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Wash. Fish and Wildlife Commission
600 Capitol Way N.
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Attn:
Bradley Smith, Ph.D., Chair
Larry Carpenter, Vice

RE: Management of North Coast Coastal
Steelhead Population

Gentleman:

I have fished the Subject Rivers for 40 some years. Sometimes we caught fish and sometimes not.

The last several years the pressure has been so heavy we quit going and have focused on southwest WA. Rivers.

Many of the proposals by North West Olympic Peninsula Sportfishing Coalition have merit.

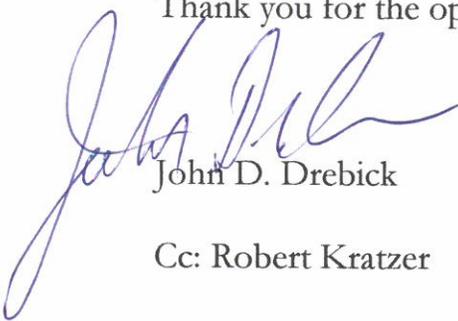
However, my comments follow:

1. I like the idea of a creating an "Endorsement" similar to one for fishing the Columbia as long as the money generated is focused on increased hatchery production so more catchable fish will be available.
2. I agree on the idea if you want to kill an unmarked fish you should buy a special tag. Similar to a transport tag for other game. Once the tag is

used you quit for the day. This would still provide the expectation of keeping a trophy fish.

3. Prohibition of fishing the Hoh above Morgan's Crossing from floating devices is not in the spirit of the American Disabilities Act.. Many Anglers with Disabilities will be unable to fish from the bank and therefore will be discriminated from the opportunity to fish the upper Hoh.
4. The idea of limiting the number of guides sounds good. Perhaps good enforcement of the current guide regulations would be helpful. (a) prohibit unlicensed operators from performing guide service, (b) Make sure all income of guides is properly reported to the tax authority (c) The river experience needs to be enjoyed without having a boat traffic jam.
5. With barbless hooks, which should not be stainless and proper handling of hooked fish, bait should be allowed during the entire season and terminal gear should be the choice of the Angler. If a fish is hooked deep cut the line and non stainless hooks will rust out.

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John D. Drebeck", is written over the typed name.

John D. Drebeck

Cc: Robert Kratzer