

**From:** [Bookmaster](#)  
**To:** [Commission \(DFW\)](#)  
**Subject:** Lake Sixteen, Skagit County\_\_\_\_ Proposal for "Catch and Release"  
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To: WDFW

You requested input for changes in the rules for enhanced fishing.

The suggestions in items DFW616241 and DFW809852 proposed making Lake Sixteen (Skagit County) a selective gear rules lake.

The WDFW response was that the old rules should stay in effect, i.e. allow this lake to be an "opening day" lake.

Washington sportsmen are losing a "fly fishing only" lake, Ebey Lake, under the proposed rule changes. Most lakes in this area are "opening day" lakes and very few have selective gear rules. The change in the rules for Lake Sixteen would provide some compensation to Washington sportsmen for the loss of Ebey Lake. Lake Sixteen is capable of growing large fish and should be managed as a "catch and release" fishery.

I belong to several fishing and fly fishing clubs in this area. These clubs want this change and would work to ensure the success of Lake Sixteen which would provide a quality experience for everyone.

Please give serious consideration to this proposal. We do not take lightly that one of the few "fly fishing only" lakes in the area has been taken away from us with no compensatory lake being offered.

Sincerely yours,

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