

Ashbrook, Charmane E (DFW)

From: Burley, Craig C (DFW)
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 10:02 AM
To: Ashbrook, Charmane E (DFW)
Subject: FW: Attn: Bradley Smith and/or Larry Carpenter - Rule changes

Hi Charmane

Please add this comment to the online comments.

Thanks

Craig

From: Commission (DFW)
Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2015 9:16 AM
To: Brad Smith; Connie Mahnken; Graybill, David W (DFW); Jay Holzmiller; Jay Kehne; Kim Thorburn; Larry Carpenter ; Lininger, Tami L (DFW); Miranda Wecker; Robert Kehoe
Cc: Burley, Craig C (DFW); Thiesfeld, Steven L (DFW)
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FYI

From: Zane Johnson [<mailto:zmjohnson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 9:05 AM
To: Commission (DFW)
Subject: Attn: Bradley Smith and/or Larry Carpenter

Greetings,

My name is Zane Johnson and I reside in Forks with my wife and newborn. I recently read the proposals for steelhead and commercial license increase and wanted to give you some feedback. I must first say that I'm most satisfied in hearing that the rule changes would only affect the money-making side of fishing in Washington. Not everyone has \$400 for a seat in a drift boat or off-shore craft, myself included. I hike and fish my way down small sections of river hoping that the fish are there, and they are willing to bite. When the fishing is at it's best, I usually am restricted to hiking from hole to hole, via land, because river travel is impossible due to high waters. This is even further restricted by land owners posing fees to park on their property in order to hunt/fish. So you can see how the regular, every day fisherman trying to feed his family has a tough time getting his limit verses the rich man who can spend money to be in a comfortable boat. Now that we got that out of the way...I really appreciated the purposed idea of opening the upper parts of the river with the combined rule of using barbless hooks. This would allow the every day fishermen the opportunity to fish waters that have been untouched by guided drift boat fishing, that is assuming that the upper rivers would remain closed to boat travel. If you combine this idea with your proposal to limit the number of guides in the area, this will work well to give each part of the river(s) a break. If the fishing is good on the upper part of the river, then the guides would ditch the boat and have their clients hike out to fish upper holes. Hiking burns calories, clients spend money on local food, they are tired from the exercise, they crash at the local hotel, money stays local. If they are fishing the upper parts, the lower parts get less lures in the water. I believe these rule changes should also be considered for salmon fishing as well. I believe that there should be a strict balance between the fish population being managed for revenue verses being managed for sustenance. In all truth, the rich can afford the better fishing opportunities while the poor deal with low fish numbers (low compared to the

old timer stories I hear). Upper river fishing is a good start for the everyday guys, if the boats are kept out.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Zane M. Johnson