

Form Name:  
Submission Time:

September 2020 RAC Feedback  
August 25, 2020 8:23 pm

**After viewing the 2021–22 fishing  
recommendations and contest rule  
amendments:**

I support the recommendations and amendments.

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**After viewing the proposed  
amendments to Administrative Rule  
R657-62 for deployed military:**

I support the amendments.

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**Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?**

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**Do you have any comments about the angler opportunity assessment update?**

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**Do you have any comments about the Middle Provo River update?**

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**After viewing the proposed amendments to Administrative Rule R657-62 for deployed military:**

I support the amendments.

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**Do you have any additional comments about these amendments?**

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**Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?**

Would be nice to see fewer restrictions (if possible) with all fisheries.

**Do you have any comments about the angler opportunity assessment update?**

Recommend allowing tiger muskies to be kept on any resevoir. The fish are able to be restocked and would be nice to allow a person to keep one if they are lucky enough to catch one (of any size).

**Do you have any comments about the Middle Provo River update?**

So this isn't a comment about the Middle Provo, but on another proposed change with Kokanee Salmon. I find that it is overkill to prohibit the keeping of Salmon if they are caught in the middle of a resevoir (like Flaming Gorge), where the silver salmon out in the middle are not spawning. I would like to see the rule be changed so that silver fish may be kept, and any Salmon with any red coloration should be released immediately. Would be nice to see the dates pushed back until the first Saturday in September (or simply Sepetember 1st), so that anglers have an oppertunity to fish with their families for these fish during typical summer vacation time (when school is out). Sorry for putitng this in the wrong category, but didn't see this listed elsewhere. Also one other rule I would like to see changed is that Bear Lake Cisco caught should be allowed to use as bait in any fishery. I believe chub meat can be used in any water. With that said, if there are risks with the spread of whirling disease, maybe change the rules to say that fish may be used (dead or alive), only if harvested in the lake where the angler is fishing. Would be good to allow angler's also to use live crayfish in the body of what in which they were caught (but not transported to other bodies of water alive). Think it would give angler's more options and opportunities to catch and harvest fish if these rules were adjusted. Also one final suggestion. If person's are allowed to harvest fish by spear fishing, why not allow person's to also harvest fish by archery in lakes where there are not protected species of fish? My teenage son has passed up (while ridding Willard bays of carp), several nice bass that he would have loved to have had a shot at if the rules were the same for archery and spear fisherman. I don't like the risks with underwater spear fishing, and allowing archery to take any game fish (or carp), seems like it would be a good thing. (Few people actually use arrows or spears to harvest fish).

**After viewing the proposed amendments to Administrative Rule R657-62 for deployed military:**

I oppose the amendments.

**Do you have any additional comments about these amendments?**

While I support our military troops, people employed for the government already get benefits that the ordinary person doesn't get. It is their job and they are getting paid to work. When the rest of us are required to work by our employer's we don't get to get bonus points if we are not able to hunt. I would think they can still apply online during the application period (or have someone they trust apply for them). This really isn't needed to give preferential treatment to military personal.

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September 2020 RAC Feedback  
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**After viewing the proposed  
amendments to Administrative Rule  
R657-62 for deployed military:**

I am neutral on the amendments.

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**After viewing the 2021–22 fishing recommendations and contest rule amendments:**

I support the recommendations and amendments.

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**Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?**

I really like the push to have standardize bag limits at Flaming Gorge, but I would also like to see kokanee have a separate daily limit from trout like they do in Idaho, also another change I and many others would like to see is allowing people to fillet kokanee at Strawberry, It makes sense to not allow the filleting of trout because of the slot limit, but if you simply required that anglers leave the skin on there fillets there is no mistaking a kokanee filet for a trout filet. I know the items on my wish list are not on this years agenda I just hope that they may be considered in the future.

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I support the amendments.

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August 26, 2020 12:16 pm

**After viewing the 2021–22 fishing recommendations and contest rule amendments:**

I support the recommendations and amendments.

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**Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?**

My support for these proposed changes apply only to the changes concerning contests. All other changes are of unknown value to me as I don't target any of the species listed.

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I am neutral on the amendments.

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Form Name:  
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**After viewing the 2021–22 fishing  
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amendments:**

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

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**Do you have any comments about the angler opportunity assessment update?**

I have serious concerns in regards to Limited Entry Fishing. First off, I'd like to state that I am a catch and release trophy angler that fishes every week and travels far in the state to do so.

I have seen the incredible fisheries in the state of Utah and credit the Division for allowing such opportunities. However, in regards to Limited Entry Fishing, I could see no worse option for the state and the resources. Our waters and the riparian/littoral rights associated with them are sacred.

There has been a big push for anglers to join the sport only now to have an idea on the table that undermines and diminishes that very concept. I cannot help but look at Limited Entry Hunting as a basis for what could happen to the sport of fishing, where now only the rich have continued access to public resources while the general population has less and less opportunity.

I understand funding has always been an issue and the Division does their best with what they have, however, while there may be a vocal few, the majority of fishermen would see no issue in increasing the cost of our current fishing license if funding is the concern behind the idea proposal of Limited Entry Fishing.

I would also urge the Division to not look at any other state as an example for ours. Oregon has its own unique set of fishing issues more or less related to the decline in wild fish. The majority of Utah's fish are stocked, therefore, drawing management objectives from another dissimilar state does not lead to a credible hypothesis.

Catch and release angling has become a very real and consistent practice for anglers. It is wrong to assume that restricting the simple act of fishing will help the resource more than the traditional way of just simply restricting limits and sizes.

If the major concern is the strain of our resources instead of funding, I would look into and question the social media postings done by the Division to get anglers out there. If protecting the resource is being looked at by providing a special license, I challenge the Division to look at their own practices and offer a simpler alternative: do not post sampling reports, big fish, or provide fishing reports on sensitive waters.

Limited Entry Fishing is an idea that undermines the very idea of public waters and as such should be immediately dropped forever. It is not a management plan that helps the resource but one that instead makes the resource more exclusive.

Thank you for your time, and I hope this idea gets dropped for the sake of us all.

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**Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?**

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