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RE: Planned Rotenone Treatments of Eastern Washington waters

Dear Sir,

The Methow Valley Fly Fishers – a fly-fishing club based in Winthrop, WA – would like to offer our support for the proposed rehabilitation of both Fish Lake and Schalow Pond, located in Okanogan County.

Fish Lake has been a popular destination for rainbow trout fishing over the years, but the current over-population of stunted brown bullheads has caused a serious decline in the quality of the trout fishery due to competition.

Schalow Pond has been a very productive hike-in lake for eastern brook trout. Brown bullheads filtering downstream from Fish Lake and illegally introduced smallmouth bass have in recent years caused the brook trout populations to be severely impacted.

Rehabilitation with rotenone is the only option in our mind to completely remove the competing species, so that trout can be reintroduced and create a productive and quality fishery.

Many thanks for your consideration of our views on this matter.

Your truly,

PASPEER

Peter Speer
President