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## Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the **Utah Fishing Guidebook?**

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments Fishing Guidebook?

in regards to flaming gorge, I am so tired of the delay to be proactive when about the proposed changes to the Utah our kokanee numbers have fallen so bad, to put of regulation changes till 2025 is ridiculous, things need to happen now. It sounds to me like you know what needs to be done lets do it now. Limits should be lowered to 2 kokanee start next year, and the season should be shut down by august 30. What is the reason you can not help the anglers remove pup laker. lets do it now, this is just going to get worse.

## Which best describes your position regarding the Flaming Gorge Reservoir fishery update?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the Flaming Gorge Reservoir fishery?

I cannot believe you are talking about proposed regulation change for 2025. It sounds to me like you know the problems. Why Wait. The kokanee numbers are in major decline, you have seen it happening. You need to act now to save this fishery.

kokanee limits need to be reduced by January to 2 fish, bag limits reduced and season closed by aug 30 Spawning kokanee through out the lake are gone as we speak. Help the fisherman remove lake trout. Do it now ,or things will get real bad.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the **Utah Fishing Guidebook?** 

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments Fishing Guidebook?

I'm writing on behalf of the Utah Anglers Coalition to provide public about the proposed changes to the Utah comment regarding proposed changes to the 2024-2025 Fishing Guidebook and Administrative Rule 657-13.

> The Utah Anglers Coalition (UAC) is Utah based nonprofit corporation consisting of many different angler groups and organizations, retailers, guides, and fishing industry representatives throughout the state.

The UAC supports the 2024-25 regulation proposals submitted by the UDWR to the RAC Committees and Wildlife Board related to spearfishing. We support increased spearfishing opportunities in waters and for species where there is no limit and/or where catch and kill regulations are in place. This action will also help to address the problem of illegal species introduction, which is one of our primary goals as a group.

Roger Wilson Chairman, Utah Anglers Coalition

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the private pond rule?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the private pond rule?

I'm writing on behalf of the Utah Anglers Coalition to provide public comment regarding proposed changes to Administrative Rule 657-59.

The Utah Anglers Coalition (UAC) is Utah based nonprofit corporation consisting of many different angler groups and organizations, retailers, guides, and fishing industry representatives throughout the state.

The UAC supports the proposed changes to the Private Pond Rule (R657-59). More specifically, we feel that the current rule is cumbersome, difficult to read, and outdated and support the restructuring and simplification of the rule as proposed by the Division. We also support current triploid testing protocols required by the State of Utah and oppose any efforts by private growers to introduce less stringent triploid testing methods. In addition, we support expansion of the list of species that private growers may raise and stock into screened waters. Furthermore, we support inclusion of language in the rule that clearly states the criminal penalty (Class A Misdemeanor) for violations of the rule. This is already stated in state code, but adding it to the rule helps the division with enforcement efforts.

UAC is strongly supportive of UDWR efforts to protect sport fish and native fish populations from escapement of privately stocked fish. Protection of sport fish resources and native species conservation are key priorities for our group.

Roger Wilson Chairman, Utah Anglers Coalition