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For you!

Thanks,

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Comments are included below:

1 I oppose release of all wild Steelhead by sportsmen because it has been proven that when we enact this rule ,the tribes increase their level of effort and they can take more wild Steelhead in one day than we are now harvesting.While it is true that there is no foregone opportunity for Steelhead ,past history shows that the tribes will take the fish we give up.If we are allowed to take our share we will not do so.If the tribes plan to take our share,they will do so.

2. Requiring barbless hooks is a good idea.I oppose use of treble hooks.Releasing a fish with treble hooks in the lower and upper jaw causes high mortality in my personal experience and I never use them.

3.Prohibit fishing from a floating device restricts fishing for people who have limited navigational ability.I am 83 and can still row a boat fine and navigate the upper Hoh and other rivers Fishing from a boat and when my back starts aching ,I can sit in the seat and rest or fish there.The upper Hoh is a bad place to do an experiment,because when the lower river is colored up due to rain,the upper Hoh is still fishable which limits angler recreation unnecessarily.Fishing from a boat in the Olympic peninsula provides the angler the experience of the whitewater float itself which hightens the experience.

4.Prohibiting motors is a good rule to enact without restricting access but improving the quality of experience.

5. Limiting bait use has very little conservation benefit,because studies show very little mortality difference between bait and artificial and we are using 10% mortality for a released fish which is way higher than any of release mortality studies conducted.Banning bait severely restricts many anglers preferred and effective method of fishing for both Steelhead and Salmon.

The North coast advisory group was heavily stacked in favor of fly fishermen and not the general angling publicThe fly fishermen would be happy to see the gear and bait fishermen go elsewhere and have the river to themselves..This should be considered when the state and commission make the final decision.

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