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Dear Mr. Loop:

This letter is to let you know the results of the Department's consideration of your petition requesting the WDFW Commission change the rules for the Sauk – Skagit Steelhead catch and release fishery to reduce overwhelming pressure to the system by limiting or excluded guides and by opening more of the watershed.

On August 10, 2024 the Fish & Wildlife Commission met and delegated decision making authority for petitions to me as the Director. A written summary sheet was provided to me, and department staff explained why they recommended that the petition be denied. I agree with the recommendations contained in the summary sheet, and I am hereby denying this petition. A copy of the summary sheet is included with this letter.

Thank you for bringing your concerns forward and proposing solutions through the rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Susewind".

Kelly Susewind  
Director

cc: Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Kelly Cunningham, Fish Program Director  
Joe Panesko, Assistant Attorney General