basin); Columbia River (Columbia River and IJ management); & Statewide

* Tentative location will be confirmed closer to meeting date.

The following lists outline which staff and public proposals will be presented at the scheduled public meeting in April and May, 2012. In addition to the specific Zone proposals, the following Statewide proposals will be presented at the meetings: _S=Staff and P=Public

Statewide Regulation Proposals.

- 1S - Change Free Fishing Weekend Dates
- 2S - Add new definitions for “bobber” and “leader” as part of proposed new anti-snagging rules on Trask and Salmon rivers
- 3S - Redefine “Snagging” to help enforce anti-snagging regulations. (ODFW/OSP Staff)
- 4S - Redefine definition of “Take”
- 5S - Adopt new Statewide Anti-Snagging Rules to be applied to individual waterbodies to curtail snagging activities
- 6S - Possession of fish in the field- Statewide Rule
- 7S - Modify bait definition to allow use of hook-less “bait” attracters in the Ocean Salmon fishery. Add new definition of “Attractor”
- 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year
- 6P - New Statewide lure definition – include soft plastic and rubber imitations
- 65P - Allow Disabled Anglers Use of Electric Reels
- 64P and 91P - Inland waters rod rule; Each angler aboard a vessel may continue to use angling gear until the daily limit of fish for all legally licensed and juvenile anglers aboard has been achieved

April 19, Ontario. Malheur County Public Library, 388 SW 2nd Ave, Ontario OR 97914 (note Ontario is in a different Time Zone, one hour later)

Southeast Zone – Malheur Fish District

- 47S - Big Creek and tributaries; Reduce daily limit on redband trout from 5 to 2 per day
 - 48S - Malheur River, Section. 1. Reduce daily limit on redband trout from 5 to 2 per day
 - 49S – North Fork Malheur River, Sec. 1. Reduce daily limit on redband trout from 5 to 2 per day
 - 50S-- Lake Creek and tributaries; Reduce daily limit on redband trout
 - 51S - Malheur River Sec. 2. Remainder of the basin; Redefine Section 2 of Malheur River
- Staff will also present public proposals for the Owyhee River which did not meet ODFW Review Criteria:
- 39P -Owyhee River; Single barbless hook (two hook/fly limit); Designated areas where bait is allowed (i.e. above the tunnel); Two trout limit (rainbow or brown) must be under 20”
 - 80P- Owyhee River; From dam downstream to Owyhee Lake Rd Bridge-1) Fishing closure from Oct 15 – Jan 1; 2) catch and release for all trout species; 3) single barbless hooks on single points only; 4) artificial flies or lures only, no bait allowed
 - 83P - Owyhee River; Closed to all fishing from Oct. 15 to Jan. 1 to protect spawning brown trout. Angling restricted to artificial flies and lures only each fly or lure with a single barbless hook

May 7, LaGrande. Blue Mt. Conference Center, 404 12th Street, LaGrande OR, 97805.

Northeast Zone Regulation Proposals

- 42S - Delete the special regulations for brook trout in Morgan Lake
- 43S - Expand coho and fall Chinook salmon angling daily bag limit on the lower Umatilla River
- 44S - Remove annual 10 fish limit on spring Chinook salmon on the lower Umatilla River

- 46S - Enhance bass and panfish fishery in Unity Reservoir
- 33P - Bass bag limit regulation change for McKay Reservoir

Snake River Regulation Proposals

- 52S - Expand harvest opportunities on surplus steelhead stocked into Hells Canyon Reservoir.

May 8, Bend. USFS Ponderosa/Aspen Conference Room, 63095 Deschutes Market Rd Bend, OR 97701.

Central Zone Proposals

- 36S - Crane Prairie Reservoir; Create a selective, quality trout fishery
- 63P – Crooked River; Prohibit the use of bait in the Crooked River mainstem year round
- 37S - Deschutes River 3b. Expand trout angling opportunities on Deschutes River in Bend
- 103P – Deschutes Section 6: Refining existing rule - allow harvest of hatchery Cranebow trout
- 38S - East Lake; 16 inch maximum length on brown trout. Catch and release on non fin-clipped rainbow trout
- 51P - East Lake; Allow retention of trophy brown trout
- 39S- Odell Lake; Expanded areas closed to angling to protect bull trout
- 40S Paulina Lake; Catch-and-release for non adipose fin-marked
- 41S - Whychus Creek; Protect juvenile salmonid migrants
- 3P - Wickiup Reservoir; Restore ODFW management for Largemouth Bass at Wickiup Reservoir

Southeast Zone – Malheur Fish District

- 47S - Big Creek and tributaries; Reduce daily limit on redband trout from 5 to 2 per day
- 50S-- Lake Creek and tributaries; Reduce daily limit on redband trout
- 48S - Malheur River, Section. 1. Reduce daily limit on redband trout from 5 to 2 per day
- 49S – North Fork Malheur River, Sec. 1. Reduce daily limit on redband trout from 5 to 2 per day
- 51S - Malheur River Sec. 2. Remainder of the basin; Redefine Section 2 of Malheur River

May 9, Klamath Falls. OSU Extension Service, 3328 Vandenberg Road, Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

Southeast Zone – Klamath and Lake Districts

- 35S - Clarify bait regulations on the Chewaucan River
- 45S - Enhance bass and panfish fishery in Dog Lake with a one bass per day limit
- 116P - Crooked Creek; allow harvest of brown and brook trout
- 117P - Fourmile Creek; allow harvest of brown and brook trout
- 118P - Sevenmile Creek; allow harvest of brown and brook trout
- 119P - Fort Creek; allow harvest of brown and brook trout
- 120P - Sprague River and tributaries, brown trout limit increase
- 121P - Williamson River; increased limits on brown and brook trout (Sections 2-3)
- 122P - Spring Creek; increased limits on brown and brook trout
- 123P - Wood River; allow harvest of brown and brook trout

May 10, White City. Jackson County Auditorium, 400 Antelope Road, White City, OR 97503.

Southwest Zone - Upper Rogue District

- 57S - Southwest Zone Rules; Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year

- 12S - Catch Limits in SW Zone; Increase the aggregate salmon and steelhead catch limit; allow one attritional hatchery steelhead in select SW Zone waters
- 70P- Illinois River; retention deadline change; Retain 1 wild winter steelhead per day, 5 per year, from Pomeroy Dam downstream to Klondike Creek confluence
- 25S - Rogue River (Sections 2 and 3); Redefine new angling boundary at Fisheries Ferry Boat Ramp following removal of Gold Ray Dam
- 26S - Rogue River from Gold Ray damsite to Cole Rivers Hatchery Diversion Dam (Section 3) Change of the legal angling hours to aid in enforcement
- 27S - Rogue River, Section 6. Mainstem and tributaries above Lost Creek Dam; Open area above Lost Creek Dam to all-year trout angling

Southwest Zone – Lower Rogue District

- 62P- Chetco River (Curry Co.): Mainstem including tidewater; Chetco River Salmon Fishing Deadline; Open for Chinook salmon upstream to Nook Creek Jan. 1-March 31 and May 26-Dec. 31
- 13S - Coquille River Basin (Sections 1-5); Eliminate protective regulations for bass
- 14S - Allow harvest of trout greater than 20 inches in Eel Lake
- 15S - Create an aggregate limit for Chinook salmon in the Sixes River and Elk River Ocean Terminal areas.
- 16S - Floras Creek/New River including tidewater; Increase conservation of native fall Chinook salmon
- 17S - Floras Lake; Close salmon and steelhead angling in Floras Lake to protect wild coho salmon.
- 18S - Page 41 - Fourmile Creek including tidewater (Coos Co.); Protect wild coho salmon by closing the steelhead season on Fourmile Creek
- 19S - Hunter Creek; Revert to SW Zone jack Chinook salmon limits on Hunter Creek; no need to tag jack salmon
- 70P and 20S - New Lake; Protect wild coho salmon by closing the steelhead season on New Lake
- 21S - New River including tidewater; Simplify regulations for Floras Creek and New River
- 22S Pistol River: Revert to SW Zone jack Chinook salmon limits on Pistol Creek; no need to tag jack salmon
- 23S - Sixes River; Reduced wild Chinook salmon harvest on the Sixes River

May 14, Roseburg. ODFW, 4192 Umpqua Hwy. Roseburg, OR 97407.

Southwest Zone - Umpqua District

- 57S - Southwest Zone Rules; Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year
- 12S - Catch Limits in SW Zone; Increase the aggregate salmon and steelhead catch limit; allow one attritional hatchery steelhead in select SW Zone waters
- 55P - Diamond Lake: Year Round Angling
- 24S - Umpqua River Section 9. New regulations following development of anadromous salmon

May 15, Coos Bay. North Bend Library, 1800 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, OR 97459.

Southwest Zone– Coos, Coquille and Tenmile Basin Proposals

- 57S - Southwest Zone Rules; Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year

- 12S - Catch Limits in SW Zone; Increase the aggregate salmon and steelhead catch limit; allow one attritional hatchery steelhead in select SW Zone waters
- 13S - Coquille River Basin (Sections 1-5); Eliminate protective regulations for bass
- 55P 14S - Allow harvest of trout greater than 20 inches in Eel Lake.

Marine Zone Proposals

- 56S - Pacific Ocean; Implement a scallop permit system to monitor harvest
- 24P - Coastal bays; Increase the daily limit on Purple Varnish clams to first 60 taken
- 15P - Coastal bays; Increase the daily limit on Purple Varnish clams to first 72 taken
- 32P - Ocean, beaches and coastal bays; Return Macoma Clams to Immediate Digging Area
- 102P and 131P - Partial Cleaning of Albacore at Sea

May 16, Newport. Hallmark Resort, 744 SW Elizabeth Street, Newport OR, 97365. Northwest; Marine; (Central Oregon Coast basins) & Statewide

NW Zone Proposals

- 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year.
- 76P – Alsea River Angling Deadline Adjustment; replace Fall Creek deadline with USFW River Edge Boat Landing
- 11S Salmon River; Add new anti-snagging regulation; hook, leader, and angling method restrictions

Marine Zone Proposals

- 56S - Pacific Ocean; Implement a scallop permit system to monitor harvest
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- 15P - Coastal bays; Increase the daily limit on Purple Varnish clams to first 72 taken
- 32P - Ocean, beaches and coastal bays; Return Macoma Clams to Immediate Digging Area
- 102P and 131P - Partial Cleaning of Albacore at Sea

32P - Clams: Return Macoma Clams to Immediate Digging Area

May 17, Tillamook. Oregon Dept. of Forestry, 5005 Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141.

Northwest Zone - North Coast streams

- 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year
- 8S - Nehalem River Section 2: Add special regulation closure around Fall Creek falls adult fish trap
- 10S - Three Rivers Section 1. Mainstem; New anti-snagging regulations; hook and leader length restrictions
- 9S - Trask River Section 1. Add new anti-snagging “Bobber Angling” rule and definitions
- 76P - Year-Long Catch-and-Release Trout Angling on Select Lower Columbia River Tributaries

Marine Zone Proposals

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May 21, Eugene (Springfield). Lane Community College; Forum Building (#17), Room 308, 4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405.

Willamette Zone - South Willamette basin

- 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year
- 31S - McKenzie River (All Sections); Eliminate use of bait to reduce hooking mortality on wild trout in a non-stocked wild trout rearing area on the McKenzie River
- 32S - McKenzie River (new Section 3) New anti-snagging- leader length- regulations for below Leaburg Dam. Any attached weight may be no more than six feet above the lowermost hook
- 30S - Springfield Mill Race (new entry); New trout, steelhead and salmon fishery on Springfield Mill Race
- 100P - Willamette River: 7. Middle Fork Upstream to Dexter; Reduced harvest to offset the predicted increase in use, 2 trout per day, 8-inch minimum length
- 29S - Willamette River Section 7. Middle Fork upstream to Dexter Dam; New anti-snagging –leader length- regulations for fishery below Dexter Dam; any attached weight may be no more than four feet above the lowermost hook
- 58P Clarification of Hills Creek regulations; change in water body name
- 59P – Clarify brook trout harvest regulations on Erma Bell Lakes and tributaries, Gold Lake, Mckenzie River Section 7 (Tamolitch falls to Clear Lake), and Willamette Section 9. (North Fork of Middle fork and tributaries)
- 60P – Bull trout conservation on upper Salmon and Salt creeks. Clarify brook trout harvest seasons

May 22, Salem. ODFW Headquarters. 3406 Cherry Avenue NE, Salem, OR 97303.

Willamette Zone - Mid Willamette basin

- 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year
- 11P - Adair Pond, Bond Butte Pond, Wilsonville Pond, Woodburn Pond; Modified Bass Limit; 1 bass per day no size limit, 2 daily limits in possession
- 12P- Adair, Bond Butte, Wilsonville and Woodburn ponds; New Bass Limits; 1/day
- 33S - Clackamas River Section 2. River Mill Reservoir up to Casadero Dam; Accurately define distance of angling closure below Faraday Powerhouse
- 41P - Hartman Pond; Channel catfish limit; 2 fish per day, two daily limits in possession no length limit
- 42P - Hartman Pond; Bass limits; 1 bass per day no size limit, 2 daily limits in possession
- 9P - Henry Hagg Lake; Crappie Limits; 20 fish limit, no length limit, 2 daily limits in possession
- 48P - Henry Hagg Lake; Crappie Limits; 10 crappie per day
- 53P and 57P - Molalla River; Restore Deadline for adipose fin-clipped Chinook fishing on the Molalla River to Horse Creek Bridge
- 34S - Salmon River (Sandy Basin); expand trout angling in Salmon River Basin above anadromous fish barrier
- 28S - Tualatin River Section 1. From mouth upstream to Hwy 210 Bridge at Schools; Extend bait area on the lower Tualatin River to enhance angling for warmwater species

Columbia River Zone

- 53S - Provide consistency with Washington possession regulations for lower Columbia River. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for fish or shellfish while in possession in the field of fish or shellfish that are in violation of the harvest regulations for the area being fished. This regulation does not apply to vessels in transit
- 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year

- 54S - Columbia River (Section 4); Reduce illegal fishing at Cascade Locks area by restricting angling to only single-point hooks in the area between the boat ramp at the lower end of the locks upstream to the east (upstream) end of the lock wall
- 55S - Rearrange listing order of Columbia River tributaries to make it easier for anglers to locate Tanner Creek under Columbia River Regulations

May 23, Portland. Location to be determined at a later date.

Willamette Zone - North Willamette basin)

- 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year
- 11P - Adair Pond, Bond Butte Pond, Wilsonville Pond, Woodburn Pond; Modified Bass Limit; 1 bass per day no size limit, 2 daily limits in possession
- 12P- Adair, Bond Butte, Wilsonville and Woodburn ponds; New Bass Limits; 1/day
- 33S - Clackamas River Section 2. River Mill Reservoir up to Casadero Dam; Accurately define distance of angling closure below Faraday Powerhouse
- 41P - Hartman Pond; Channel catfish limit; 2 fish per day, two daily limits in possession no length limit
- 42P - Hartman Pond; Bass limits; 1 bass per day no size limit, 2 daily limits in possession.
- 9P - Henry Hagg Lake; Crappie Limits; 20 fish limit, no length limit, 2 daily limits in possession
- 48P - Henry Hagg Lake; Crappie Limits; 10 crappie per day
- 53P and 57P - Molalla River; Restore Deadline for adipose fin-clipped Chinook fishing on the Molalla River to Horse Creek Bridge
- 34S - Salmon River (Sandy Basin); expand trout angling in Salmon River Basin above anadromous fish barrier
- 28S - Tualatin River Section 1. From mouth upstream to Hwy 210 Bridge at Schools; Extend bait area on the lower Tualatin River to enhance angling for warmwater species
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- 53S - Provide consistency with Washington possession regulations for lower Columbia River. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for fish or shellfish while in possession in the field of fish or shellfish that are in violation of the harvest regulations for the area being fished. This regulation does not apply to vessels in transit
- 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, 2 per year
- 54S - Columbia River (Section 4); Reduce illegal fishing at Cascade Locks area by restricting angling to only single-point hooks in the area between the boat ramp at the lower end of the locks upstream to the east (upstream) end of the lock wall.
- 55S - Rearrange listing order of Columbia River tributaries to make it easier for anglers to locate Tanner Creek under Columbia River Regulations

How to Participate in the Public Process

2. Write a Letter:

If you would like to share your thoughts with the Department on a certain proposal, please write a letter. All letters will be forwarded to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as part of the public record. Letters should be addressed to: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Angling Regulations, 3406 Cherry Avenue NE, Salem, OR 97303.

3. Attend a Public Meeting:

There will be eleven public meetings held throughout the state in May. The locations are listed in this document in Table 1 (above) and on page 13 of the 2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet. Specific meeting locations will be published in your local newspaper the week before the meeting date or call your local ODFW office for public meeting locations. In addition to the eleven scheduled meetings, an additional meeting was held in Ontario on April 19th.

4. Testify at a Commission Meeting:

The Commission meetings will be held on August 3rd at the Salem ODFW Headquarters and on September 7th in Hermiston OR. The Commission places great value on information received from the public.

Thank you for your interest in Oregon's sport fishing regulations. The Department's administrative and biological staff look forward to your participation throughout this public process.

Summary of ODFW/OSP and Public Proposals Presented at May Public Meetings

This document contains a summary of 101 angling regulation proposals which will be considered for adoption for the 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulation. Of the 101 proposals, there are 40 Public proposals that passed ODFW/OSP review and 61 ODFW/OSP angling regulation proposals. The 101 proposals are grouped by Angling Zone and have been given proposal numbers (S indicates staff proposal and P indicates public proposal). The page number listed next to each proposal refers to the page in the 2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet where this regulation is located.

Pro. No.	Category	Statewide Proposals
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1S - Change Free Fishing Weekend Dates • 2S - Add new definitions for “bobber” and “leader” as part of proposed new anti-snagging rules on Trask and Salmon rivers • 3S - Redefine “Snagging” to help enforce anti-snagging regulations. (ODFW/OSP Staff) • 4S - Redefine definition of “Take” • 5S - Adopt new Statewide Anti-Snagging Rules to be applied to individual waterbodies to curtail snagging activities • 6S - Possession of fish in the field- Statewide Rule. • 7S - Modify bait definition to allow use of hook-less “bait” attracters in the Ocean Salmon fishery. Add new definition of “Attractor” • 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, <u>2</u> per year. • 6P - New Statewide lure definition – include soft plastic and rubber imitations • 65P - Allow Disabled Anglers Use of Electric Reels • 64P and 91P - Inland waters rod rule; Each angler aboard a vessel may continue to use angling gear until the daily limit of fish for all legally licensed and juvenile anglers aboard has been achieved.
1 S	Consistency	<p>Page 5 - General Statewide Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change Free Fishing Weekend Dates. • Existing Rule: Free fishing weekend falls on the Saturday and Sunday immediately following the first Monday in the month of June. • Proposed Rule: Free fishing weekend will fall on the <u>first full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) in the month of June.</u> <p>Rationale: This change simplifies the regulation for the date of Free Fishing Weekend. This aligns Free Fishing Weekend with Oregon Parks and Recreation’s State Parks Day, National Fishing & Boating Week, National Trails Day and other activities by state and federal agencies and organizations to encourage outdoor recreation. (David Lane, IE)</p>

Pro. No.	Category	Statewide Proposals
2S	Enforcement See also Trask River and Salmon River proposals.	<p>Page 8 - Statewide Definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add new definitions for “bobber” and “leader” as part of proposed new anti-snagging rules on Trask and Salmon rivers. • Existing Definitions: None • Proposed Definitions: • <u>Bobber: A hook-less, floating device that is attached to or slides along the mainline or leader above the hook(s) for the purpose of suspending hook(s) (which are part of the bait, lure or fly) off the bottom of the stream and visually signaling (from the surface of the water) a fish’s strike at the hook(s).</u> • <u>Leader: A section of line, other than the mainline, extending from the lowermost hook (part of bait, lure, or fly) to the first swivel, weight, bobber, or any other attachment.</u> <p>Rationale: These definitions would apply to bobber fisheries being proposed for sections of the Trask River in vicinity of Trask Hatchery which is a holding area for adult hatchery spring Chinook and on a section of the Salmon River (Lincoln Co.) where snagging is a chronic activity. (ODFW/OSP Staff)</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Statewide Proposals
3S	Enforcement	<p>Page 9 - General Statewide Regulations; Definition of “Snagging”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redefine “Snagging” to help enforce anti-snagging regulations. • Existing Rule: Snagging “Hooking or attempting to hook fish other than inside the mouth.” • Proposed Definition: <u>Snagging “Taking or attempting to take a fish with a hook and line in any way or manner where the fish is not enticed to voluntarily take the hook(s) in its mouth. Gamefish which are hooked other than inside of its mouth must be released immediately unharmed.”</u> <p>Rationale: Help to curtail illegal snagging activities and allow legitimate anglers more opportunities to fish for and catch salmon and steelhead. Oregon State Police officers will be able to articulate in court that the angler’s actions are not conducive to a fish “voluntarily” taking the hook in its mouth. By considering the anglers fishing technique, along with any gear configuration, officers can communicate in courts that the violator is doing the opposite of “attracting” fish. In other words, the gear is chasing the fish, versus the fish chasing the gear. (ODFW/OSP Staff)</p>
4S	Clarification	<p>Page 9 - General Statewide Regulations; Definition of “Take”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redefine definition of “Take”. • Existing Rule: Take “To kill, reduce to possession or control.” • Proposed Definition: Take “To kill, reduce to possession or control <u>or attempt to possess or control which includes catch-and release angling.</u> <p>Rationale: To clarify that an angler needs to have a Combined Angling Tag to fish for sturgeon, salmon, steelhead or halibut whether he/she can keep it or not or is catch-and-release angling. (ODFW Staff)</p>
5S	Enforcement	<p>Pages 10 and 11 - General Statewide Regulation; Gear Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt new Statewide Anti-Snagging Rules to be applied to individual waterbodies to curtail snagging activities • Existing Rules: Existing hook and weight regulations, along with special gear restrictions for specific stream reaches. There are no statewide “Anti-snagging” regulations that can be applied to specific stream reaches. • Proposed Rules: <u>Anti-Snagging Rule. Except when fishing with a buoyant lure (with no weights added to the line or lure), or trolling from a vessel or floating device, terminal fishing gear is restricted to a lure or bait with one single-point hook. Hooks must measure ¾" or less from point to shank, and must be attached to or below the lure or bait. Weights may not be attached below or less than 18" above the lure or bait.</u> <p>Rationale: Help to reduce snagging levels as they relate to the use of treble hooks. This rule will not be employed as a statewide regulation, but would be used on specific water bodies where the use of treble hooks on terminal gear has led to high levels of snagging. Areas identified by Oregon State Police for application of the Anti-Snagging rule are shown below. (ODFW/OSP Staff)</p>

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5S	Enforcement <u>5 S Continued</u>	<p>Proposed anti-snagging areas identified by Oregon State Police are shown in next table entry, below. These areas will be evaluated by ODFW staff for application of the anti-snagging rule and also presented to the public at the May public meetings. Prior to the August Commission meeting, ODFW staff will determine which, if any of these areas (or other areas identified by staff or public), the anti-snagging rule will be proposed for adoption.</p> <p><u>Northwest Zone</u> Big Creek (Clatsop County) August 1–31 and October 1-31. Downstream from hatchery weir deadline. NOTE: This section of creek closed Sept. 1-30. Salmon River Aug. 1 – Dec. 31 Entire River Siuslaw River Aug 1 to Dec 31 "Above Tidewater"</p> <p><u>Southwest Zone</u> North Umpqua River March 1–July 31. From the Lone Rock Boat launch upstream to the beginning of the fly area above Rock Creek. Isthmus Slough - Isthmus Slough open year-round for Chinook salmon, adipose fin-clipped coho salmon and adipose fin-marked steelhead up to a point on the slough adjacent to Milepost 3 on Highway 42. Open to youth anglers (age 17 and under) and Disabled Anglers with an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit (see pages 6-7), from Milepost 3 on Highway 42 to the tidegate. <u>Willamette Zone</u> Sandy River Aug. 1-Dec. 31. Mainstem and tributaries upstream to ODFW markers at the mouth of the Salmon River. Clackamas River Aug. 1-Dec. 31. Mouth upstream to River Mill Dam AND River Mill Reservoir up to Casadero Dam - this would need to be listed in bullets #1 and #2 under the Clackamas River section. Eagle Creek (Clackamas County) Aug. 1-Dec. 31. Mouth upstream to markers 200 feet below hatchery ladder outlet.</p>
6S	Enforcement	<p>Page 10 - General Statewide Regulations – Gear Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession of fish in the field- Statewide Rule • Existing Rule: None statewide. • Proposed Rule: <u>It shall be unlawful for any person to angle for fish or harvest shellfish while in possession in the field of fish or shellfish that are in violation of the harvest regulations for the area being fished. This regulation does not apply to vessels in transit.</u> <p>Rationale: The proposed rule would provide consistency with Washington on possession rules for the Columbia River. There are currently enforcement problems on the Columbia River with angling deadlines that have different species retention regulations. Rule proposed statewide for consistency and aid in enforcement of regulations (ODFW/OSP Staff)</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Statewide Proposals
7S	Clarification, expanded angling technique	<p>Page 8 - Statewide Definition of “Bait” and “Attractor”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify bait definition to allow use of hook-less “bait” attracters in the Ocean Salmon fishery. Add new definition of “Attractor” • Existing Rule(s): Use of soft plastic or rubber attractors is prohibited in the ocean salmon fishery since the existing “bait” definition includes soft plastics and rubber items and Ocean Salmon rules limit angling to no more than one lure/bait per line. <p>Bait: Any item used to attract fish which is not an artificial fly, lure, or attractor. Molded soft plastic or rubber imitation worms, eggs, or other imitation baits are considered bait. Scent is not considered bait.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean Salmon Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anglers fishing for salmon and anglers fishing from boats with a salmon on board are limited to no more than 2 single point barbless hooks and <u>no more than one lure/bait per line.</u> • Proposed Rules; New Bait and Attractor Definitions <p>Bait: Any item used to attract fish which is not an artificial fly, lure, or attractor. Molded soft plastic or rubber imitation worms, eggs, or other imitation baits are considered bait when attached to a hook or <u>attached to the fishing line immediately adjacent to a hook.</u> Scent is not considered bait.</p> <p>Attractor: <u>A device attached to an angler’s fishing line in advance of the primary lure, fly, or baited hook that provides added motion or other visual attraction to the primary lure, fly, or bait. Typical attractors include lake trolls such as Ford fenders, willow leaf, or cowbell flashers; dodgers; or spreader bars.</u></p> <p>Rationale: To allow use of spreader bars and baits for fishing salmon. Spreader bars contain molded soft plastic imitation attractors which are currently classified as bait under our “bait” definition. Ocean salmon regulations only allow the use of one “lure/bait” per line therefore prohibiting the use of spreader bars and hook-less baits/attractors in the ocean salmon fishery. The proposed change in the bait definition would allow hook-less baits only in the ocean. No change in use of bait would occur in freshwater fisheries. (ODFW/OSP Staff)</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Statewide Proposals
57S	Conservation; harvest allocation	<p>Page 8 – Annual Limit Definition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. • Existing Definition: Applies to abalone, Pacific halibut, salmon, steelhead and sturgeon only. The annual catch limits are: abalone 5; sturgeon 5; Pacific halibut 6; and 20 for salmon and steelhead, in any combination, when recorded on the Combined Angling Tag. Adipose or otherwise fin-clipped salmon or adipose fin-clipped steelhead legally recorded on a Hatchery Harvest Tag do not count toward this annual limit. • Proposed Rule: Sturgeon Annual Catch Limits; <u>2</u> per year. <p>Rationale: In July 2012, staff of ODFW and WDFW plans to conduct several public meetings to gather input and discuss ideas regarding season structure and regulations for future lower Columbia River white sturgeon fisheries. A reduced annual possession limit could allocate the available sturgeon quota to more anglers and potentially increase the length of sturgeon retention seasons. (John North)</p> <p>Note: This staff proposal is being used as a placeholder until the final rule and annual sturgeon limit is developed.</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Statewide Proposals
6P	<p>Expanded Opportunity</p> <p>Note: if adopted, this proposed rule would need to be blended with proposal 7S.</p>	<p>Page 8 - Definition: New Statewide lure/Bait definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include soft plastic and rubber imitations in the lure definition • Existing Rule: <u>Lure definition:</u> An artificial device, complete with hooks, intended to attract and entice fish; excluding molded soft plastic or rubber imitation baits and artificial flies. Corkies, spin-n-glos, go-glos, birdy drifters, lead based jigs, etc., are all considered lures. Molded soft plastic or rubber imitation worms, eggs or other imitation baits are considered bait. • Existing Rule: <u>Bait Definition:</u> Bait: Any item used to attract fish which is not an artificial fly or lure. Molded soft plastic or rubber imitation worms, eggs, or other imitation baits are considered bait. Scent is not considered bait. • Proposed Rule: <u>Lure Definition:</u> An artificial device, complete with hooks, intended to attract and entice fish. Corkies, spin-n-glos, birdy drifters, lead based jigs are all considered lures. Molded soft plastic or rubber imitation worms, eggs, or other imitation baits are considered lures. • Proposed Rule: <u>Bait Definition:</u> Bait: Any item used to attract fish which is not an artificial fly or lure. Molded soft plastic or rubber imitation worms, eggs, or other imitation baits are considered bait. Scent is not considered bait. <p>Purpose: Allows more opportunity to catch a variety of fish where bait is restricted. The definition of what is a lure has been argued in Oregon for over 30 years. As anglers get more involved in fisheries they find that some definitions do not seem to fit or are not realistic. New plastics have replaced old rubber and are obviously not bait while hand tied flies appear to be able to pinch you or fly away. The state of Idaho defines an artificial lure as any device made entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, feather, fiber, or plastic with hook or hooks attached. Bait of any kind may not be used with artificial lures when fishing artificial flies and lure only water. California states it simply, Artificial Lure - Man made lure or fly designed to attract fish. Does not include scented or flavored artificial baits. In both states rubber and plastic are considered lures. Purple, pink, red and green plastic worms are all used as effective steelhead lures and many steelhead anglers would like them classified as a lure so they could be used in no bait fishing water. As the Native Fish Society, TU and others push to close more of our rivers and streams to bait fishing we should more fairly interpret what is and isn't a bait and give anglers every opportunity to legally catch fish.</p> <p>William Egan</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Statewide Proposals
65P	Disabled Angler; New Opportunity	<p>Page 7 - General Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled Angling with electric reel • Existing Rule: General Statewide Restriction #2. Unlawful to use gurdies, winches or reels affixed to a boat to land fish (rod and line must be held in hand) except when used for retrieving crab rings or pots. • Proposed Rule: Allow anglers with an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing permit to use electric reels when angling, and allow rods to remain in rod holders on boat while in use by a Disabled angler. Add rule to provisions for a Disabled angler on page 7 of the 2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations. • Holders of an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing permitby other agencies. Disabilities Permit holder may angle with use of electric powered reels. Rods with electric reels may be kept in rod holder when angling. <p>Rationale: To proposed rule is to allow Disabled Anglers the ability to enjoy angling experiences which are prevented by the angler’s disability. Being a cancer victim and survivor my main thing that keeps me going is looking forward to offshore fishing. Halibut fishing and bottom fishing are what set me free from my pain and treatments for cancer. Being able to reel in my own fish is a big part of the experience. I hope that we can make it possible where all disabled fishermen have as much as possible the same experience as non-disabled fishermen. Bill Chapman</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Statewide Proposals
64P and 91P	Expanded Angling Opportunity	<p>Page 10 – Modify General Restriction #14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide new inland waters rod rule • Existing Rule: General Restriction 14. It is unlawful to continue to angle for the same type of fish after taking and retaining a catch or possession limit. • Proposed Rule: <u>Each angler aboard a vessel may continue to use angling gear until the daily limit of fish for all legally licensed and juvenile anglers aboard has been achieved. However, no individual angler may exceed any personal daily bag limit or land fish that contribute to another anglers limit(Anglers who have retained a species limit must pass their rod to an angler who has not reached a limit prior to the fish being landed.</u> <p>Purpose: There are 2 primary reasons for this proposal; one is to bring consistency to angling regulations where like opportunities overlap. Currently rod rule regulations between the ocean and bays and tidewaters are not consistent except on the Columbia river below Tongue Point. In many cases fishing opportunities occur that allow an angler to transition from ocean to bays or tidewaters without any change in procedure, except under current regulation when a party of anglers are trolling outside the line of demarcation and are maintaining rods to finish the boat limit, they would become in violation if they transcend the demarcation line. This becomes confusing to anglers when like opportunity is occurring in both places at the same time. This rule would also help when State sponsored bubble fisheries are occurring and most anglers do cross the line between the ocean and river while they are angling. Wayne Butler and Cliff Lance</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Northwest Zone Proposals
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, <u>2</u> per year. • 76P - Year-long catch and release trout angling on select Lower Columbia River tributaries • 67P - Alsea River Angling Deadline Adjustment; replace Fall Creek deadline with USFW River Edge Boat Landing • 8S - Nehalem River Section 2: Add special regulation closure around Fall Creek falls adult fish trap • 11S - Salmon River; Add new anti-snagging regulation; hook, leader, and angling method restrictions • 10S - Three Rivers Section 1. Mainstem; New anti-snagging regulations; hook and leader length restrictions • 9S - Trask River Section 1. Add new anti-snagging “Bobber Angling” rule and definitions
57S	Conservation; harvest allocation	<p>Page 27 - Northwest Zone Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. • Existing Rule: Sturgeon Catch Limits; 1 per day, 5 per year. • Proposed Rule: Sturgeon Catch Limits; 1 per day, <u>2</u> per year. <p>Rationale: In July 2012, staff of ODFW and WDFW plans to conduct several public meetings to gather input and discuss ideas regarding season structure and regulations for future lower Columbia River white sturgeon fisheries. A reduced annual possession limit could allocate the available sturgeon quota to more anglers and potentially increase the length of sturgeon retention seasons. (John North)</p> <p>Note: This staff proposal is being used as a placeholder until the final rule and annual sturgeon limit is developed.</p>
76P	Expanded angling opportunity	<p>Page(s) 29, 31 and 33 - Year-Long Catch-and-Release Trout Angling on Select Lower Columbia River Tributaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year-long catch and release trout angling on select Lower Columbia River tributaries • Existing Rule: Open for catch-and-release trout angling late May – Oct. 31; angling restricted to artificial flies and lures only, late May – Aug. 31 except Youngs River, angling restricted to artificial flies and lures only, late May – Oct. 31 • Proposed Rules: • <u>Catch-and-release trout angling open all year, angling restricted to artificial flies and lures only.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Lewis and Clark River: Upstream of Saddle State Park access road</u> ▪ <u>Hunt Creek: Upstream of Hunt Creek Falls at mouth (RM 0.2) (new entry)</u> ▪ <u>Plympton Creek: Upstream of 2nd falls (approximately RM 1.5)</u> ▪ <u>Young’s River: Upstream of Young’s River Falls</u> <p>Purpose: To provide winter stream trout angling opportunities with minimal adverse impacts on resident and anadromous salmonid populations. Tom Scoggins - Rainland Fly Casters</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Northwest Zone Proposals
67P	Expanded recreational angling opportunity	<p>Page 27 - Alsea River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New angling deadline for salmon fisheries • Existing Rule: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mainstem, including tidewater upstream to <u>Fall Creek</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead Jan. 1-April 30 and Aug. 1 – Dec.31 • Open for Chinook salmon Aug. 1-Dec.31. • Open for marine fish and other fish entire year in Alsea Bay. <p>(Note) – Since 2008 under emergency rules, this deadline has been moved downstream from the mouth of Fall Creek (RM 26.5) to the mouth of Five Rivers (RM 21) for salmon fisheries.</p> <p>Proposed Rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mainstem, including tidewater upstream to <u>USFS River Edge Boat Landing</u> <p>(all associated special regulations remain unchanged)</p> <p>Purpose. Proposed regulation will allow expanded recreational angling opportunity without negatively impacting escapement, spawning or rearing of wild salmonids in the Alsea River basin. The proposed rule would establish the upper deadline permanently at a well-known USFS owned, and Alsea Sportsman’s Association maintained boat launch at RM 23. The proposed deadline will also protect heavy use Chinook spawning areas immediately downstream from Fall Creek and near Big Riffle Ranch road. An additional two miles of bank and boat angler access will be gained. An enhanced “quality angling experience” will be achieved by spreading out the concentration of anglers who are now confined to the approximately eight miles currently open to angling and harvest upstream from tidewater. Emergency rules were adopted which moved the deadline downstream to the confluence of Five Rivers and the mainstem Alsea River. The emergency rule (Five Rivers deadline) conflicts with the 2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations published mainstem Alsea deadline (Fall Creek). Establishing a more definitive, Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations published deadline will provide clarification, reduce angler conflict and provide enhanced deadline enforcement capabilities. Stan Steele, Alsea Sportsman’s Association</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Northwest Zone Proposals
8S	Conservation	<p>Page 30 Nehalem River Section 2: North Fork up to 4th bridge on Hamlet Road located near Milepost 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add special regulation closure around Fall Creek falls adult fish trap. • Existing Rule: Per Statewide Regulation: Closed to all angling 200 feet upstream and 200 feet downstream of any fishway or weir, or in any fish trap. • Proposed Rule: Closed to all angling 200 feet upstream and <u>260 feet downstream (to marked deadline)</u> at Fall Creek Falls adult fish trap (RM 16.5) <p>Rationale: Coho salmon concentrate in the pool downstream of the Life-Cycle Monitoring Project adult fish trap at Fall Creek Falls and are subject to snagging and harassment. The pool extends approximately 260 feet downstream of the adult trap; however, the existing statewide rule only prohibits angling to a point 200 feet downstream. This rule change will close the entire holding pool and reduce harassment and mortality of wild coho. (Chris Knutsen)</p>
11S	Enforcement	<p>Page 31 Salmon River including tidewater upstream to bridge located between Mileposts 11 and 12 (Lincoln Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add new anti-snagging regulation. • Existing Rule: Statewide hook and gear restrictions. • Proposed Rule: <u>From the bridge located between milepost 11 and 12 on Hwy 18 to the boat ramp at Knight Park from September 1 through November 30 angling is restricted to single point hook metal based lures, fly angling, or bobber only angling. Bobber angling gear must include a bobber and a leader no longer than 36-inches in length. Any weight (except the bobber) may be no more than 36-inches from the lowermost hook when suspended vertically. The leader below the bobber must remain suspended in the water column and not resting on the river bottom.</u> <p>Rationale: This section of the Salmon River located near the Salmon River Hatchery contains several holding pools for adult wild and hatchery fall Chinook salmon. This area has a problematic history of severe snagging during the fall salmon run. The main method of snagging (known as flossing) occurs by utilizing legal gear. The method involves using a weight resting or moving along the river bottom and hook(s) suspended in the water column by aid of one or more corkies. The intent of this rule is to stop this method of angling. (Derek Wilson; Bob Buckman)</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Northwest Zone Proposals
10S	Enforcement	<p>Page 32 Three Rivers 1. Mainstem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New anti-snagging regulations • Existing Rule: Statewide hook and gear restrictions. • Proposed Rule: <u>From May 1 through June 30, use of leaders longer than 36-inches is prohibited. Hooks are limited to no more than 1 single point size 3/8-inch gap width (approximately size #2) or smaller hook.</u> <p>Rationale: Hatchery spring Chinook salmon in Three Rivers are prone to snagging and flossing due to their tendency to concentrate in large numbers in relatively shallow areas visible to the public. While these fish can be caught in low water conditions using smaller hooks and baits, legitimate anglers are being forced out by aggressive groups of snaggers and flossers who often use long leaders and large hooks. The problem has become an ongoing enforcement issue for OSP who suggest that additional gear restrictions might discourage some of the illegal activity. (Chris Knutsen)</p>
9S	Enforcement	<p>Page 33 Trask River 1. Mainstem up to North and South forks including tidewater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add new anti-snagging “Bobber Angling” rule and definitions. • Existing Rule: Statewide gear and weight restrictions. • Proposed Rule: <u>From Cedar Creek wooden boat slide (RM 10.9) downstream to Loren’s Drift wooden boat slide (RM 9.0) from May 1 to July 31 angling is restricted to fly angling and bobber angling only. Bobber angling gear must include a bobber and a leader no longer than 36-inches in length. Any weight (except the bobber) may be no more than 36-inches from the lowermost hook when suspended vertically. The leader below the bobber must remain suspended in the water column and not resting on the river bottom.</u> <p>Rationale: This section of the Trask River in vicinity of Trask Hatchery is a holding area for adult hatchery spring Chinook. The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division, Trask Hatchery, and the local ODFW district office regularly receive complaints of flossing and snagging. In the past few years, the frequency of these complaints has increased substantially. This proposed rule change will help to curtail illegal fishing and still allow law-abiding anglers to fish this area. (Chris Knutsen)</p>

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57S	Conservation; harvest allocation	<p>Page 27 - Southwest Zone Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. • Existing Rule: Sturgeon Catch Limits; 1 per day, 5 per year. • Proposed Rule: Sturgeon Catch Limits; 1 per day, <u>2</u> per year. <p>Rationale: In July 2012, staff of ODFW and WDFW plans to conduct several public meetings to gather input and discuss ideas regarding season structure and regulations for future lower Columbia River white sturgeon fisheries. A reduced annual possession limit could allocate the available sturgeon quota to more anglers and potentially increase the length of sturgeon retention seasons. (John North)</p> <p>Note: This staff proposal is being used as a placeholder until the final rule and annual sturgeon limit is developed.</p>
12S	Increase Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 38 – Salmon and Steelhead – Catch Limits in SW Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the aggregate salmon and steelhead catch limit; allow one attritional hatchery steelhead in <u>select</u> SW Zone waters. • Existing Rule: In the aggregate: 2 adult salmon or steelhead per day, 20 per year. 5 jacks per day, 2 daily jack limits in possession. • Proposed Rule: In the aggregate: 2 adult salmon or steelhead per day, 20 per year. 5 jacks per day, 2 daily jack limits in possession, <u>with the exception that from January 1 – April 30 and December 1- 31 in the Coos, Coquille, Tenmile, and tributaries within these basins open for steelhead fishing, 1 additional adipose fin-clipped steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.</u> <p>Rationale: The purpose of the proposed rule is to allow steelhead anglers to retain one additional hatchery steelhead from January 1 – April 30, to increase overall harvest rates of returning hatchery steelhead and help reduce straying of hatchery steelhead. (Gary Vonderohe, Mike Gray)</p>

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62P	Conservation	<p>Page 39 - Chetco River (Curry Co.): Mainstem including tidewater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chetco River Salmon Fishing Deadline • Existing Rule: Open for Chinook salmon and steelhead Jan. 1-March 31 and May 26-Dec. 31 • Proposed Rule: Open for Chinook salmon upstream to Nook Creek Jan. 1-March 31 and May 26-Dec. 31 <p>Purpose: The current angling regulation allows fishing for Chinook salmon from the ocean to the headwaters in the mainstem. There is considerable mainstem Chinook spawning activity from Nook Creek upstream. The intent is to protect the spawning fish from targeted harvest and disturbance, while allowing reasonable access to the controlled, Wild and Scenic section of the river. The proposed regulation would also direct Chinook anglers to the lower River where hatchery produced Chinook are more available for harvest. Steelhead fishing would be allowed. Steelhead fishing activity does not develop until mid to late December which significantly reduces disturbance caused by this angling group. Richard Heap</p>
13S	Conservation	<p>Page 40 - Coquille River Basin (Sections 1-5) including Mainstem, East Fork, Middle Fork, North Fork, and South Fork</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate protective regulations for bass in the Coquille River Basin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Existing Rule: Southwest Zone bass limits. 5 per day, 2 daily limits in possession. No more than 3 over 15 inches in length. • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>No daily bag limit/ possession limit or length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass in the Coquille River (including open waters in the East Fork, Middle Fork, North Fork, and South Fork).</u> <p>Rationale: The purpose of this proposed rule is to remove protective regulations for smallmouth bass in the Coquille River Basin which were recently illegally introduced. Smallmouth bass could have the potential to impact fall Chinook juveniles and Pacific lamprey that are migrating through the Coquille River to the ocean. Largemouth bass are occasionally found in the Coquille River and main tributaries, possibly escapees from Johnson Mill Pond when it floods over. ODFW has no plans to manage for recreational bass fisheries in the Coquille River Basin. (Gary Vonderohe, Mike Gray)</p>

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55P	Expanded Angling Season	<p>Page 40 - Diamond Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diamond Lake extended season/ open year round • Existing Rule: Limits fishing to early spring (end of April) through October • Proposed Rule: Allow fishing year round <p>Purpose: Continue to harvest trout to reduce lake nutrients and provide ice fishing experience potential for additional winter recreation in the area. Additional fishing opportunities during ice-over reduces risk of invasive species transported via boats or other fishing equipment (Boats, tubes, waders etc.) Additional harvest aligns with recent increases in daily possession desired by ODFW. Additional stimulation to local economy and tourism. Reduces fishing pressure on other stocks (change in anglers fishing other open waters for salmon and steelhead) Reduced fish numbers increase food source for remaining fish and recovery of other fish related trophic food web. (zooplankton recovery to control algal levels). Paul Heberling</p>
14S	Consistency, expanded angling opportunity	<p>Page 40 - Eel Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow harvest of trout greater than 20 inches in Eel Lake. • Existing Rule: Rainbow trout over 20 inches are considered steelhead. • Proposed Rule: Rainbow trout over 20 inches are considered steelhead <u>Jan. 1 – April 30 and Nov. 1 – Dec. 31. May 1- Oct. 31 rainbow trout over 20 inches are considered trout and may be harvested 1 per day as per Zone Regulations.</u> <p>Rationale: The proposed change will provide consistency in trout regulations between Eel Lake and Tenmile Lakes. Tenmile Lakes regulations were developed due to production of large, holdover rainbow that can exceed 20 inches. Eel Lake anglers have also caught 20-inch + rainbow, at times of the year when we do not expect winter steelhead to still be in the basin. (Gary Vonderohe, Mike Gray)</p>

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15S	Conservation	<p>Page 40 - Elk River (Curry Co.) Mainstem inland from the mouth of the river upstream to Bald Mountain Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an aggregate limit for Chinook salmon in the Sixes River and Elk River Ocean Terminal areas. Reduce harvest of native Chinook salmon in the Elk River; Simplify water body description. <p>Existing Rule: Elk River (Curry Co.) Mainstem inland from the mouth of the river upstream to Bald Mountain Creek including tidewater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for Chinook salmon and Steelhead Jan. 1-March 31 and May 28-Dec 31. <p>Proposed Rule: Elk River (Curry Co.) <u>Mainstem upstream to Bald Mountain Creek, including tidewater</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for Chinook salmon and Steelhead Jan. 1-March 31 and May 28-Dec 31. ▪ <u>No more than 1 adult nonadipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon per day, 10 per year, in aggregate when combined with waters of the Sixes River and Elk River Ocean Terminal Area.</u> <p>Rationale: Revising special regulation water body description makes it consistent with other south coast special regulation entries; no change in area. The proposed rule would make permanent the current temporary regulations which focus harvest on abundant hatchery Chinook salmon and reduce harvest of unmarked, wild returning Chinook salmon. (Todd Confer)</p>
16S	Conservation, simplification	<p>Pages 41-42 Floras Creek/New River including tidewater (Coos/Curry Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase conservation of native fall Chinook salmon; simplify regulations for Floras Creek and New River. • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for Chinook salmon May 28-Dec. 31. • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for Chinook salmon May 28-Dec. 31, <u>upstream to bridge located at Milepost 1.5 on Floras Creek Road.</u> <p>Rationale: Combine/simplify Floras and New River special regulations. Make permanent the current temporary Fall Chinook salmon regulations. Protect fall Chinook salmon in primary spawning areas. (Todd Confer)</p>

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17S	Clarification, conservation	<p>Page 41 - Floras Lake (Curry Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close salmon and steelhead angling in Floras Lake to protect wild coho salmon. • Existing Rule: Open for trout, Chinook salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead entire year. • Proposed Rule: Delete Floras Lake Entry and revert to <u>Zone Regulations</u> (closed Salmon/steelhead, open trout all year). <p>Rationale: Fall Chinook salmon are not present in Floras Lake and there is no winter steelhead fishery in the lake. Protects coho salmon staging in Floras Lake preparing to enter spawning tributaries. (Todd Confer)</p>
18S	Conservation, simplification,	<p>Page 41 - Fourmile Creek including tidewater (Coos Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect wild coho salmon by closing the steelhead season on Fourmile Creek. • Existing Rule: Open for adipose fin-clipped <i>steelhead</i> Jan. 1-March 31 and May 26-Dec. 31. • Proposed Rule: <u>Delete Fourmile Creek special regulation entry.</u> Revert to Zone Regulations (closed Salmon/steelhead, open trout May 28-Oct. 31). <p>Rationale: Reduce angling impacts to coho salmon. The current regulation allows coho salmon to be caught-and-released during steelhead season. Make Fourmile regulations consistent with other Floras/New River tributaries. A small steelhead fishery exists on Fourmile Creek, but since 1997 an average of only 1 steelhead per year has been harvested. The proposed regulation would result in a small reduction in steelhead angling opportunity in the New River Basin. District staff judged that the increased protection to spawning coho and simplification of regulations outweigh the minor loss of steelhead opportunity. (Todd Confer)</p>

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19S	Conservation, simplification	<p>Page 41 - Hunter Creek (Curry Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revert to SW Zone jack Chinook salmon limits on Hunter Creek; no need to tag jack salmon. • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for Chinook salmon downstream of Mateer Bridge Oct. 1-Dec. 31; 1 adult <u>or</u> jack Chinook per day, 5 per year. <u>Jack salmon must be recorded on harvest tag.</u> • Proposed Rule: Eliminate rule requiring anglers to record jack salmon on harvest tag. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Open for Chinook salmon downstream of Mateer Bridge Oct. 1-Dec. 31; 1 adult Chinook salmon per day, 5 per year.</u> <p>Rationale: Change Chinook salmon bag limit to 1 adult Chinook/day, 5 per year and jacks as per zone regulations (5 per day). Eliminate need to tag jack salmon. SW Zone regulation where anglers cannot continue to angle for jack salmon retaining an adult salmon/steelhead limit would apply. (Todd Confer)</p>
70P	Expanded Angling Area	<p>Page 41 - Illinois River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois River steelhead retention deadline change • Existing Rule. Retain 1 wild winter steelhead per day, 5 per year, from Pomeroy Dam downstream to Briggs Creek confluence • Proposed Rule: Retain 1 wild winter steelhead per day, 5 per year, from Pomeroy Dam downstream to <u>Klondike Creek</u> confluence. <p>Purpose: Increase fishing opportunity. By moving the deadline downstream it would allow wilderness users who float the Wild and Scenic Illinois River through the Kalmiopsis Wilderness during the winter months to keep an occasional steelhead for a subsistence meal. Moving the deadline would also eliminate enforcement issues associated with steelhead retention at Panther Creek and potential enforcement issues at the mouth of Briggs Creek. In 2008, the Forest Service supported the proposal to open the Illinois River to a limited retention of wild steelhead because of the high-quality steelhead habitat present in much of the Illinois basin. Particularly, much of the high quality steelhead habitat is present on Forest Service land in the remote and largely inaccessible Illinois canyon and in the upper basin above the forks. Creel monitoring by the Forest Service and ODFW/OSP has shown relatively low use and harvest of wild steelhead in the FS section of the Illinois River in 2009 /2010. By moving the deadline to Horse Sign Creek it would still allow the lower Illinois near Oak Flat to keep its current catch and release fishery. Ian Reid, U.S. Forest Service</p> <p>ODFW Note: 1. After the proposal was submitted; Todd Confer stated that they observed significant numbers of summer steelhead in the Illinois River as far upstream as Collier Creek. To avoid impacts to summer steelhead, ODFW recommended to the Forest Service that the proposal be modified to use Klondike Creek as the lower boundary instead of Horse Sign Creek. The Forest Support making this change to their proposal.</p>

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20S	Conservation, simplification (see 16 S)	<p>Page 42 - New Lake (Coos/Curry Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect wild coho salmon by closing the steelhead season on New Lake. • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for trout and adipose fin-clipped steelhead Jan. 1-March 31 and May 28-Dec. 31. ▪ Open for Chinook salmon May 28-Dec. 31. • Proposed Rule: <u>Delete New Lake special regulations for steelhead and salmon fisheries, revert to SW Zone Rules.</u> <p>Rationale: Protect coho salmon and steelhead staging in New Lake prior to entering spawning tributaries. Chinook salmon generally are not present in New Lake. (Todd Confer)</p>
21S	Simplification (see 16 S)	<p>Page 42 - New River including tidewater (Coos/Curry Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplify regulations for Floras Creek and New River. • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for steelhead Jan. 1-March 31 and May 28-Dec. 31. ▪ Open for Chinook salmon May 28-Dec.31. • Proposed Rule: <u>See Floras Creek/New River.</u> <p>Rationale: Simplify regulations by combing the Floras and New River special regulations. (Todd Confer)</p>
22S	Conservation, simplification	<p>Page 42 - Pistol River (Curry Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revert to SW Zone jack Chinook salmon limits on Pistol Creek; no need to tag jack salmon. • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for Chinook salmon downstream of Deep Creek Oct. 1-Dec. 31; 1 adult or jack Chinook per day, 5 per year. Jack salmon must be recorded on harvest tag. ▪ Proposed Rule: Eliminate rule requiring anglers to record jack salmon on harvest tag. ▪ Open for Chinook salmon downstream of Deep Creek Oct. 1-Dec. 31; 1 <u>adult Chinook salmon per day, 5 per year.</u> <p>Rationale: Change Chinook salmon bag limit to 1 adult Chinook/day, 5 per year and jacks as per zone regulations (5 per day). Eliminate need to tag jack salmon. SW Zone regulation where anglers cannot continue to angle for jack salmon retaining an adult salmon/steelhead limit would apply. (Todd Confer)</p>

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25S	Clarification	<p>Page 42 - Rogue River (Sections 2 and 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redefine new angling boundary at Fisheries Ferry Boat Ramp following removal of Gold Ray Dam. • Existing Rule: Gold Ray dams site used as the angling boundary between Sections 2 and 3 of the Rogue River. • Proposed Rule: Set new boundary at Fishers Ferry Boat Ramp. Change all reference to “Gold Ray dams site” to “Fishers Ferry Boat Ramp” <p>Rationale: Ray Dam was removed in 2010, and the regulations were changed to “Gold Ray dams site”. While a concrete wall does remain on one bank of the river, this site is not as identifiable of a landmark as in the past. Moving the boundary to the Fishers Ferry Boat Ramp would slightly increase the area of the river covered by some gear restrictions and would shorten the Chinook salmon season between the proposed and old boundary. Placing an ODFW marker at the existing boundary and referencing it in the fishing regulations was also considered and should be considered as an alternative if this proposal is rejected. (David Haight, Dan Van Dyke)</p>
26S	Enforcement	<p>Page 43 - Rogue River from Gold Ray dams site to Cole Rivers Hatchery Diversion Dam (Section 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of the legal angling hours to aid in enforcement • Existing Rule: Special Gear Restrictions and Closures – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closed to all angling from 7:00 p.m. to one hour before sunrise from April 1 – July 31 from ODFW markers located downstream from fish ladder entrance at Cole Rivers Hatchery to Hwy 62 bridge at McGregor Park. • Proposed Rule: Special Gear Restrictions and Closures – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closed to all angling from <u>8 00 p.m.</u> to <u>one-half hour before sunrise</u> from April 1 – July 31 from ODFW markers located downstream from fish ladder entrance at Cole Rivers Hatchery to Hwy 62 bridge at McGregor Park. <p>Rationale: Increase OSP enforcement efficiency on this fishery and reduce illegal fishing activities during very early morning fishery. OSP have indicated that during the hour before sunrise, it is difficult to observe anglers and their angling activities in this area of the Rogue River. Illegal angling, i.e. snagging and retention of snagged fish is a chronic problem in several areas of this river reach. OSP have stated that at ½ hour before sunrise there is adequate light to conduct proper enforcement. The legal fishing hours are being extended one hour (7:00 to 8:00pm) to help offset loss of fishing time in the morning, and address public’s desires to extend the angling day for this popular fishery. (David Haight, Dan Van Dyke)</p>

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27S	Increased Angling Opportunity	<p>Page 43 - Rogue River, Section 6. Mainstem and tributaries above Lost Creek Dam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open area above Lost Creek Dam to all-year trout angling • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open April 28-Oct 31, 5 trout per day, 8-inch minimum length. • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Open all year</u>, 5 trout per day, 8-inch minimum length. <p>Rationale: Increase angling opportunity. This would allow anglers the opportunity to fish these small streams during times of year when such opportunities are limited. These streams support introduced populations of brown and brook trout, hatchery rainbow trout, and native rainbow and cutthroat trout. Impacts to these fish populations, is expected to be minimal due to weather and stream conditions which limit angling effort and effectiveness. The proposed changes would also make the regulations more consistent with the reservoirs within this area; thus, would reduce confusion about the regulations within small reservoirs and problems with identifying the upper boundaries of the reservoirs. In addition to being consistent with other waterbodies, restricting the harvest of trout over 20 inches would help preserve the small number of large fish found within this area. (Dan VanDyke)</p>
23S	Conservation	<p>Page 43 - Sixes River (Curry Co.) Mainstem upstream to South Fork, including tidewater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced wild Chinook salmon harvest on the Sixes River. • Existing Rule: Open for Chinook salmon May 28-Dec. 31. • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for Chinook salmon May 28-Dec. 31, <u>upstream to Edson Creek.</u> ▪ <u>No more than 1 adult nonadipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon per day, 10 per year, may be taken in aggregate when combined with waters of the Elk River and Elk River Ocean Terminal Area.</u> <p>Rationale: Dampen harvest on wild Chinook salmon in the Sixes River by reducing the daily and season limit on Chinook salmon, and reducing area open to salmon angling. Provide for harvest impacts in the ocean terminal fishery and encourage effort shift from Sixes River to the Elk River where there are abundant hatchery Chinook salmon returns. (Todd Confer)</p>

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24S	Conservation	<p>Page 45 - Umpqua River Section 9. North Umpqua River mainstem and tributaries upstream from Soda Springs Reservoir.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new regulations following development of anadromous salmon and steelhead passage at Soda Springs Dam • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for trout April 23 – Oct. 31. ▪ No limit on size or number of brook trout taken in addition to catch limits for other trout species. ▪ Use of bait allowed. • Proposed Rule: Divide into three new sections • <u>9A. North Umpqua River Mainstem from Soda Springs Dam (including Soda Springs Reservoir) to Slide Creek Diversion.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Closed</u> • <u>9B. North Umpqua River Tributaries upstream of Soda Springs Dam to Slide Creek Diversion. (Includes Medicine and Fish Creeks)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Open May 26 (statewide stream opener) to Sept. 15.</u> ▪ <u>Catch and release for trout.</u> ▪ <u>Restricted to artificial flies and lures.</u> • <u>9C. North Umpqua River and tributaries upstream of the Slide Creek Diversion.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as current regulations. <p>Rationale: In 2013, the new fish ladder allowing passage at Soda Springs Dam will be functional. This will allow anadromous fish to be established from Soda Springs Dam upstream to the Slide Creek Diversion. Closing this mainstem area will allow steelhead and spring Chinook salmon to colonize this area. Fish Creek in particular is a large watershed. Rather than completely close all angling opportunity we are trying to minimize angling impact by a later opening date, establishing the area as catch and release and the use of artificial flies and lures. Upstream of Slid Creek Diversion is the end of anadromous fish presence, thus the regulations would default back to the current regulations. (Holly Huchko, Laura Jackson)</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, <u>2</u> per year • 11P - Adair Pond, Bond Butte Pond, Wilsonville Pond, Woodburn Pond; Modified Bass Limit; 1 bass per day no size limit, 2 daily limits in possession • 12P - Adair, Bond Butte, Wilsonville and Woodburn ponds; New Bass Limits; 1/day • 33S - Clackamas River Section 2. River Mill Reservoir up to Casadero Dam; Accurately define distance of angling closure below Faraday Powerhouse • 41P - Hartman Pond; Channel catfish limit; 2 fish per day, two daily limits in possession no length limit • 42P - Hartman Pond; Bass limits; 1 bass per day no size limit, 2 daily limits in possession • 9P - Henry Hagg Lake; Crappie Limits; 20 fish limit, no length limit, 2 daily limits in possession • 48P - Henry Hagg Lake; Crappie Limits; 10 crappie per day • 31S - McKenzie River (All Sections); Eliminate use of bait to reduce hooking mortality on wild trout in a non-stocked wild trout rearing area on the McKenzie River • 32S - McKenzie River (new Section 3) New anti-snagging- leader length- regulations for below Leaburg Dam. Any attached weight may be no more than six feet above the lowermost hook • 53P and 57P - Molalla River; Restore Deadline for adipose fin-clipped Chinook fishing on the Molalla River to Horse Creek Bridge • 34S - Salmon River (Sandy Basin); expand trout angling in Salmon River Basin above anadromous fish barrier • 30S - Springfield Mill Race (new entry); New trout, steelhead and salmon fishery on Springfield Mill Race • 28S - Tualatin River Section 1. From mouth upstream to Hwy 210 Bridge at Schools; Extend bait area on the lower Tualatin River to enhance angling for warmwater species • 100P - Willamette River: 7. Middle Fork Upstream to Dexter; Reduced harvest to offset the predicted increase in use, <u>2 trout per day</u>, 8-inch minimum length • 29S - Willamette River Section 7. Middle Fork upstream to Dexter Dam; New anti-snagging – leader length- regulations for fishery below Dexter Dam; any attached weight may be no more than four feet above the lowermost hook • 58P - Clarification of Hills Creek regulations; change in water body name • 59P – Clarify brook trout harvest regulations on Erma Bell Lakes and tributaries, Gold Lake, Mckenzie River Section 7 (Tamolitch falls to Clear Lake), and Willamette Section 9. (North Fork of Middle fork and tributaries) • 60P – Bull trout conservation on upper Salmon and Salt creeks. Clarify brook trout harvest seasons.

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57S	Conservation; harvest allocation	<p>Page 48 Willamette River Zone Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. • Existing Rule: Sturgeon Catch Limits; 1 per day, 5 per year. • Proposed Rule: Sturgeon Catch Limits; 1 per day, <u>2</u> per year. <p>Rationale: In July 2012, staff of ODFW and WDFW plans to conduct several public meetings to gather input and discuss ideas regarding season structure and regulations for future lower Columbia River white sturgeon fisheries. A reduced annual possession limit could allocate the available sturgeon quota to more anglers and potentially increase the length of sturgeon retention seasons. (John North)</p> <p>Note: This staff proposal is being used as a placeholder until the final rule and annual sturgeon limit is developed.</p>
11P	Fishery Enhancement	<p>Pages; 49, 50 ,and 57- Adair Pond, Bond Butte Pond, Wilsonville Pond, Woodburn Pond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified Bass Limit - Valley Ponds • Existing Rule: 5 per day, no more than 3 over 15”, 2 daily limits in possession • Proposed Rule: 1 bass per day no size limit, 2 daily limits in possession <p>Purpose: In order to maintain a reasonable balance of predator to panfish harvest of bass needs to be reduced. Would make regulations consistent with St. Louis Ponds. William Egan</p>
12P	Fishery Enhancement	<p>Pages; 49, 50 ,and 57 - Adair Pond, Bond Butte Pond, Wilsonville Pond, Woodburn Pond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channel Catfish Limits- Valley Ponds • Existing Rule: No limit except for St. Louis Pond, 2 fish per day, no size limit, 2 daily limits in possession. • Proposed Rule: 2 fish per day, no size limit, 2 daily limits in possession <p>Purpose: Channel catfish are a put and take fishery, stocked by the state. Same as trout and they cost us to maintain them. Allows for a reasonable harvest of fish that may exceed 30 #. William Egan.</p>

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33S	Enforcement	<p>Page 50 - Clackamas River Section 2. River Mill Reservoir up to Casadero Dam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurately define distance of angling closure below Faraday Powerhouse. • Existing Rule: No angling between markers 400 feet upstream and 100 feet downstream from Faraday Powerhouse June 16 – Oct 31. • Proposed Rule: No angling between markers 400 feet upstream and <u>126</u> feet downstream from the downstream <u>corner of</u> the Faraday Powerhouse June 16 – Oct 31. <p>Rationale: The existing rule stating the angling deadline marked at 100 feet below Faraday is not accurate. The new measurement from the corner of the Faraday Powerhouse will reflect and accurate, well defined distance of the closure as measured with laser technology. This will help to eliminate any disputes of the correct area and distance of the closure below Faraday Powerhouse. (Todd Alsbury)</p>
41P	Fishery Enhancement New entry	<p>Page 51 - Hartman Pond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channel catfish limit • Existing Rule: No Limit • Proposed Rule: Two fish per day, two daily limits in possession no length limit <p>Purpose: Channel catfish seldom spawn and like trout the state pays to stock them. Limits protect from over harvest and to give other anglers opportunity to catch catfish. Proposed limit would bring these channel catfish under the same rules currently used or proposed in the Willamette Zone. William Egan</p>
42P	Fishery Enhancement	<p>Page 51 - Hartman Pond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bass limits • Existing Rule: 5 bass per day not more than 3 over 15 inches 2 daily limits in possession • Proposed Rule: 1 bass per day no size limit, 2 daily limits in possession <p>Purpose: Reduce bass limit to insure proper predator to prey balance. Would match limits with similar size ponds in the Willamette zone. William Egan</p>

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9P	Fishery Enhancement New entry	<p>Page 41 - Henry Hagg Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hagg Lake Crappie Limits • Existing Rule: Zone rule, no limit on crappie • Proposed Rule: 20 fish limit, no length limit, 2 daily limits in possession <p>Purpose: Largest lake near Portland will not support unlimited harvest. Structure and food sources are limited, fish survive by eating young of the year, 20 fish harvest allows for reasonable number for consumption without over fishing. Henry Hagg is the largest reservoir close to Portland with good warm water fishing, the last 6 smallmouth records all came from Hagg (1 bass per day) and a variety of warm water fish are present, among those are some excellent crappie which need to be protected from over harvest. The state stocks nearly 80,000 trout each year in Hagg and has a 5 fish limit on them, the crappie deserve a reasonable limit and they are excellent table fare that cost the state nothing. William Egan</p>
48P	Fishery Enhancement	<p>Page 41 - Henry Hagg Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hagg Lake Crappie Limits • Existing Rule: Zone rule, no limit on crappie • Proposed Rule: 10 crappie per day <p>Purpose: Hagg Lake is a flood control and water supply reservoir and is subjected to great water draw downs late spring and summer. This in turn has great impact on spawning survival. Also, with the lack of good cover Lake wide, spawning success becomes marginal and cannot sustain no limit harvesting. Reasoning for 10-fish limit: This 10-fish limit is already in the fishing regulation on small waters where heavy harvesting could destroy the fishery. Keeping the fish limit the same as on other small waters will reduce confusion, keeping enforcement simple. Bob Judkins</p>

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31S	Conservation	<p>Page 52-53 - McKenzie River (All Sections)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate use of bait to reduce hooking mortality on wild trout in a non-stocked wild trout rearing area on the McKenzie River. • Existing Rule: Current angling boundaries for Section 2 and 3 of the McKenzie. Regulations on use of bait. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Section 2. Hayden Bridge upstream to Leaburg Dam (see separate entries for Walterville Canal and Leaburg Canal) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use of bait allowed April 28 –Dec. 31. ▪ Section 3. Leaburg Dam upstream to Forest Glen boat ramp near Blue River, including Leaburg Lake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use of bait allowed. • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>New Section 2.</u> Hayden Bridge upstream to <u>Hendricks Bridge</u> (see separate entry for Walterville Canal) <p>Special Gear Restrictions and Closures- new bullet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Angling restricted to artificial flies and lures entire year except bait is allowed May 1 - June 15 when angling for salmon and steelhead with hooks 5/8-inch gap or larger.</u> ▪ <u>New Section 3.</u> <u>Hendricks Bridge upstream to Leaburg Dam</u> (see separate entries for Walterville Canal and Leaburg Canal) <p><i>Note: Sections 4-8 of McKenzie River remain the same but Section numbers will change with addition of new section. Result in McKenzie River Sections 1-9. Only additional special regulations listed for new proposed sections 2, 3 and 4 of the McKenzie River.</i></p> <p>Rationale: The objective of this regulation change is to create a production area for native rainbow trout in the lower McKenzie River that will add to the sustainability of the McKenzie River trout populations. This section of the river has excellent potential for production of large rainbow trout for non-consumptive angler use. The addition of a new Section 2 reduces hooking mortality on wild trout in the non-stocked area between Hendricks Bridge and Hayden Bridge while allowing the retention of hatchery trout that drift downriver from above Hendricks Bridge and allowing salmon and steelhead anglers to use bait during the peak of these runs. (Kelly Reis, Jeff Ziller)</p>

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32S	Enforcement	<p>Page 52-53 - McKenzie River (All Sections)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New anti-snagging regulations for below Leaburg Dam. • Existing Rule: Existing statewide hook and weight regulations. • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>New Section 3. Hendricks Bridge upstream to Leaburg Dam</u> (see separate entries for Walterville Canal and Leaburg Canal) Special Gear Restrictions and Closures – add new bullet ▪ <u>From Leaburg Dam downstream to Trout Creek (approximately one mile): In addition to the hook and weight regulations on page 10-11, any attached weight may be no more than six feet above the lowermost hook.</u> <p>Rationale: The addition of the proposed leader length regulation seeks to alleviate a snagging issue that is concentrated in the area near Leaburg Dam and Leaburg Hatchery. (Kelly Reis, Jeff Ziller)</p>
53P and 57P	Expanded Angling Area	<p>Page 53 - Molalla River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore Deadline for adipose fin-clipped Chinook fishing on the Molalla River to Horse Creek Bridge. • Existing Rule: Molalla River 1. Upstream to Pine Creek Bridge: Open to adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead entire year. • Proposed Rule: Molalla River 1. Upstream to <u>Horse Creek Bridge</u>: Open to adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead entire year. <p>Purpose: 53P: To restore the deadline for Chinook fishing on the Molalla upstream to Horse Creek Bridge where it had previously been established. The deadline was previously moved from Horse Creek Bridge downstream to Pine Creek Bridge (approximately 5 miles) for several reasons, some of which were based on unknown consequences of fishing in the area above Pine Creek Bridge. In conclusion, it appears that the reasons for moving the deadline downstream to Pine Creek Bridge to not exist and, since the current rule severely limits the public access portion of the river, the deadline should be returned to horse Creek Bridge. Jim Heitmanek</p> <p>57P: To gain public bank fishing opportunities. When the deadline was moved from Horse Creek Bridge to current Pine Creek Bridge a majority of the public bank access was lost. Jeremy Fraijo.</p>

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34S	Expanded angling opportunity	<p>Page 54 Salmon River (Sandy Basin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand trout angling in Salmon River Basin above anadromous fish barrier • Existing Rule: The upper Sandy basin is currently only open to the harvest of non-native brook trout. There is also the standard catch and release season from late May through October • Proposed Rule: <u>Open for trout above Final Falls on the Salmon River May 26 –Oct 31, 2 trout per day, 8-inch minimum length</u> • <u>Angling restricted to artificial flies and lures</u> <p>Rationale: To increase trout angling opportunity in the basin above an anadromous barrier. There are several campgrounds and access points in this area. (Todd Alsbury)</p>
30S	New Angling Opportunity	<p>Page 55 - Springfield Mill Race (new entry)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New fishery on Springfield Mill Race • Existing Rule: Not included in Special Regulations; would default to Zone Regulations: • Proposed Rule: <p><u>Trout Regulations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Open entire year; 5 adipose fin-marked <i>trout</i> per day, no minimum length. Non-adipose fin-clipped <i>trout</i> must be released unharmed.</u> <p><u>Salmon and Steelhead Regulations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Open for adipose fin-clipped <i>Chinook salmon</i>, adipose fin-clipped <i>steelhead</i> and non-adipose fin-clipped <i>steelhead</i> greater than 24 inches entire year.</u> <p><u>Special Gear Restrictions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Use of bait allowed entire year</u> <p>Rationale: The Springfield Millrace is in the final stages of a restoration project that eliminated a fish passage barrier (dam) and a mill pond. The resulting stream channel is scheduled to receive flow in the fall of 2012 and should be productive for rearing native fish species of the Middle Fork Willamette River. ODFW’s Springfield Fish Biologists are planning to provide hatchery rainbow trout for release into the Millrace to create an urban fishery similar to the popular Alton Baker Canoe Canal in Eugene. These changes in regulations will allow the harvest of hatchery trout as well as providing the opportunity to harvest hatchery origin salmon and steelhead that may enter the stream. Requiring the release of non- adipose fin-clipped trout and salmon should protect these native species from harvest.) (Kelly Reis, Jeff Ziller)</p>

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28S	Enhanced Angling Opportunity	<p>Page 55 - Tualatin River Section 1. From mouth upstream to Hwy 210 bridge at Scholls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend bait area on the lower Tualatin River to enhance angling for warmwater species. • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use of bait allowed May 26 – Oct. 31 from the mouth upstream to the Hwy 210 bridge at Scholls. For all other sections, including the reach from the Hwy 210 bridge upstream to the Hwy 47 bridge at Gaston, bait is not allowed, and only artificial flies and lures allowed. • Proposed Rule: Combine Sections 1 and 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Tualatin Section 1. From mouth upstream to Hwy 47 bridge at Gaston –</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for trout May 26-Oct. 31, 2 trout per day, 8-inch minimum length. ▪ <u>Use of bait allowed May 26-Oct. 31.</u> ▪ Open for coho salmon Aug. 1-Oct. 31 ▪ <u>Tualatin Section 2[3]. Mainstem and Tributaries upstream from Hwy 47 bridge, and Tualatin River Basin tributaries not listed (same rules as pervious Section 3)</u> <p>Rationale: To enhance angling opportunity in the basin. Extending the area where bait can be used in the lower Tualatin River will improve angling success, primarily for warmwater fish species. The proposed rule change will extend the existing bait zone on the Tualatin from Scholls upstream to the Hwy 47 bridge crossing in Gaston (about 30 river miles) which will result in combining Sections 1 and 2 of the Tualatin River and also simplify regulations. (Tom Murtagh)</p>
100P	Conservation; reduce harvest	<p>Page 57 - Willamette River Section 7; Middle Fork Upstream to Dexter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced harvest to offset the predicted increase in use. • Existing Rule: Open April 27-Oct. 31, 5 trout per day, 8-inch minimum length. • Proposed Rule: Open April 27-Oct. 31, <u>2 trout per day</u>, 8-inch minimum length. <p>Purpose: Main Objective: To continue a consumptive fishery while protecting the wild trout population to maintain a spawning population of trout. Increased usage: With the Springfield Urban Growth Boundary quickly approaching this section of the river and the gas process predicted to reach record highs, the number of fishermen on this section of river will increase substantially. Consistency with other rivers in this fishing zone and across the state with similar circumstances. Conservation: Due to the increased pressure that is expected on this river, I feel it is critical to be able to maintain a spawning population of wild trout. Lack of opposition. Personal experience. It has been my personal experience that when the gas prices rise, people tend to stay close to home when it comes to recreational activities such a fishing. I believe the wild trout population in the Middle Fork Willamette will suffer and the fishery will be severally diminished if the tradition rate stays at 5 trout per day. R.J. “Moon” Mullen</p>

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29S	Enforcement	<p>Page 57. Willamette River Section 7. Middle Fork upstream to Dexter Dam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New anti-snagging regulations for fishery below Dexter Dam • Existing Rule: Special Gear Restrictions and Closures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From Dexter Dam downstream 400 feet to markers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only 1 single-point hook 5/8-inch gap or smaller may be used 2. No angling from the north shore, from a floating device (US Army Corps of Engineers Boat Restricted Zone), or while wading. • Proposed Rule: Special Gear Restrictions and Closures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From Dexter Dam downstream 400 feet to markers: <p>Add new rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. <u>From Dexter Dam downstream to the power lines (approximately 1/2 mile): In addition to the hook and weight regulations on pages 10-11, any attached weight may be no more than four feet above the lowermost hook.</u> <p>Rationale: This regulation seeks to alleviate a snagging issue that is concentrated in the tailrace area of Dexter Dam. (Kelly Reis, Jeff Ziller)</p>
58S	Clarification, housekeeping	<p>Page 52 – Hills Creek and tributaries upstream from Hills Creek Reservoir (Lane Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of Hills Creek regulations; change in water body name. • Existing Rule: Hills Creek and tributaries upstream for Hills Creek Reservoir • Proposed Rule: Change name of water to: • <u>Hills Creek (above Hills Creek Reservoir) and Hills Creek tributaries (Lane Co.)</u> <p>Proposed Rule: To eliminate confusion between tributaries of Hills Creek (intended waterbodies in this regulation) and tributaries of Hills Creek Reservoir, such as the Middle Fork Willamette River. We have encountered at least one instance where anglers were fishing the Middle Fork Willamette River upstream of Hills Creek Reservoir (where angling is restricted to flies and lures) and assumed bait was allowed because they were fishing a tributary “upstream from Hills Creek Reservoir” - as referenced in the current water body name for Hills Creek. Use of bait is not allowed in this section of the Middle Fork Willamette River because of the presence of a sensitive bull trout population. (Jeff Ziller and Kelly Reis)</p>

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59S	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pages 51, 53 and 57 – Erma Bell Lakes and tributaries, Gold Lake, Mckenzie River Section 7 (Tamolitch falls to Clear Lake), and Willamette Section 9. (North Fork of Middle fork and tributaries), • Clarify brook trout harvest regulations • Existing Rule: No limit on size or number of brook trout taken. Catch limits on other trout species do not apply to brook trout. • Proposed Rule, for Erma Bell Lakes and tributaries and Gold Lake (separate entries for each lake): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No limit on size or number of brook trout taken between May 26 to October 31 for Erma Bell Lakes and tributaries and Gold Lake (separate entries for each lake) ▪ Catch limits on other trout species do not apply to brook trout (entry for each water body) • Proposed Rule, for Mckenzie and North Fork Middle Fork: (separate entries for each water body) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No limit on size or number of brook trout taken between April 27 to October 31 ▪ Catch limits on other trout species do not apply to brook trout (entry for each water body) ▪ <p>Purpose: To clarify anglers may only harvest brook trout during trout season. Consistent with format used for similar regulation on Salt and Salmon creeks where OSP had earlier requested this clarification.</p>
60S	Conservation and clarification	<p>Page 54 – Salmon Creek and Salt Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bull trout conservation; clarify brook trout harvest seasons • Existing Rule: No limit on size or number of <i>brook trout</i> taken between April 27 and October 31. Catch limits on other trout species do not apply to brook trout. • Proposed Rule, Salmon Creek: No limit on size or number of <i>brook trout</i> taken above Salmon Creek Falls between April 27 and October 31. Catch limits on other trout species do not apply to brook trout. • Proposed Rule, Salt Creek: No limit on size or number of <i>brook trout</i> taken above Salt Creek Falls between April 27 and October 31. Catch limits on other trout species do not apply to brook trout. • <p>Purpose: As of mid-April 2012, three known (tagged) bull trout have survived downstream passage through Hills Creek Dam. It is likely untagged bull trout have also survived this trip. Because upstream fish passage is not provided at Hills Creek Dam, we expect these fish to stray to nearby tributaries, including Salmon and Salt creeks, in search of suitable spawning and rearing habitat. Current angling regulations allow unlimited brook trout harvest during trout season. Natural barriers on Salmon and Salt creeks allows continued unlimited brook trout harvest upstream of the habitat accessible to bull trout, reducing the risk of an angler misidentifying a bull trout as a brook trout. (Jeff Ziller and Kelly Reis)</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36S - Crane Prairie Reservoir; Create a selective, quality trout fishery • 63P – Crooked River; Prohibit the use of bait in the Crooked River mainstem year round • 37S - Deschutes River 3b. Expand trout angling opportunities on Deschutes River in Bend • 103P – Deschutes Section 6: Refining existing rule - allow harvest of hatchery Cranebow trout • 38S - East Lake; 16 inch maximum length on brown trout. Catch and release on non fin-clipped rainbow trout • 51P - East Lake; Allow retention of trophy brown trout • 39S- Odell Lake; Expanded areas closed to angling to protect bull trout • 40S - Paulina Lake; Catch-and-release for non adipose fin-marked • 41S - Whychus Creek; Protect juvenile salmonid migrants • 3P - Wickiup Reservoir; Restore ODFW management for Largemouth Bass at Wickiup Reservoir
36 S	Enhance Fishery	<p>Page 61 - Crane Prairie Reservoir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a selective, quality trout fishery. Only allow harvest of hatchery adipose fin-marked trout and only one marked trout over 16 inches per day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Existing Rule: The 5 trout daily limit may include only 1 non-fin clipped rainbow trout and only 1 rainbow trout over 20 inches in length. • Proposed Rule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Adipose fin-clipped rainbow trout may be harvested 5 per day, which may include only 1 adipose fin-clipped rainbow trout over 16 inches in length.</u> ▪ <u>Catch and release only for non adipose fin-clipped rainbow trout</u> ▪ <u>Non-adipose fin-marked rainbow trout must be released unharmed.</u> <p>Rationale: The Upper Deschutes Basin Plan directs rainbow trout in Crane Prairie to be managed as a Featured Species. The public has expressed an increasing interest in catching large rainbow trout in Crane. The proposed regulation will serve to increase the number of large rainbow trout available to the angler and conserve the native redband population in the Upper Deschutes River. (Bret Hodgson)</p>

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63P	Conservation, Fishery Enhancement	<p>Page 61 - Crooked River mainstem (Jefferson/Crook Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit the use of bait in the Crooked River mainstem (Jefferson/Crook Co.) year round • Existing Rule: Open entire year, Use of bait allowed May 26-Oct.31, Closed for 150 feet downstream from Bowman Dam. 2 trout per day, 2 daily limits in possession. • Proposed Rule: Open entire year, <u>Use of bait prohibited all year</u>, Closed for 150 feet downstream from Bowman Dam. 2 trout per day, 2 daily limits in possession. <p>Purpose: The main purpose of this regulation proposal is to provide ODFW fisheries managers and anglers a viable, no cost option to accelerate the recovery of redband and mountain whitefish populations on the Crooked River to historical higher levels. Optimally, ODFW fishery managers could manipulate flows from Bowman Dam to enhance fish habitat for critical life history stages. However, because the authorized use of the water in Prineville Reservoir is for irrigation and flood control and seasonal water supplies are uncertain, this strategy is not dependable. ODFW does manage harvest and recreation opportunities. In numerous investigations, fisheries biologists have widely documented increased mortality to fish caught with bait and released. When the Crooked River fish numbered nearly 8,000 trout/mile, mortality to fish caught and released likely was not significant to the population. At current levels, loss of spawning-sized fish from the population related to hooking mortality impacts recovery time for the trout population. Also, in most situations, bait fishing is more effective than flies and lures in harvesting fish. Prohibition of bait could help ODFW fishery managers enhance the recovery of trout and whitefish populations by reducing total annual harvest while not prohibiting the opportunity to harvest fish with fly and lure tackle. Currently, anglers would still be allowed to use bait in local reservoirs (Prineville and Ochoco). Bait is currently prohibited on Ochoco Creek, a tributary of the Crooked River. The proposed regulations would not impact the many anglers that now use flies and lures on the river. In fact, the regulation proposal likely will increase fishing effort on the river. In summary, the proposed regulation still allows opportunity for harvest, reduces mortality to fish caught and released, may reduce the overall harvest of spawning-size fish, provides some degree of protection to steelhead and Chinook salmon smolts, and some degree of protection for returning steelhead and Chinook salmon adults. The proposal would provide ODFW a means to more quickly aid the recovery of the redband and mountain whitefish populations in the heavily fished section of the river to levels in the mid-2000s and be in a position to address steelhead and Chinook salmon management issues. (more purpose in actual proposal). Central Oregon Flyfishers, William Seitz, Conservation Chair</p>

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37S	Expanded Angling Opportunity	<p>Page 62 - Deschutes River 3b. Mirror Pond (Deschutes River in Bend) from North Canal Dam upstream to Colorado Street Bridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand trout angling opportunities on Deschutes River in Bend. • Existing Rule: Mirror Pond from North Canal Dam upstream to Colorado Street Bridge. • Proposed Rule: Change the boundary to: <u>Mirror Pond (Deschutes River in Bend) from North Canal Dam upstream to Bill Healy Bridge (Reed Market Road).</u> <p>Rationale: Expands reach with similar characteristics within the City of Bend to increased angler opportunity particularly local youths. (Brett Hodgson)</p>
103P	Conservation, Fishery Enhancement	<p>Page 62 - Deschutes R 6. Crane Prairie Reservoir upstream to Little Lava Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective trout fishery. • Existing Rule: Open May 26-Sept. 30. Catch and release only for rainbow trout. 5 brook trout per day. • Proposed Rule: Open May 25-Sept 30. Catch and release only for <u>non-adipose fin-clipped</u> rainbow trout. <u>Non adipose fin-clipped rainbow trout must be released unharmed.</u> 5 brook trout per day. <p>Purpose: ODFW manages these waters for the collection of wild rainbow eggs for the “Cranebow” propagation program. It is important to limit the possibility of any hatchery (fin-clipped) rainbow trout migrating into the system from Crane Prairie Reservoir. This proposal would allow the harvest of any such fish and help conserve the native redband population in the Upper Deschutes River. Bob Mullong</p>

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38S	Fishery Enhancement	<p>Page 62 - East Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt 16 inch trout length for <u>all trout</u> in East Lake. • Existing Rule: 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6-inch maximum length on brown trout. All brown trout over 16 inches must be released unharmed. <p>Proposed Rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>16 inch maximum length on brown trout. All brown trout over 16 inches must be released unharmed.</u> ▪ <u>Catch and release on non fin-clipped rainbow trout.</u> <p>Rationale: An experimental stock of rainbow trout is being released in East Lake to assist in Tui chub control and to enhance and promote a quality rainbow trout fishery. In order to produce large rainbows to meet both these objectives they must be protected from harvest when reaching a size large enough to prey on Tui chub. This is part of a larger statewide program to explore differential fish stocks to meet fishery management objectives in waters with illegally introduced non game fish species. The lake will continue to be stocked with marked rainbow trout which are available for angler harvest. (Brett Hodgson)</p>
51P	Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 62 - East Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retention of TROPHY brown trout • Existing Rule: 16” maximum length on brown trout – All brown trout over 16 inches must be released unharmed. • Proposed Rule: Brown trout between 16–30 inches must be released unharmed. One brown trout 30 inches and over may be retained as “TROPHY” and not to be consumed <p>Purpose. To allow retention of a TROPHY brown trout. Prevent needless prosecution of a lucky individual who may have caught a “fish of a lifetime”. No cost to implement. No harm to brown trout population. Albert Bauer</p>
39S	Conservation	<p>Page 63 - Odell Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded areas closed to angling to protect bull trout. • Existing Rule: Closed within 200 feet of the mouth of Trapper Creek. • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Closed between ODFW markers and the mouth of Trapper Creek</u> ▪ <u>Closed between ODFW Markers and Odell Creek outlet</u> <p>Rationale: Odell Lake bull trout population is extremely depressed. There is concern that incidental hooking and illegal harvest by anglers could be a contributing factor. Bull trout are most vulnerable to catch in these two staging areas near the spawning streams. This action is consistent with threats identified in the draft Odell Bull Trout Recovery Plan. (Brett Hodgson)</p>

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40S	Fishery Enhancement	<p>Page 63 - Paulina Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch-and-release for non adipose fin-marked trout in Paulina Lake. • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open April 28-Oct. 31. • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open April 24-Oct. 31. ▪ <u>Catch-and-release on non adipose fin clipped rainbow trout.</u> <p>Rationale: An experimental stock of rainbow trout is being released in Paulina Lake to assist in blue chub control and to enhance and promote a quality rainbow trout fishery. In order to produce large rainbows to meet both these objectives they must be protected from harvest when reaching a size large enough to prey on blue chub. This is part of a larger statewide program to explore differential fish stocks to meet fish management objectives in waters with introduced non game fish species. The lake will continue to be stocked with marked rainbow trout which are available for angler harvest. (Brett Hodgson)</p>
41S	Conservation	<p>Page 64 - Whychus Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect juvenile salmonid migrants. • Existing Rule: Open entire year • Proposed Rule: Revert to Zone regulation; <u>Open May 26-October 31.</u> • Remove Whychus Creek Entry <p>Rationale: Protects spawning redband trout and smolting juvenile summer steelhead and spring Chinook during vulnerable outmigration period. (Brett Hodgson)</p>

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3P	Fishery Management	<p>Page 64 - Wickiup Reservoir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore ODFW management for Largemouth Bass at Wickiup Reservoir • Existing Rule: No limit on size or number of warmwater game fish. • Proposed Rule: Largemouth Bass: 5 fish per day, 2 daily limits in possession. No more than 3 over 15 inches in length. (default statewide regulation) <p>Purpose: The Largemouth Bass fishery in Wickiup has developed into one that is extremely popular with the residence of Central Oregon. It produces numbers of large trophy sized fish which are vulnerable to harvest when water levels are low in fall. Limiting the number of the fish being harvested will increase the number available during the peak traditional angling activity period in spring and summer. Improved fisheries translate to more anglers. This is a goal consistent with the 25 year plan for Oregon’s fisheries. Typical bass anglers practice catch and release over 85% of the time potentially leading to continued improvements over time.</p> <p>Concerns raised in regard to the proposal assume that the fish were illegally introduced and that ODFW policy should be consistent. ODFW believes the Largemouth Bass (LMB) in Wickiup Reservoir were a result of an illegal introduction in Crane Prairie Res. sometime in the early 1980’s, by way of an inadequate screen and un-screened spillway.</p> <p>The Deschutes Basin Plan assumed the general statewide bag limit on Largemouth Bass for Wickiup, matching the regulation on Crane Prairie. This change would make the management action consistent with regional policy and the original intent of the basin plan.</p> <p>Illegal introductions are a major problem for ODFW. Violators should be punished with prompt and severe measures. However, the current lack of management only punishes the fishery, which is a resource of the tax payers of the state. The question being asked is, how long should this valuable public resource continue to be wasted? This is an opportunity to provide a trophy fishery to Central Oregon without negative fiscal impact.</p> <p>Chuck Lang On behalf of Central Oregon Bass Club</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Northeast Zone Proposals
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42S - Delete the special regulations for brook trout in Morgan Lake • 43S - Expand coho and fall Chinook salmon angling daily bag limit on the lower Umatilla River • 44S - Remove annual 10 fish limit on spring Chinook salmon on the lower Umatilla River • 33P - Bass bag limit regulation change for McKay Reservoir
42S	House keeping	<p>Page 70 - Morgan Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete the special regulations for brook trout in Morgan Lake. • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No more than 5 brook trout per day as part of the general trout catch limits ▪ No size limit on brook trout • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delete the above special regulations for brook trout in Morgan Lake <p>Rationale: Brook trout are no longer stocked in Morgan Lake and natural reproduction is unlikely. Proposal will remove unnecessary regulation and simplify regulations. (Tim Bailey)</p>
43S	Expanded harvest opportunity	<p>Page 70 - Umatilla River (Section 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand coho and fall Chinook salmon angling daily bag limit on the lower Umatilla River. • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for coho salmon and jack fall Chinook salmon Sept.1-Nov.30 ▪ Daily bag limit is 2 coho adults and a total of 5 coho or fall Chinook jacks in aggregate. ▪ Daily bag limit of adult salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead not to exceed 2 fish in the aggregate with exception that 1 additional adipose fin-clipped steelhead may be retained for a total aggregate of 3 fish • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Open for coho and fall Chinook salmon Sept.1-Nov.30</u> ▪ Daily bag limit of <u>3</u> adult salmon or adipose clipped steelhead per day, of which no more than one shall be a fall Chinook adult, and 5 jack salmon. <p>Rationale: Regulation will allow additional harvest of abundant coho salmon returns, will allow limited harvest of adult fall Chinook salmon during the Sept. 1 – Nov. 30 season. (Bill Duke)</p>

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44S	Expanded harvest opportunity	<p>Page 70 Umatilla River (Section 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove annual 10 fish limit on spring Chinook salmon on the lower Umatilla River. • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for spring Chinook ▪ Spring Chinook bag limit, 2 adults and 5 jacks per day <u>and 10 adults per year.</u> • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open for spring Chinook ▪ Spring Chinook bag limit, 2 adults and 5 jacks per day. <p>Rationale: Removes 10 adult per year limit. Will allow for additional harvest, non-tribal fisheries have not met harvest goals in the past five years. (Bill Duke)</p>
33P	Fishery Enhancement	<p>Page 70 - McKay Reservoir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bass bag limit regulation change for McKay Reservoir • Existing Rule: 3 bass per day, 15” minimum • Proposed Rule: 5 bass per day with only one over 15” and only one of which may be a largemouth <p>Purpose: To protect the bigger largemouth bass in order to provide a trophy type fishery while still allowing for harvest of the increasing smallmouth population in the reservoir which should also have a positive effect on the largemouth population from decreased competition. Allowing anglers to keep one largemouth (or smallmouth) >15” will provide for the retention of a trophy fish or an injured fish without violation of any regulations. To protect the bigger largemouth bass in order to provide a trophy type fishery while still allowing for harvest of the increasing smallmouth population in the reservoir which should also have a positive effect on the largemouth population from decreased competition. Allowing anglers to keep one largemouth (or smallmouth) >15” will provide for the retention of a trophy fish or an injured fish without violation of any regulations. Brian Zimmerman for the Blue Mtn Bass Club</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Southeast Zone Proposals
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47S - Big Creek and tributaries; Reduce daily limit on redband trout from 5 to 2 per day • 35S - Clarify bait regulations on the Chewaucan River • 45S - Enhance bass and panfish fishery in Dog Lake with a one bass per day limit • 50S - Lake Creek and tributaries; Reduce daily limit on redband trout • 48S - Malheur River, Section. 1. Reduce daily limit on redband trout from 5 to 2 per day • 49S – North Fork Malheur River, Sec. 1. Reduce daily limit on redband trout from 5 to 2 per day • 51S - Malheur River Sec. 2. Remainder of the basin; Redefine Section 2 of Malheur River • 46S - Enhance bass and panfish fishery in Unity Reservoir • 116P - Crooked Creek; allow harvest of brown and brook trout • 117P - Fourmile Creek; allow harvest of brown and brook trout • 118P - Sevenmile Creek; allow harvest of brown and brook trout • 119P - Fort Creek; allow harvest of brown and brook trout • 120P - Sprague River and tributaries, brown trout limit increase • 121P - Williamson River; increased limits on brown and brook trout (Sections 2-3) • 122P - Spring Creek; increased limits on brown and brook trout • 123P - Wood River; allow harvest of brown and brook trout
47S	Conservation, simplification	<p>Page 78 - Big Creek and tributaries (Malheur River Basin, Grant Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce daily limit on redband trout. • Existing Rule: 5 trout per day. • Proposed Rule: <u>2 trout per day, 2 daily limits in possession</u> <p>Rationale: Improve conservation protection on bull trout and redband trout that reside and spawn in this system. Also simplifies angling regulations for the basin and Malheur District by removing the special angling regulation from this area and placing it under the general regulations for the SE zone. This system does contain brook trout, which would still be harvestable under the no limit general regulation. (If 51-S is adopted, this area would default to SE Zone Rules, and no regulation entry would be needed) (Shannon Hurn)</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Southeast Zone Proposals
35S	Clarification	<p>Page 78 - Chewaucan River and tributaries, including Rivers End Reservoir, below Hyw. 31 at Paisley (Lake Abert Basin, Lake Co.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify bait regulations on the Chewaucan River • Existing Rule: Chewaucan River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open May 26-Oct 31, 2 trout per day, use of bait allowed (Crooked Creek also listed in synopsis) ▪ Crooked Creek (Lake Abert Basin, Lake Co.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open May 26-Oct 31 • Proposed Rule: Chewaucan River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open 4th Saturday in May to October 31, ▪ Use of bait allowed only on mainstem Chewaucan River downstream of Hwy 31 at Paisley <p>(Delete reference to Rivers End Reservoir in Chewaucan River regulations) and delete Crooked Creek reference in pamphlet)</p> <p>Rationale: Clarifies that use of bait is allowed only in lower mainstem Chewaucan River (downstream of Highway 31 bridge at Paisley) and only during summer months (when redband trout are generally not present) to facilitate harvest of warm water fish present. (Dave Banks)</p>
45S	Fishery Enhancement	<p>Page 79 - Dog Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance bass and panfish fishery in Dog Lake. • Existing Rule: 3 bass per day, 15-inch minimum length • Proposed Rule: <u>One bass per day</u>, 15-inch minimum length <p>Rationale: Purpose of proposed rule change is two-fold: 1) Consistency of regulations instituted in Eastern Oregon where ODFW is managing bass populations to increase number of predators to improve quality of panfish fisheries (Dog Lake, Willow Valley and McKay Reservoirs; and 2) increase potential of ODFW bass supplementation efforts of achieving goal of improving quality of panfish fishery by reducing potential angler harvest of large predators. (Dave Banks, Roger Smith)</p>
50S	Conservation, simplification	<p>Page 79 - Lake Creek and tributaries (Malheur River Basin, Grant Co.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce daily limit on redband trout. • Existing Rule: 5 trout per day. • Proposed Rule: <u>2 trout per day, 2 daily limits in possession</u> <p>Rationale: Improve conservation protection on bull trout and redband trout that reside and spawn in this system. Also simplifies angling regulations for the basin and Malheur District by removing the special angling regulation from this area and placing it under the general regulations for the SE zone. This area does contain brook trout, which would still be harvestable under the no limit general regulation. (Shannon Hurn)</p>

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48S	Conservation, simplification	<p>Page 80 - Malheur River (Harney, Grant, Malheur Co.) 1. Mouth of Bluebucket Cr to Big Cr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce daily limit on redband trout. • Existing Rule: 5 trout per day. • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>2 trout per day, 2 daily limits in possession</u> ▪ <u>Change area to 1. Mainstem and tributaries above confluence to Otis Creek.</u> <p>Rationale: Improve conservation protection on bull trout and redband trout that reside and migrate in the river. Also simplifies angling regulations for the basin and Malheur District by removing the special angling regulation from this area and placing it under the general regulations for the SE zone. This area does contain brook trout, which would still be harvestable under the no limit general regulation. New section boundary would provide OSP with a clearly defined boundary, Otis Creek is the end of critical habitat designation for ESA listed Bull Trout in the upper basin, and the area below Otis Creek contains low densities of native fish, and higher densities of smallmouth bass, brown bullhead, channel catfish, and yellow perch. Related to proposal 51-S (If 51-S is adopted, this area would default to SE Zone Rules, and no regulation entry would be needed) (Shannon Hurn)</p>
49S	Conservation, simplification	<p>Page 80 - Malheur River, North Fork (Malheur, Harney, Grant, Baker Co.) 1. Mainstem and tributaries upstream of Beulah Reservoir.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce daily limit on redband trout. • Existing Rule: 5 trout per day. • Proposed Rule: <u>2 trout per day, 2 daily limits in possession</u> <p>Rationale: Improve conservation protection on bull trout and redband trout that reside in the river. Also simplifies angling regulations for the basin and Malheur District by removing the special angling regulation from this area and placing it under the general regulations for the SE zone. (Shannon Hurn)</p>

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51S	Conservation, simplification	<p>Page 80 - Malheur River (Harney, Grant, Malheur Co.) 2. Remainder of the basin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redefine Section 2 of Malheur River (see 48-S for Section 1) • Existing Rule: Section 2. Remainder of the basin. • Proposed Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Change in Section 2 River below Otis Creek, excludes tributaries.</u> <p>Rationale: New section boundary would provide OSP with a clearly defined boundary, Otis Creek is the end of critical habitat designation for ESA listed Bull Trout in the upper basin, and the area below Otis Creek contains low densities of native fish, and higher densities of smallmouth bass, brown bullhead, channel catfish, and yellow perch. This would allow anglers the use of bait in a small section of Malheur River above Warm Springs Reservoir using bait for the warm water species. This area open to bait and five trout per day includes the river below Warm Springs Reservoir which is stocked with hatchery trout. Additionally, by excluding the tributaries they fall under general regulations for trout, providing more conservation for native Columbia Redband Trout in South Fork Malheur River, Cottonwood Creek, etc. Related to 49-S. Shannon Hurn</p>
46S	Fishery Enhancement; Quality Bass waters	<p>Page 81 - Unity Reservoir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance bass and panfish fishery in Unity Reservoir. • Existing Rule: Zone regulation for bass of 5 per day, 2 daily limits in possession and no more than 3 over 15 inches in length • Proposed Rule: <u>No harvest of bass over 15 inches in length.</u> <p>Rationale: In 2011, the district began releasing largemouth bass into Unity Reservoir from Davis Lake to increase opportunity for local bass anglers. These bass are generally large in size, at or near the proposed length limit. The proposed regulation will protect these bass from harvest to increase the effectiveness of the Davis Lake bass transfer and provide a trophy-type fishery. The rule is needed to protect these fish from harvest by the general angler as local bass anglers typically practice catch and release. (Tim Bailey)</p>

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116P	Conservation and Additional Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 78 - Crooked Creek (Wood River Basin, Klamath Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crooked Creek trout management change, SE Zone • Existing Rule: Open April 28-Oct. 31. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Catch and release for trout. ▪ Closed from the springs located at Klamath Hatchery downstream 1,000 ft. to a posted fence crossing. • Proposed Rule: Open April 28-Oct. 31. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closed from the springs located at Klamath Hatchery downstream 1,000 ft. to a posted fence crossing. ▪ Catch and release for <u>rainbow</u> trout. ▪ <u>2 brown trout per day, only 1 over 20 inches; no limit on size or number of brook trout</u> <p>Purpose: The proposed regulation change will help reduce numbers of introduced Brown Trout and Brook Trout, reduce competition for the native Redband Trout found in the stream, provide more harvestable catch, and provide more consistency with the other proposed fishing regulations to control non-native trout in the Upper Klamath Lake watershed. Marshal A. Moser, Jr; Tom Wolf, Council Chair Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited</p>
117P	Conservation and Additional Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 79 - Fourmile Creek (Agency Lake Basin, Klamath Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourmile Creek trout management change, SE Zone • Existing Rule: Open entire year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 trout per day, use of bait allowed. • Proposed Rule: Open entire year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 <u>rainbow</u> trout per day, use of bait allowed. ▪ <u>Additional 2 brown trout per day, only 1 over 20 inches; no limit on size or number of brook trout.</u> <p>Purpose: The proposed regulation change will help reduce numbers of introduced Brown Trout and Brook Trout, reduce competition for the native Redband Trout found in the stream, provide more harvestable catch, and provide more consistency with the other proposed fishing regulations to control non-native trout in the Upper Klamath Lake watershed. Marshal A. Moser, Jr; Tom Wolf, Council Chair Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited</p>

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118P	Conservation and Additional Opportunity	<p>Page 80 - Sevenmile Creek, Agency Lake Watershed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sevenmile Creek trout management changes • Existing Rule: Sevenmile Creek downstream from Nicholson Road (Klamath Co.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open April 28-Oct. 31. ▪ Catch and release for trout. • Proposed Rule: <u>Sevenmile Creek (Klamath Co.)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open April 28-Oct. 31. ▪ Catch and release for <u>rainbow trout</u>. ▪ <u>2 brown trout per day April 28-Oct. 31, only 1 over 20”</u>; no limit on size or number of brook trout. <p>Purpose: The reason for present no take of any fish, including brook trout, is unclear, inconsistent, and does not fit logical management goals. The proposed change will provide consistency with the trout fishing regulations for streams in the Southeast Zone; it will simplify the regulations resulting in less confusion and greater compliance from anglers. There appear to be large numbers of brown trout in sections of the lower stream. The proposed regulation change will help reduce numbers of introduced brown trout and brook trout (possibly increasing the individual size of overcrowded brook trout), reduce competition for the native Redband trout found in the stream, help keep the take of Redbands low, and provide more harvestable catch. Marshal A. Moser, Jr; Tom Wolf, Council Chair Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited.</p>
119P	Conservation and Additional Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 79 - Fort Creek (Wood River Basin, Klamath Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Creek trout management change, SE Zone • Existing Rule: Open April 28-Oct. 31. Catch and release for trout. • Proposed Rule: Open April 28-Oct. 31. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Catch and release for Rainbow Trout. ▪ <u>2 brown trout per day, only 1 over 20 inches; no limit on size or number of brook trout</u> <p>Purpose: The proposed regulation change will help reduce numbers of introduced Brown Trout and Brook Trout, reduce competition for the native Redband Trout found in the stream, provide more harvestable catch, and provide more consistency with the other proposed fishing regulations to control non-native trout in the Upper Klamath Lake watershed. Marshal A. Moser, Jr; Tom Wolf, Council Chair Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited.</p>

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120P	Conservation and Additional Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 81 - Sprague River and tributaries, Klamath and Lake Counties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sprague River Brown Trout limit increase • Existing Rule: Sprague River and tributaries (Klamath Co.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1. Mouth upstream to Saddle Mountain Pitt Road Bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open May 26-Oct. 31; 1 <i>trout</i> per day ▪ Angling restricted to artificial flies and lures only as per Zone Regulations. • Section 2. Saddle Mountain Pitt Road Bridge (USFS Road 5850) upstream to Godowa Springs Road Bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open April 28-Oct. 31; use of bait allowed. • Section 3. Mainstem upstream from Godowa Springs Road Bridge and tributaries not listed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open April 28-Oct. 31; 2 trout per day, 8-inch minimum length. ▪ Angling restricted to artificial flies and lures only • Proposed Rule: Sprague River and tributaries (Klamath/Lake Co.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>An additional 2 brown trout are allowed per day throughout the Sprague River, no minimum size, only 1 over 20", no limit on size or number of brook trout, with the following rules on each river section:</u> • Section 1. Mouth upstream to Saddle Mountain Pitt Road Bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open May 26-Oct. 31; 1 <u>rainbow</u> trout per day ▪ Angling restricted to artificial flies and lures only as per Zone Regulations. • Section 2. Saddle Mountain Pitt Road Bridge (USFS Road 5850) upstream to Godowa Springs Road Bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>2 rainbow trout per day, 8-inch minimum length</u> ▪ Open April 28-Oct. 31; use of bait allowed. • Section 3. Mainstem upstream from Godowa Springs Road Bridge and tributaries not listed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open April 28-Oct. 31. ▪ <u>2 rainbow</u> trout per day, 8-inch minimum length. ▪ Angling restricted to artificial flies and lures only <p>Purpose: The proposed change is to provide a greater harvestable catch of non-native Brook and Brown Trout for those fishermen are interested in harvesting fish, at the same time furthering other management objectives of reducing the abundance of invasive species, especially where it helps promote a healthy population of a premium native species, the Redband Rainbow. There is also an extant native population of Bull Trout in some reaches of the upper watershed which the proposed regulation could also benefit. There are large numbers of Brown Trout and Brook Trout in many sections of the watershed and it appears Browns outnumbering Rainbows and Brookies (even in higher elevations) in some areas. The purpose includes helping to reduce numbers of the introduced Brown Trout and Brook Trout (possibly increasing individual size of overcrowded brook trout) and especially reducing competition with the native Redband Trout and Bull Trout found in the drainage. Marshal A. Moser, Jr; Tom Wolf, Council Chair Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited</p>

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121P	Conservation and Additional Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 81 - Williamson River (Klamath Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Williamson River Brown & Brook Trout limit increase (Sections 2-3). • Existing Rule: • Section 2. Modoc Point Road Bridge upstream to Chiloquin Bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open May 26-Oct. 31. • Section 3. Chiloquin Bridge to Kirk Bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open May 26-Oct. 31. ▪ 1 trout per day May 26 – July 31. ▪ Catch and release for trout Aug. 1 – Oct. 31. ▪ No angling from a floating device. • Proposed Rule: • Section 2. Modoc Point Road Bridge upstream to Chiloquin Bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open May 26-Oct. 31. ▪ Catch and release for <u>rainbow</u> trout Aug. 1 – Oct. 31. ▪ <u>2 brown trout per day May 26-Oct. 31, only 1 over 20”, no limit on size or number of brook trout</u> • Section 3. Chiloquin Bridge to Kirk Bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open May 26-Oct. 31. ▪ 1 trout per day May 26 – July 31. ▪ Catch and release for <u>rainbow</u> trout Aug. 1 – Oct. 31. ▪ <u>2 brown trout per day May 26-Oct. 31, only 1 over 20”, no limit on size or number of brook trout</u> ▪ No angling from a floating device. <p>Purpose: The proposed change is to provide a greater harvestable catch of non-native Brown and Brook Trout for those fishermen are interested in harvesting fish, at the same time furthering other management objectives of reducing the abundance of invasive species, especially where it helps promote a healthy population of a premium native species, the Redband Rainbow. There are larger numbers of Brown Trout and a few Brook Trout in the Williamson River above the U.S. 97 bridge, especially from Chiloquin upstream into the Williamson River Canyon. The purpose includes helping to reduce numbers of the introduced Brown Trout and Brook Trout and reduce competition for the native Redband Trout. An unknown: This may also help reduce the chance that the Browns would develop resistance to <i>Ceratomyxa shasta</i> and/or otherwise supplant the Redbands in the system; Brown Trout are occasionally caught within 1 mile above the U.S. 97 bridge over the Williamson. Marshal A. Moser, Jr, Tom Wolf, Council Chair Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited</p>

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122P	Conservation and Additional Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 81 - Spring Creek (Klamath Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Creek Brown Trout management change, SE Zone • Existing Rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open May 26-Oct. 31. ▪ 2 Rainbow Trout per day, 8 inch minimum length, only 1 trout over 20 inches per day. ▪ Angling restricted to artificial flies and lures only. ▪ No limit on size or number of Brook Trout. • Proposed Rule: Open May 26-Oct. 31. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 rainbow trout per day, 8 inch minimum length, only 1 rainbow trout over 20 inches per day. ▪ <u>Additional 2 brown trout per day, only 1 over 20 inches.</u> ▪ No limit on size or number of Brook Trout. ▪ Angling restricted to artificial flies and lures only. <p>Purpose: The proposed regulation change will help reduce numbers of introduced Brown Trout and Brook Trout, reduce competition for the native Redband Trout found in the stream, provide more harvestable catch, and provide more consistency with the other proposed fishing regulations to control non-native trout in the Upper Klamath Lake watershed Marshal A. Moser, Jr; Tom Wolf, Council Chair Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited</p>
123P	Conservation and Additional Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 81 - Wood River (Klamath Co.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood River Brown & Brook Trout management changes. • Existing Rule: Wood River (Klamath County) from mouth (mouth of Wood River extends through the Wood River Delta to emergent vegetation line in Agency Lake) upstream including tributaries, except Annie Creek <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open April 28-Oct. 31. • Catch and release for trout. • Proposed Rule: Wood River (Klamath County) from mouth (mouth of Wood River extends through the Wood River Delta to emergent vegetation line in Agency Lake) upstream including all tributaries (this includes Annie Creek). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open April 28-Oct. 31. • Catch and release only for rainbow trout and bull trout. • <u>2 brown trout per day, only 1 over 20"; no limit on size or number of brook trout.</u> <p>Purpose: The proposed regulation change will help reduce numbers of introduced Brown Trout and Brook Trout, reduce competition for the native Redband Trout found in the stream, continue the restrictions on taking of Redbands, and provide more harvestable catch. There are large numbers of brown trout in some sections of the stream. Marshal A. Moser, Jr. Tom Wolf, Council Chair Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Snake River Zone Proposals
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 52S - Expand harvest opportunities on surplus steelhead stocked into Hells Canyon Reservoir.
52S	Expanded harvest opportunity	<p>Page 85 - Snake River; Hells Canyon Reservoir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand harvest opportunities on surplus steelhead stocked into Hells Canyon Reservoir. Existing Rule: Zone Regulations; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 trout per day Only one trout over 20 inches in length per day upstream of Hells Canyon Dam. Proposed Rule: Add special regulation to Hells Canyon <u>Three adipose fin-clipped trout over 20 inches may be taken per day from Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, as part of the 6 trout daily limit.</u> In addition, the following wording in the zone regulations for trout would need to be deleted. Page 84. Trout Length Limits and Other Specifications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 1 trout over 20 inches in length may be taken per day, upstream of Hells Canyon Dam. <p>Rationale: Provide harvest opportunity (a fishery mitigation effort) that will appeal to Oregon anglers. Idaho Power Company currently releases 1,000 + adult steelhead in Hells Canyon Reservoir to provide an angling opportunity for Oregon anglers. A like number of fish are released for Idaho anglers in the Boise River. However, current regulations give Idaho anglers an unfair advantage in Hells Canyon Reservoir, allowing harvest of three trout over 20". Few Oregon anglers participate in this fishery due to the restrictive one fish bag limit (one over 20 inches). Hells Canyon Reservoir is in a remote area of the state and even "local anglers" do not participate in this fishery as they do not see the harvest opportunity (1 trout) as great enough incentive to invest the travel time/expense. Increasing the bag limit for this fishery will increase the effectiveness of the mitigation effort. (Tim Bailey)</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Columbia River Zone Proposals
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 53S - Provide consistency with Washington possession regulations for lower Columbia River. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for fish or shellfish while in possession in the field of fish or shellfish that are in violation of the harvest regulations for the area being fished. This regulation does not apply to vessels in transit. • 57S - Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. 1 per day, <u>2</u> per year. • 54S - Columbia River (Section 4); Reduce illegal fishing at Cascade Locks area. by restricting angling to only single-point hooks in the area between the boat ramp at the lower end of the locks upstream to the east (upstream) end of the lock wall. • 55S - Rearrange listing order of Columbia River tributaries to make it easier for anglers to locate Tanner Creek under Columbia River Regulations.
53S	Enforcement, concurrent regulations	<p>Page 92 - Columbia River Zone Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide consistency with Washington possession regulations for lower Columbia River. • Existing Rule: None for inland fisheries, Columbia River. • Proposed Rule: New bullet under Regulations for this Zone: • It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for fish or shellfish while in possession in the field of fish or shellfish that are in violation of the harvest regulations for the area being fished. This regulation does not apply to vessels in transit. <p>Rationale: The proposed rule would provide consistency with Washington on possession rules for the Columbia River. There are currently enforcement problems on the Columbia River with angling deadlines that have different species retention regulations. (John North)</p> <p>Note: This regulation is also being proposed for Statewide Regulations; and if adopted would make the specific regulation for the Columbia River unnecessary</p>
57S	Conservation; harvest allocation	<p>Page 93 - Columbia River Zone Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in annual sturgeon catch limit. • Existing Rule: Sturgeon Catch Limits; 1 per day, 5 per year. • Proposed Rule: Sturgeon Catch Limits; 1 per day, <u>2</u> per year. <p>Rationale: In July 2012, staff of ODFW and WDFW plans to conduct several public meetings to gather input and discuss ideas regarding season structure and regulations for future lower Columbia River white sturgeon fisheries. A reduced annual possession limit could allocate the available sturgeon quota to more anglers and potentially increase the length of sturgeon retention seasons. (John North)</p> <p>Note: This staff proposal is being used as a placeholder until the final rule and annual sturgeon limit is developed.</p>

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54S	Enforcement	<p>Page 94 - Columbia River (Section 4); Bonneville -OR/WA Border</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce illegal fishing at Cascade Locks area. • Existing Rule: Covered under Statewide and Special Regulations: • Statewide Regulations (Pages 10-11): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than three hooks may be used while angling (excluding sturgeon, halibut and herring jigs). A double or treble point hook is classified as one hook. • When angling for salmon or steelhead (except in the ocean or as listed under Special Regulations for specific bodies of water the following rules apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Single-point hooks larger than 1-inch and multiple-point hooks larger than 9/16-inch gap are prohibited. ▪ All weight, if not part of a conventional lure, must be attached above the hooks. • Unlawful to snag or attempt to snag gamefish. • Special Regulations for Section 4 Columbia River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When angling for salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead, a single-point hook with a gap size no larger than 3/4 inch is required for all non-buoyant lures Aug 1-Dec 31 from BO Dam upstream to the OR/WA border. • Proposed Rule: Add special regulation for Columbia Section 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Only single-point hooks allowed when angling at Cascade Locks in the area between the boat ramp at the lower end of the locks upstream to the east (upstream) end of the lock wall.</u> <p>Rationale: As written, current rules allow an angler to fish with multiple point hooks (\leq 9/16-inch gap) during Jan 1-July 31 and to have weight below the hooks if part of a conventional lure. This loophole allows anglers to “jig” multiple treble hooks attached to the mainline (with a weighted conventional lure below). As currently being used in the Cascade Locks area, where anglers can stand directly over the lock channel, this setup can effectively snag fish, including spring and summer Chinook and especially sockeye salmon. Over the last several years, this has become an issue and enforcement has requested a rule modification. (John North)</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Columbia River Zone Proposals
55S	Clarification	<p>Page 95 - Columbia River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rearrange listing order of Columbia River tributaries to make it easier for anglers to locate Tanner Creek under Columbia River Regulations. • Existing Rule: Several Columbia Tributaries listed under on heading. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bridal Veil, Wahkeena, Multnomah, Horsetail, Oneonta and <u>Tanner</u> creeks upstream to the mainline railroad bridge (Multnomah Co.) • Proposed Rule: List Tanner Creek first. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Tanner</u>, Bridal Veil, Wahkeena, Multnomah, Horsetail, and Oneonta creeks upstream to the mainline railroad bridge (Multnomah Co.). <p>Rationale: As written, current rule is accurate but anglers seem to have trouble finding Tanner Creek in the regulations since it is buried at the end of the entry. Since most anglers call in regard to Tanner Creek, the regulations might be more useful if re-organized (re-ordered). Entry would move down on page to between Plympton and Wahkeena. (John North)</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Marine Zone Proposals
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56S - Pacific Ocean; Implement a scallop permit system to monitor harvest • 24P - Coastal bays; Increase the daily limit on Purple Varnish clams to first <u>60</u> taken. • 15P - Coastal bays; Increase the daily limit on Purple Varnish clams to first <u>72</u> taken. • 32P - Ocean, beaches and coastal bays; Return Macoma Clams to Immediate Digging Area • 102P and 131P - Partial Cleaning of Albacore at Sea • 32P - Clams: Return Macoma Clams to Immediate Digging Area
56 S	Harvest Management	<p>Pages 100-101 - Pacific Ocean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a scallop permit system to monitor harvest • Existing Rule: Shellfish license required, daily limit of 24 • Proposed Rule: Regulations for Marine Zone - item 2b. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2b. A license is required to harvest shellfish. Permits are required as listed under abalone, <u>scallops</u>, clams, mud and ghost shrimp, and intertidal invertebrates in the following table. Contact ODFW in Newport 541-867-4741, Charleston 541-888-5515, or Astoria 503-325-2462 for information. ▪ Shellfish section of Daily Catch Limits table - Page 101 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special permit required, see Regulations for this Zone, item 2. For permit renewals, previous year's catch record must be submitted to ODFW before next year's permit will be issued. ▪ <i>Abalone and scallops</i> brought ashore shall be whole and in such a condition that the size can be determined. ▪ <i>Abalone and scallops</i> must not be removed from their shell in the field, except when being prepared for immediate consumption. <p>Rationale: Recreational harvest by divers may have localized impacts to rock scallop abundance. ODFW staff is interested in collecting comprehensive information on the location, catch, and effort from rock scallop harvesters. The effort of SCUBA divers harvesting rock scallops is difficult to monitor by shellfish samplers due to the intermittent and often remote nature of dive trips. A free permit and associated requirement of turning in an annual catch record card will provide information on the location and the magnitude of harvest without requiring large investments of sampler time. It will also provide a list of the people involved so that staff could contact them to discuss any potential management issues. This permit would be very similar to the current abalone permit. It will probably be issued in combination with the abalone permit. The addition of rock scallops to the section that prohibits shellfish from being shucked in the field will allow creel samplers to collect biological data on harvested scallops. (Justin Ainsworth)</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Marine Zone Proposals
24P	Increased Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 101 – Clamming Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase The Daily Limit For Purple Varnish Clams • Existing Rule: Softshell, purple varnish clams, and Others: The First 36 taken: • Proposed Rule: <u>Purple varnish clams: The first 60 purple varnish clams taken.</u> <p>Purpose: To attract diggers to harvest purple varnish clam species categorized in the “Other Clams” will attract diggers to participate in digging for the Other Clam species, and will relieve digging pressure on the bay clams located in the more popular digging areas of coastal bays. Bill Lackner, Clam Diggers Association of Oregon</p>
15P	Increased Harvest Opportunity	<p>Page 101 - Clamming Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase The Daily Limit For Purple Varnish Clams • Existing Rule: Softshell, purple varnish clams, and Others: The First 36 taken: • Proposed Rule: <u>Increase the daily limit on Purple Varnish clams to first 72 taken.</u> <p>Purpose: Increased clamming opportunities and increase enjoyment of experience. Non-native invasive species, will help native clams. Cyndi Karp</p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Marine Zone Proposals
32P	Conservation	<p>Page 101 – Clamming Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return Macoma Clams to Immediate Digging Area • Existing Rule: Unbroken <i>butter, cockle, purple varnish clams</i>, or <i>littleneck clams</i> may be returned only in immediate digging area. All other clams must be retained regardless of size or condition. • Proposed Rule: Unbroken <i>butter, cockle, purple varnish clams, littleneck clams</i> or <u><i>macoma clams</i></u> may be returned only in immediate digging area. All other clams must be retained regardless of size or condition. • ODFW Revised Proposed Rule: <u>All razor, gaper, geoduck and softshell clams must be retained regardless of size or condition. All other unbroken clams may be returned only in immediate harvest area.</u> <p>Purpose: All macoma clams have the ability to return themselves into the substrate in short order. In addition, some diggers keep macoma clams but their value to clam diggers is limited. The sand clam retains sand and grit in their digestive track and the bent nose clams retain the flavor of the muddy substrate they are found. Allowing clam diggers to return macoma clams to the immediate digging area will bring macoma clams into alignment with current harvest regulations. Bill Lackner, Clam Diggers Association of Oregon</p> <p>ODFW Note: Approved with the following modification (which would not only allow Macoma clams to be returned, but also other unlisted clams e.g. Cryptomya, Nutricola, etc): <u>"All razor, gaper, geoduck and softshell clams must be retained regardless of size or condition. All other unbroken clams may be returned only in immediate harvest area."</u></p>

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Pro. No.	Category	Marine Zone Proposals
102P and 131P	Fishery Enhancement	<p>Page 100 – Processing of Fish at Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow partial cleaning “Carking” tuna at sea • Existing Rule: • It is unlawful: for anglers fishing from a boat to mutilate fish so that size or species cannot be determined prior to landing..... This does not apply to herring, anchovy, smelt and sardine. • Proposed Rule: • Marine Zone, regulation # 10. It is unlawful: for anglers fishing from a boat to mutilate fish so the size or species cannot be determined prior to landing; <u>Except that albacore may be partially cleaned at sea. Partial cleaning means only the head and entrails may be removed; the clavicle (collar) must stay intact and the tail must stay intact</u> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>102P: 1. <u>Improved Vessel Safety</u> – Removing the head and entrails of albacore will reduce the weight of fish by approximately 25 %. This also means less ice required to chill the fish. This reduction in fish & ice weight will improve safety, especially for smaller vessels often used by private sportfishers.</p> <p>2. <u>Improved Food Quality & Safety</u> – This will allow for more efficient use of ice, and keep albacore in prime condition. Private sportfishers are often limited in the amount of cooler space, and ice that can be brought onboard. Albacore must be properly chilled to avoid spoilage and food- borne illness.</p> <p>3. <u>Diversion of Fish Waste to the Ocean, Instead of Landfill</u> - This will allow a significant portion of the carcass to be returned to the ocean, rather than ending up in dumpsters and ultimately landfill. Mark McCulloch</p> <p>131P: To allow for better and more efficient care and cooling of albacore tuna in the field. Would also promote efficiency in storage, reduced ice and fuel consumption, and reduce land-based disposal issues. Also would provide food source for crab and other ocean scavengers. Would impact the current methodology of length/weight conversion data collection which could be overcome by: (1) sampling only intact landed albacore, (2) weight-based, rather than length-based measurements, or (3) collar-to-tail measurement conversion. This proposed change would apply to <u>albacore</u> tuna only. It would have no impact on other anglers and is widely supported within the recreational fishing community. It would have no adverse impact on fish populations, reproduction or future fisheries. John Laing</p>