

From: Robert <northriverscout139@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, May 19, 2016 at 8:03 AM

Subject: B10 sport fishery

To: "commission@dfw.wa.gov" <commission@dfw.wa.gov>, "odfw.commission@state.or.us" <odfw.commission@state.or.us>, pfmc.comments@noaa.gov, "ells@critfc.org" <ells@critfc.org>, Rules.Coordinator@dfw.wa.gov

To whom it may concern.

As an avid angler and fully involved volunteer with WDFW,ODFW I must express my utter extreme disappointment in the N.O.F. process this year. The biggest issue I have and you should too, the rule that states B10 sport anglers must release all left ventral clipped hatchery fish on Sundays and Mondays through August. This rule make NO sense when working towards recovery of wild ESA stocks. The Chinook mark rate in the B10 fall fishery is extremely low as it is. When we conduct a Chinook mark select fishery at B10, sports experience a handling rate of non-clipped fish at about five to one with a fabricated release mortality of 19%. Once the left ventral HATCHERY fish are no longer lawfully retained in the B10 area during a HATCHERY only Chinook fishery the handling rate skyrockets and the rate of retainable fish changes to something around one out of eight. This will only kill even more ESA listed stocks through handling and release mortality. I encourage anyone to look into this rule and do what is necessary to over-turn such a reckless rule so to help reduce handling of ESA stocks during a hatchery only fishery. How can we move towards recovery of listed stocks if we encourage release mortality through mass handling of constraining stocks? I fully understand the ventral clipped hatchery fish are for commercial harvest, however we are potentially killing about four to five fish(remember the 19%release mortality is fabricated and the water is around 75 degrees) in the attempt to protect one NON listed HATCHERY fish. Too many floating ESA Chinook to protect a hatchery Chinook. In no way does this rule support responsible fisheries management practices and proves recovery of ESA isn't taken seriously at the department level.

Robert Moxley

Columbia River advisory board