

**2021 SURVEY OF OREGON RECREATIONAL FISHERS:
KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS RELATED TO THE
OREGON MARINE RESERVE SYSTEM**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

When the state of Oregon began a process to establish a limited system of marine reserves within state territorial waters in 2008, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) was designated the lead agency responsible for implementing and managing the system. ODFW oversees the five marine reserve sites at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, Otter Rock, Cape Perpetua, and Redfish Rocks. The goals of the Oregon Marine Reserve system are:

Conservation Conserve marine habitats and biodiversity.

Research Serve as scientific reference sites to investigate marine reserve protections and the Oregon territorial seas, to inform nearshore ocean management.

Communities Avoid significant adverse impacts to ocean users and coastal communities.

To achieve these goals, ODFW established a program in 2009 for marine reserves implementation and monitoring. In this context, the Marine Reserves Human Dimensions Project conducts studies to determine the direct and indirect social, cultural, and economic impacts which result from reserve site implementation. The information collected through this process should be relevant to other marine and coastal natural resource policy issues in Oregon. This paper reviews a study conducted during the summer of 2021 to identify awareness of and perceptions about marine reserves among Oregon recreational anglers. The study also assessed the effects of the reserves on marine fishing behavior, and how fishing avidity and identity affected these anglers' knowledge of and attitudes towards the reserves. How the marine reserve system may have affected marine recreational fishing is a significant concern for state marine natural resource policy, the recreational fishing public, and Oregon coastal communities.

Research Design

Sample Design. During the summer of 2021, we conducted a large-scale online survey among a statewide random sample of 50,000 ODFW recreational fishing licensees at least 18 years old. The random sample was drawn from the agency list of 2019 recreational fishing licensees, which was the first year that the license system was online. The large sample size was determined by the need to obtain a sufficient number of responses to address critical research questions, particularly marine recreational fishing effort shift related to the reserves. Some of these questions would only be relevant to a very small number of respondents, hence the large sample size.

Instrument Design. The questionnaire was designed by the research team to provide data that would address a set of critical research questions. A parallel intent was to also minimize respondent burden. Some available demographic information in the point-of-sale license data helped facilitate the latter consideration.¹

¹ The final data retained after questionnaire administration were completely anonymous.

The specific constructs deemed to be most important were:

- Fishing avidity (frequency) in freshwater and saltwater
- Marine angling characteristics (mode of access, area fished)
- Participant sense of identity with fishing
- Perceived salient constraints to fishing opportunities
- Marine reserves awareness and factual knowledge
- Effects of marine reserves on saltwater fishing behaviors (effort shift)
- Marine reserves support

A pilot test was conducted among ODFW staff, who also offered critiques of the instrument. Thereafter, the revised questionnaire was uploaded to an online survey platform. Invitations to participate were sent to the sample of recreational fishing license holders in July 2021. Following a routine series of reminders, the survey was closed in mid-August 2021.

Results

Adjusted for undeliverables, the survey received 7,638 responses, a 16.2% response rate. This survey should be considered representative of all adult residents who participate in recreational fishing in Oregon.

Over the last five years, a small proportion (5.1%) of the respondents had not fished in freshwater in Oregon. In contrast, many more respondents (42.4%) had not fished in saltwater in Oregon. In addition, there was a tendency for the respondents to fish more frequently in freshwater than in saltwater. This information is of managerial relevance since ODFW does not have a separate marine fishing license or endorsement with which to monitor marine fishing frequency.

Most of the saltwater fishing respondents fished along the north and/or central coast; only 28% fished on the south coast. A majority (93.7%) of the respondents did not belong to any sportfishing organization. In response to a series of items pertaining to fishing identity, the scale of *fishing centrality to lifestyle* (Kim et al. 1997, Beardmore et al. 2013), statistical analyses indicated that these respondents identify with recreational fishing either as an element of personal identity or simply as a hobby.

Respondents were asked what impediments to their recreational fishing opportunities they had encountered within the last ten years, which is the time frame since implementation of the marine reserves. The most important (rank ordered) constraints on fishing identified by the respondents were lack of time, crowding, expensive license fees, lack of angling success, and complex regulations. To gauge relative salience of concerns about the reserves, marine reserves were intentionally not a listed response option to this question. Among the 989 respondents who voluntarily chose the “other” response option and entered fill-in-the-blank comments, not one respondent mentioned the marine reserves (or any related similar marine spatial closures).

Over half (57.6%) of all respondents were aware that Oregon has marine reserves. Respondents who fished in saltwater more often, were members of a sportfishing club, were older, male, and lived on the coast were significantly more likely to be aware of the marine reserves.

Two questions assessed objective, factual knowledge about the marine reserves: name recognition and spatial knowledge. The average score for the number of marine reserves names correctly selected was 1.87/5, or 37.4%. The mean score for the more cognitively demanding spatial knowledge test was only 24.6% (1.23/5). Respondents who fished in saltwater more often, were members of a sportfishing club, and were younger were significantly more likely to have higher scores for the name test. Saltwater fishers who fished on the central coast, where three of the five marine reserves are located, were also significantly more likely to have higher scores for both the name and spatial tests.

Opposition to Oregon's marine reserves among the broad community of recreational fishers was quite low with only 9.9% of respondents opposing the reserves. Respondents who were members of a sportfishing club, had higher *Hobby* scores, and were previously aware of the marine reserves were significantly more likely to support the reserves. Willamette Valley residents were significantly more likely to support the marine reserves than other residents. Saltwater fishing respondents who fished primarily from shore were significantly more likely to support marine reserves than respondents who fished primarily from a charter boat. Saltwater anglers who fished on the south coast were significantly less likely to support the marine reserves.

All respondents who were aware of Oregon's marine reserves were asked if the reserves had caused them to change their angling behavior. Among all respondents, 509 out of 7,638 (6.7%) reported that they had changed their fishing behavior (engaged in fishing effort shift) due to a marine reserve. This question was posed to all respondents aware of the reserves, not just saltwater fishers, to capture any respondents who might have switched from saltwater to freshwater fishing because of the reserves. However, understanding the proportion of marine anglers specifically that were displaced by the reserves is crucial for management purposes. Considering only respondents who had fished in saltwater in Oregon in the last five years, 449 out of 4,225 (10.6%) reported changing their angling behavior due to reserve implementation.

Respondents who reported that they engaged in effort shift due to reserve implementation were asked subsequent questions relating to how they shifted their effort. The majority of impacted respondents found substitute saltwater fishing grounds, and almost half (49.3%) continued to fish in the same area. While many variables predicted whether a respondent experienced effort shift because of marine reserve establishment, few variables predicted *how* respondents changed their fishing behavior. Respondents who fished in saltwater more often were significantly more likely to indicate that they still fished within five miles of where they previously fished.

A total of 18.3% of the affected marine fishing respondents (n = 84) indicated they now only fished in freshwater in response to marine reserve implementation. However, of those that reported they had switched to freshwater, 60% of these respondents still indicated that they

had fished to some extent in saltwater in Oregon over the last five years. This number represents 1% of all respondents, and slightly less than 2% of all marine fishers who responded to this survey.

Conclusions

Results from this survey indicate that while marine reserve awareness among recreational fishers in Oregon is relatively high (58%), marine reserve name recognition and spatial knowledge were low. The average score on a test of reserves name recognition was 34.7% (1.87 correct answers for the 5 reserves), and the mean score for spatial knowledge was even lower (24.6%, 1.23/5). As would be expected, more avid saltwater anglers were significantly more likely to be aware of and knowledgeable about the reserves.

When asked to identify constraints to fishing opportunity over the last decade, respondents cited lack of time, crowding, expensive license fees, lack of angling success, and complex regulations. To assess salience of perceived impacts, marine reserves were intentionally not a listed response option for this question. However, of the 989 respondents who voluntarily chose the “other” response option and entered fill-in-the-blank comments, not one respondent mentioned the marine reserves (or any related similar marine spatial closures). These responses indicate that the marine reserves were not a salient perceived impediment to fishing opportunity.

Among all respondents to a question pertaining to marine reserves support ($n = 7,477$), many (46.7%) held a neutral opinion of the reserves, and only 9.9% of the respondents actually opposed the reserves. Respondents who were Willamette Valley residents, sportfishing club members, with higher *Hobby* identity scores, were significantly more likely to support the reserves. Those saltwater anglers who engaged in effort shift or fished on the south coast were more likely to be opposed to the reserves.

Of the respondents who fished in saltwater ($n = 4225$), a small proportion (10.6%, $n=449$) reported that they had changed their fishing behavior (engaged in fishing effort shift) due to a marine reserve. Among those respondents who shifted their fishing effort due to reserve implementation, the majority found either close (49.3%) or more distant (30.3%) substitute saltwater fishing grounds. A few of the affected marine fishing respondents (18.3%, $n = 84$) indicated they now only fished in freshwater in response to marine reserve implementation. However, of those that reported they had switched to freshwater, 60% of these respondents still indicated that they had fished in saltwater to some extent over the last five years.

This survey demonstrated that the majority of recreational fishers, including saltwater fishers, have generally not been impacted by marine reserve implementation, nor do they perceive the reserves to be a salient impediment to their fishing opportunities. Although factual knowledge about the reserves is low, awareness of the reserves is moderately high, and opposition to the marine reserves among these respondents was nominal.

INTRODUCTION

Establishment of Oregon's limited marine reserve system began in 2008 with Executive Order 08-07 (2008). The locations for the Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) were chosen through an extensive public engagement process that prioritized maximizing ecological benefits while avoiding negative impacts to coastal communities. The reserves, which collectively cover under four percent (4%) of Oregon's territorial sea, prohibit the removal of marine life and ocean development. Some sites have adjoining MPAs that allow some harvest activity but no ocean development. State mandates and guidelines for the Oregon marine reserves are provided in Executive Order 08-07 (2008), House Bill 3013 (2009), Senate Bill 1510 (2012), administrative rules adopted by state agencies (OAR 635-012, OAR 141-142, and OAR 736-029), and in the *Oregon Marine Reserve Policy Recommendations* adopted by the Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) in 2008. Implementation, management, and monitoring responsibilities were assigned to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

Oregon Marine Reserve Goals

Based on the OPAC policy recommendations (OPAC 2008), the goals of the Oregon Marine Reserve System are:

- Conservation** Conserve marine habitats and biodiversity.
- Research** Serve as scientific reference sites to investigate marine reserve protections and the Oregon territorial seas, to inform nearshore ocean management.
- Communities** Avoid significant adverse impacts to ocean users and coastal communities.

Program Evaluation in 2023

A legislatively mandated evaluation of the Oregon Marine Reserves Program will occur in 2023. The evaluation will include an assessment of all aspects of the program including site management, ecological monitoring, outreach, community engagement, compliance, enforcement, and an assessment of the socioeconomic impacts of the reserves. Part of ODFW's management and monitoring plan included the development of the Human Dimensions Project. The Oregon Marine Reserves Human Dimension Monitoring and Research Plan (Murphy et. al. 2012, Epperly and Swearingen 2017) documents the project objectives and research purposes. To contribute to the evaluation of the marine reserve system, the studies conducted by the ODFW Marine Reserves Human Dimensions Project are designed to address the following:

- Determine if marine reserves increase our knowledge of the Oregon nearshore environment, resources, and uses. Ascertain if this information is useful to support nearshore resource management.
- Determine if the marine reserves and associated MPAs, and the system as a whole, avoid significant adverse social and economic impacts to ocean users and coastal communities.

Relevance to Recreational Fishing

There have been both support and opposition to marine reserve implementation in Oregon. Most residents express some degree of support and believe that the marine reserves provide a constructive opportunity for scientific research and other social and ecological benefits (Needham et al 2022). However, the argument that marine reserves also have the potential to create adverse economic impacts by restricting consumptive use of marine species is intuitive. Accordingly, among some Oregon residents and communities of interest (stakeholders), there is a perception that the reserves will negatively impact commercial and recreational fishing interests (Needham et al. 2022, Marino 2015, 2019, Robison 2022).

The Human Dimensions Project has engaged in numerous investigations of the potential impacts of the marine reserves on commercial and charter fishers (Swearingen et al. 2017b, Hudson et al. 2018, TRG 2021a, 2021b, Marino 2015, 2019, Robison 2022). However, there have been a limited number of studies that involved recreational fishers, and none that focused specifically on that community of interest. Marine recreational fishing is an important economic sector on the Oregon coast; the economic impact of saltwater recreational fishing in Oregon is estimated to be \$289 million (TRG 2021a)². Clearly, to achieve the research goals of the Human Dimensions Project, the impact of marine reserve establishment on marine recreational anglers is a critically important consideration. Prior ODFW visitor intercept surveys included few respondents who were specifically visiting the coast to engage in fishing (Epperly et al. 2017, Fox et al. 2022, Swearingen and Epperly 2016, Swearingen et al. 2017a, 2019). While other related survey research projects have included many respondents who engage in recreational fishing on the coast (Needham et al. 2016, 2022, Lindberg and Williams 2019), these studies were not specifically designed to investigate reserve effects among recreational fishers. These studies did not address such questions as behavioral change (fishing effort shift), fishing avidity or identity, relative frequency of freshwater or saltwater engagement, or any such related constructs that might more fully illuminate how respondents' engagement in marine recreational fishing may have been affected by the reserves. In summary, none of the prior human dimensions research has specifically or sufficiently focused on the impacts of marine reserve implementation on recreational fishing behavior in Oregon.

² This figure is the estimated statewide economic impact based on 2019 data; the most recent data available at the time of the report (TRG 2021a).

RESEARCH DESIGN

Research Objectives

To address this need for additional information, the Human Dimensions Project initiated an online survey among a random sample of Oregon recreational fishing licensees during the summer of 2021. The goal of this research was to identify how the implementation of Oregon's five marine reserves has impacted participation in recreational marine fishing on the Oregon coast. The primary objective of this human dimensions research was to contact a random sample of all Oregon recreational fishers to collect and analyze data about those individuals' rates of participation in recreational fishing, whether they were primarily freshwater or saltwater fishers, and their knowledge of and attitudes about the marine reserves. We also sought to understand how the reserves may have impacted fishing effort and the nature of any such behavioral changes. This survey was conducted just months before the marine reserves evaluation process to provide the most recent possible data on perceptions of marine reserve impacts, and knowledge of, and support for the reserves among the recreational fishing community.

Sample Design

To implement this large-scale online survey of recreational fishers, a random sample was drawn from the 2019 agency list of recreational fishing licensees.³ This was the first year that the license system was online, which necessitates an email address for licensees. The sample size was driven by several considerations pertaining to response rates from a recent agency online licensee survey (ODFW 2021) and our key data needs. Another issue affecting sample size was the need to obtain a sufficient number of responses to critical questions, particularly perceived displacement and fishing effort shift related to the reserves. Prior to encountering these questions, a large proportion of all respondents would have been screened due to their responses to previous questions. In particular, since respondents unaware that Oregon has marine reserves should either not have been impacted by implementation or not known if they were impacted by implementation, only respondents aware of the reserves were asked if they had been impacted by them. Subsequently, only respondents that indicated they had changed their fishing behavior due to reserve implementation were to describe the nature of their related fishing effort shift. Given the need to ensure a sufficient number of responses to the most critical effort shift questions, we worked backward from the effort shift questions to the requisite sample size based on expectations for response patterns.

³ The sample only included adult licensees over 18 years of age.

Instrument Design

In addition to the critical questions pertaining to the impact of the marine reserves on fishing behavior, the online survey⁴ was designed to gather information on perceived impediments to recreational angling and included a range of questions that would provide a description of the individuals most affected by the reserves.⁵ The questionnaire was moderate in length (15 questions) to minimize respondent burden to the extent possible while also meeting the research objectives. Questions were included to assess the following topics⁶:

- Average number of days per year of participation in Oregon freshwater angling (freshwater avidity)
- Average number of days per year of participation in Oregon saltwater angling (saltwater avidity)
- Saltwater fishing mode and location (coastal zone)
- Membership in organized sportfishing organization
- Fishing centrality to lifestyle, a measure of identity related to fishing (Kim et al. 1997, Beardmore et al. 2013)
- Perceived impediments to fishing
- Marine reserves awareness, name recognition, spatial knowledge, and support
- Marine reserves impact on angling behavior and the nature of reported effort shift

Survey Administration

After extensive editing by the research team, a draft version of the questionnaire was distributed to ODFW staff in various divisions in Salem and in the Marine Resources Program as a pretest pilot study. The participants both responded to the questionnaire online and provided critiques about questionnaire design. Additional revisions were then based on the feedback from the pilot survey participants. The final questionnaire was sent to a random sample of 50,000 recreational fishing licensees⁷ in mid-July, 2021. Each licensee was sent an email with a request to participate that included an explanation of the purposes of the study and provided an individual link to the online questionnaire. Following a series of reminders, the survey was closed on Friday, August 13, 2021.

⁴ The survey was conducted using the Allegiance survey platform.

⁵ Survey instrument questions and design details are reviewed in Appendix A.

⁶ Some additional demographic information within the agency licensee data included residence (zip code), age, and gender. After administration of the survey, the resulting data were completely anonymous.

⁷ This random sample excluded any licensee contacted for the recent agency online survey (ODFW 2021). In addition, 2020 licensees were excluded because there were anomalous changes in license sales (increases in new participants) related to the COVID-19 pandemic (ODFW 2021).

RESEARCH RESULTS

From the sample of 50,000 recreational fishing licensees contacted, 2,873 emails were undeliverable, and we received 7,638 responses, resulting in a response rate of 16.2%. ODFW does not have a marine endorsement, so this survey should be considered representative of all recreational anglers residing in the state of Oregon. Data from these online responses were then merged by ID number with anonymous point of sale (POS) data (age, gender, and zip code) from the sample data.

Since these basic demographic data were available in the original sample, the respondent demographics could be compared to the original sample by gender and age. In addition, since there was some possibility of a regional response bias, zip codes were recoded to the regional level (coastal residents, eastern residents, southern residents, and Willamette Valley residents). Weighting possibilities were then considered. There was little empirical basis for weighting by region, with very consistent similarity between the distributions of the sample and the respondents across all regions. There were more substantive differences related to age and gender, as younger respondents and females were underrepresented among the respondents (see Appendix D). Therefore, following these comparisons, the data were weighted by age and gender for the frequencies reported in the main body of this report.⁸ Weights were not used in the multivariate predictive models because all demographic variables were included as covariates in every model (Winship and Radbill 1994). Thus, only unweighted data are used for the multivariate analyses presented in this report and in the related article (Fox et al. in review).

Results: Basic Frequencies

This section includes a summary of the weighted responses to the questionnaire. The next section of this report will briefly review multivariate analyses conducted to further investigate these data. For a more detailed discussion of the latter, the reader is referred to the related journal article (Fox et al. in review).

Over the last five years, a small proportion (5.1%) of the respondents had not fished in freshwater in Oregon (Table 1). In contrast, many more respondents (42.4%) had not fished in saltwater in Oregon (Table 2). Roughly a quarter of those who fished in freshwater did so quite infrequently (four or fewer days per year), whereas over one third of those fishing in saltwater did so as infrequently. Among those anglers who fished in saltwater, half (49.7%) used a private boat (Table 3), considerably more than those who fished from shore (28.3%) or on charter boats (22.0%).

⁸ To allow the reader to see how the weighting might affect response frequencies, Appendix B presents the weighted data by question, and Appendix C contains the unweighted data.

Table 1. Average annual days respondents fished in freshwater in Oregon over the last 5 years

Response Option	Frequency	Percent
1 – 4 days	1,962	25.9%
5 – 20 days	3,128	41.3%
21 – 60 days	1,484	19.6%
61 or more days	613	8.1%
Did not fish in freshwater	390	5.1%
Total	7,577	100.0%

N = 7,577, Missing = 43

Table 2. Average annual days respondents fished in saltwater in Oregon over the last 5 years

Response Option	Frequency	Percent
1 – 4 days	2,659	35.1%
5 – 20 days	1,305	17.2%
21 – 60 days	313	4.1%
61 or more days	88	1.2%
Did not fish in saltwater	3,208	42.4%
Total	7,572	100.0%

N = 7,572, Missing = 49

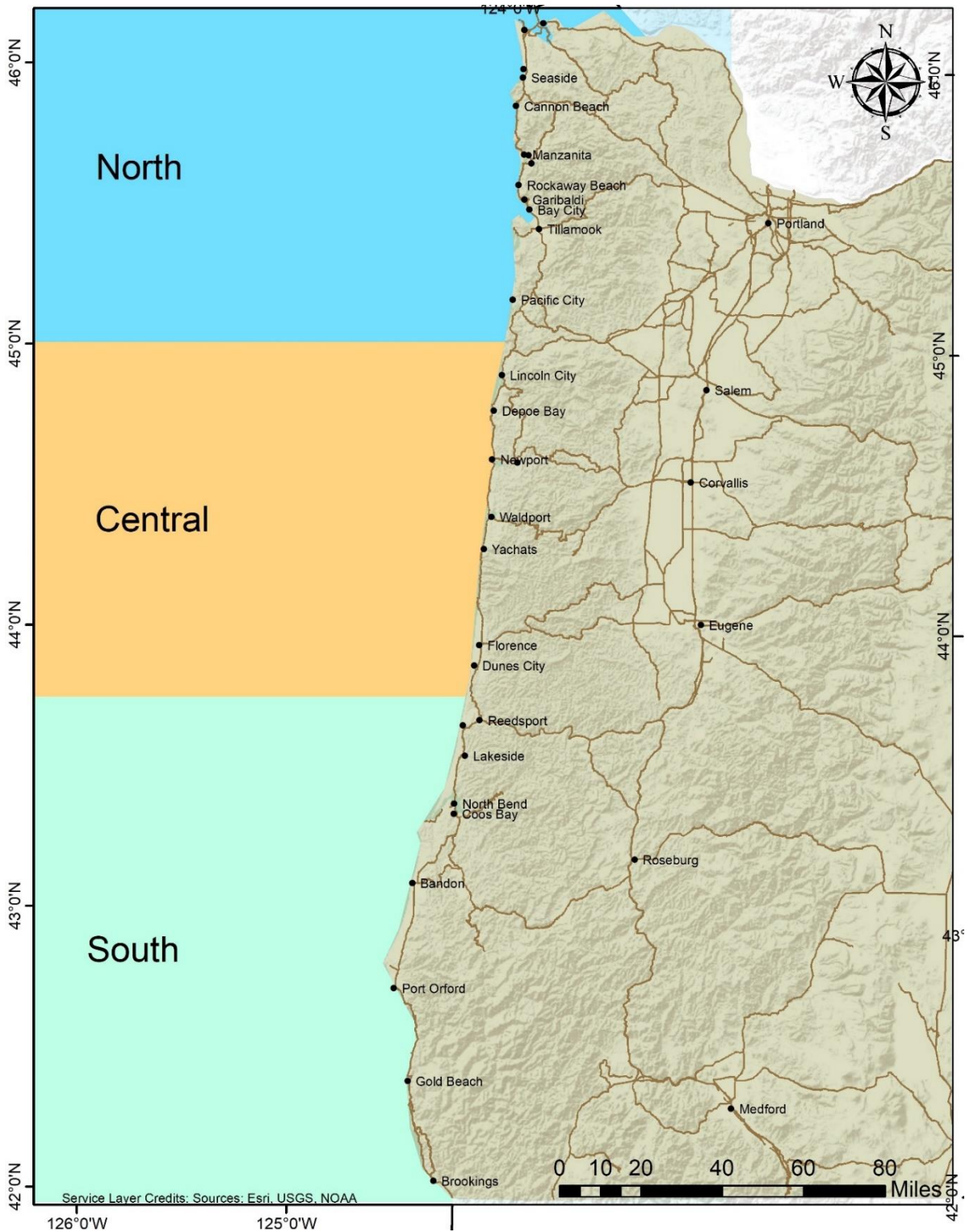
Table 3. Typical fishing mode among saltwater anglers

Response Option	Frequency	Percent
From shore	1,231	28.3%
From a private boat	2,159	49.7%
From a charter boat	958	22.0%
Total	4,348	100.0%

N = 4,348, Missing = 65, N/A = 3,208

Respondents were asked to identify where they fished along the Oregon coast. The coastal regions used to specify their angling locations were identified using the below map (Figure 1), accessed online by the respondents when they encountered this question.

Figure 1. Coastal zone map for fishing location



Most respondents who engaged in saltwater angling did so in the central (46.9%) and northern (43.5%) coast zones (Table 4). This pattern is consistent with access to the coast from population centers in the Willamette Valley and along the I-5 corridor.

**Table 4. Coastal zone fished by saltwater angling respondents
(Select all that apply, sum of response frequencies will exceed 100%)**

Response Option	Frequency	Percent
North	1,892	43.5%
Central	2,043	46.9%
South	1,119	27.6%

N = 4,352; Missing = 60, N/A = 3,208

Only a very small proportion of all respondents were members of an organized national or local fishing group (Table 5).

Table 5. Membership in local or national sportfishing organization

Response Option	Frequency	Percent
Yes	422	6.3%
No	6,278	93.7%
Total	6,700	100.0%

N = 6,700; Missing = 921

The questionnaire included items related to a respondents' sense of personal identity with fishing, a scale of *fishing centrality to lifestyle* (Kim et al. 1997, Beardmore et al. 2013). The scale has been found to have considerable value in prior studies of recreational fishers preferences and behavior. It was included in this survey to enhance the utility of this study to provide more nuanced explanations for fishers attitudes toward the marine reserves. While the previous measures of frequency of freshwater (Table 1) and saltwater (Table 2) participation are useful measures of fishing avidity, those measures do not clearly indicate how identity and values relate to those behaviors. The intent here was to provide better insight into how support for and attitudes towards the reserves might be described or predicted among the Oregon recreational fishing public. Pertaining to the predictive values of the scale, there is an analysis and discussion about this topic later in this report (see Results: Multivariate Analyses).

This scale of fishing identity (Table 6) consists of a series of semantic differential responses to the various items comprising the scale, with those response options ranging on a five-point scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree, with a neutral midpoint.

Some of the items (e.g., A and D) refer to more social aspects of fishing engagement. Others relate more to the hobby aspect (e.g., C and F). The other items in the scale focus more on lifestyle perceptions (B and G) and fishing enjoyment (E). With exception of the latter enjoyment item, a majority of the respondents disagree to some degree with all other items. They are stating that they have others leisure interests and friendships, and time for other hobbies. They do, however, find angling to be one of the most enjoyable activities they engage in. As the majority, however, these respondents would not be the outliers, and thus are not the most avid recreational anglers whose identity and lifestyle anomalously revolves around fishing. Those individuals would be the respondents who most strongly agree with each of the items on the scale, ranging from 1.8% to 6.9% of all respondents (excepting the enjoyment item E, which has more support across all respondents).

Table 6. The following questions help us understand more about your connection to angling. How much do you disagree or agree with each of the following statements?

Response Option	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
A. I would lose a lot of my friends if I stopped angling (N=7570)	57.8% (n=4374)	12.5% (n=947)	18.9% (n=1434)	7.0% (n=528)	3.8% (n=288)
B. Most of my life revolves around angling (N=7559)	42.8% (n=3238)	17.1% (n=1295)	20.1% (n=1520)	14.0% (n=1058)	5.9% (n=449)
C. Because of my angling passion, no time is left for other hobbies (N=7562)	59.4% (n=4489)	19.7% (n=1487)	13.9% (n=1052)	5.2% (n=396)	1.8% (n=138)
D. Most of my friends are connected to angling (N=7560)	32.0% (n=2422)	19.9% (n=1508)	22.4% (n=1697)	19.3% (n=1459)	6.3% (n=475)
E. Going angling is the most enjoyable thing I can do (N=7567)	18.6% (n=1404)	16.3% (n=1231)	26.9% (n=2033)	27.1% (n=2052)	11.2% (n=848)
F. Other leisure activities do NOT interest me as much as angling (N=7571)	29.8% (n=2255)	24.6% (n=1863)	22.3% (n=1688)	16.4% (n=1242)	6.9% (n=523)
G. If I could NOT angle, I would NOT know what else to do (N=7569)	51.7% (n=3911)	17.3% (n=1309)	16.1% (n=1222)	9.2% (n=696)	5.7% (n=431)

A question asked the respondents to identify and rank order any number of a range of constraints that reduced their fishing activities over the prior decade. They were provided with a list of 15 potential impediments with an option to write in an additional item. Respondents were allowed to rank just one item, or all 16 items (including a write-in option). Respondents were also allowed to select the option, “none of the above has reduced my angling activity in Oregon in the last 10 years”. Considering all selected items regardless of their rank (Table 7),

lack of time is most often cited (57.1%), followed by crowding (40.1%), and complex angling regulations (35.0%).

**Table 7. Perceived impediments to angling activities in Oregon within 10 years
(Rank all that apply, sum of response frequencies will exceed 100%)**

Response Option	Frequency	Percent
Lack of time	4,269	57.1%
Lack of angling success	2,309	30.9%
Lack of access to a boat	1,695	22.7%
Crowding	2,996	40.1%
License fees	2,593	34.7%
Cost of gear	1,363	18.3%
Travel costs	1,434	19.2%
No one to angle with	1,461	19.6%
Lack of angling mentor	744	10.0%
Lack of related knowledge	1,135	15.2%
Dock or port closures	842	11.3%
RCA marine closures	601	8.0%
Species catch limits	1,525	20.4%
Seasonal angling closures	2,132	28.5%
Complex angling regulations	2,615	35.0%
Other	989	13.2%
None of the above	641	8.6%

N = 7,470, Missing = 151

The results of the top three rank ordered responses are provided in Table 7a according to the most important identified impediment (i.e., the item most consistently ranked highest as the #1 constraint). Considering the #1 ranked item, the largest proportion of respondents still selected lack of time and crowding as their greatest impediment to fishing. However, the third

greatest proportion of respondents considered lack of angling success as their #1 impediment, followed by license fees, and complex angling regulations. While there was some inevitable re-sorting of rankings in descending order (e.g., lack of time could almost certainly not repeat as #1), crowding remained a primary concern (as the top item for both rankings of the #2 and #3 most important constraints). From a managerial perspective, ODFW cannot address many of the perceived constraints on fishing opportunities, but both license fees and complex regulations were salient constraints.

Table 7a. Impediments ranked as constraints reducing fishing opportunities

Response Option	#1 Rank – N (%)	#2 Rank - N	#3 Rank - N
Lack of time	1) 2,905 (42.9%)	5) 492	9) 274
Crowding	2) 732 (10.8%)	1) 955	1) 563
Lack of angling success	3) 655 (9.7%)	2) 669	6) 295
License fees	4) 644 (9.5%)	3) 666	2) 541
Complex angling regulations	5) 366 (5.4%)	6) 457	3) 535
Other	6) 362 (5.3%)	11) 202	13) 168
Lack of access to boat	7) 262 (3.9%)	4) 548	8) 290
Seasonal angling closures	8) 226 (3.3%)	7) 421	4) 474
No one to angle with	9) 169 (2.5%)	8) 325	7) 293
Species catch limits	10) 141 (2.1%)	9) 290	5) 321
Lack of angling related knowledge	11) 83 (1.2%)	13) 180	12) 195
Travel costs	12) 72 (1.1%)	10) 228	11) 250
Dock or port closures	13) 50 (0.7%)	14) 105	14) 141
Lack of angling mentor	14) 45 (0.7%)	15) 92	15) 126
Cost of gear	15) 39 (0.6%)	12) 201	10) 269
Rockfish Conservation Area closures	16) 25 (0.4%)	16) 49	16) 76

#1 rank N = 6776; #2 Rank N = 5,878, #3 Rank N = 4,781 (excludes “None” and Missing)

In the questionnaire, the marine reserves were not listed as a potential constraint that might have reduced fishing opportunities. The question, which appeared early in the survey sequence

(see Appendix A, Q7), intentionally did not include a marine reserve response option for two reasons. First, the question was designed to avoid prompting the respondents because later questions specifically addressed perceived effects of the reserves. Furthermore, this question design allowed us to gauge the salience of the marine reserves as a perceived constraint to fishing frequency. Of the 7,638 participants who were asked to indicate what might have reduced their fishing activity in Oregon in the last 10 years, 989 of the respondents selected the open-ended “other” option. They were then asked to provide another constraint not listed in the original list (i.e., fill in the blank). However, none of these 989 respondents wrote in anything related to marine reserves (e.g., marine reserves, marine closures, ocean closures, marine protected areas, etc.).

The remaining questions in the survey were specific to the marine reserves. A majority (57.6%) of the respondents were aware that Oregon has a marine reserve system (Table 8). Responses to this question were used to screen which subsequent questions the participants viewed. Participants who were not aware of the marine reserves would not subsequently be asked factual knowledge or perceived impact questions related to the reserves.

Table 8. Are you aware that Oregon has marine reserves?

Response Option	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4,372	57.6%
No	3,222	42.4%
Total	7,594	100.0%

N = 7,470, Missing = 27

Respondents who were aware of the existence of the marine reserves were then asked to identify the correct marine reserves names. To assess marine reserve name recognition, a list of 20 potential marine reserve names was provided, and respondents were asked to select the five correct names for Oregon’s marine reserves. All of the names were related to actual locations along the Oregon coast. The results of these responses are presented in Table 9.

An option for the respondent to select “I don’t know” was included to allow a respondent without any knowledge of marine reserve names to skip this question (i.e., an option to opt out). Furthermore, the option to opt out decreased the chance that some respondents might randomly guess, potentially making a correct selection of some names by chance.⁹ Those respondents who chose to opt out were not included in the subsequent response percentages reported in the table.

⁹ There is a 1 in 4 probability of a correct answer by chance alone with the initial response.

**Table 9. Which of the following are the names of Oregon’s marine reserves?
Select up to five names.**

Response Option	Frequency	Percent
I don't know	1991	48.4%
Percentages below exclude respondents that selected I don't know		
Cascade Head Marine Reserve	968	45.7%
Yaquina Head Marine Reserve	892	42.1%
Ecola Point Marine Reserve	237	11.2%
Pyramid Rock Marine Reserve	86	4.0%
Heceta Head Marine Reserve	467	22.0%
Cape Falcon Marine Reserve	719	33.9%
Coquille Marine Reserve	154	7.3%
Fort Stevens Marine Reserve	246	11.6%
Cape Blanco Marine Reserve	336	15.9%
Sisters Rock Marine Reserve	47	2.2%
Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve	594	28.0%
Arch Cape Marine Reserve	293	13.8%
Three Rocks Marine Reserve	161	7.6%
Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve	833	39.3%
Seal Rock Marine Reserve	451	21.3%
Cape Lookout Marine Reserve	324	15.3%
Otter Rock Marine Reserve	848	40.0%
Seven Devils Marine Reserve	95	4.5%
Three Arch Marine Reserve	162	7.6%
Cape Arago Marine Reserve	285	13.4%

N = 2,119, Missing = 262, N/A = 3,249

The correct names of the marine reserves were almost universally the most commonly chosen responses. The one exception was the nonexistent Yaquina Head Marine Reserve, which was more frequently chosen than any of the reserves except Cascade Head. Nevertheless, none of the marine reserve names were recognized by a majority of the respondents.

The participants total and average correct answers are presented in Table 9a. More than half of the respondents (54.2%) got zero or one answer correct. The average score for all respondents who completed the name recognition test was 1.87/5, or 37.4% correct. Only 16.1% of the respondents achieved a perfect score for this name recognition task.

Table 9a. Correct scores on marine reserves name recognition

Response Option	Frequencies	Percent
None correct	415	19.6%
1 / 5	733	34.6%
2 / 5	430	20.3%
3 / 5	138	6.5%
4 / 5	64	3.0%
5 / 5	340	16.1%

N = 2,119, Missing = 262, N/A = 5,240

Table excludes those who selected "I don't know" for Q9 (N=1,991)

Mean score: 1.87 / 5 = 37.4%

As an additional test of the respondents' factual knowledge of the marine reserves, the participants were asked to identify the location of the reserves, a cognitively more difficult task to assess their related spatial knowledge. To assess knowledge of marine reserve locations, a map of the Oregon coast, divided into 29 individual 10-mile units, was provided (Figure 2). Respondents were then asked to select the five correct units within which the marine reserves are located. Again, for this test, an option to select "I don't know" was included to allow the respondents to opt out and to decrease the chance that some respondents might randomly guess.

Figure 2. Coastal zone map for marine reserve spatial test

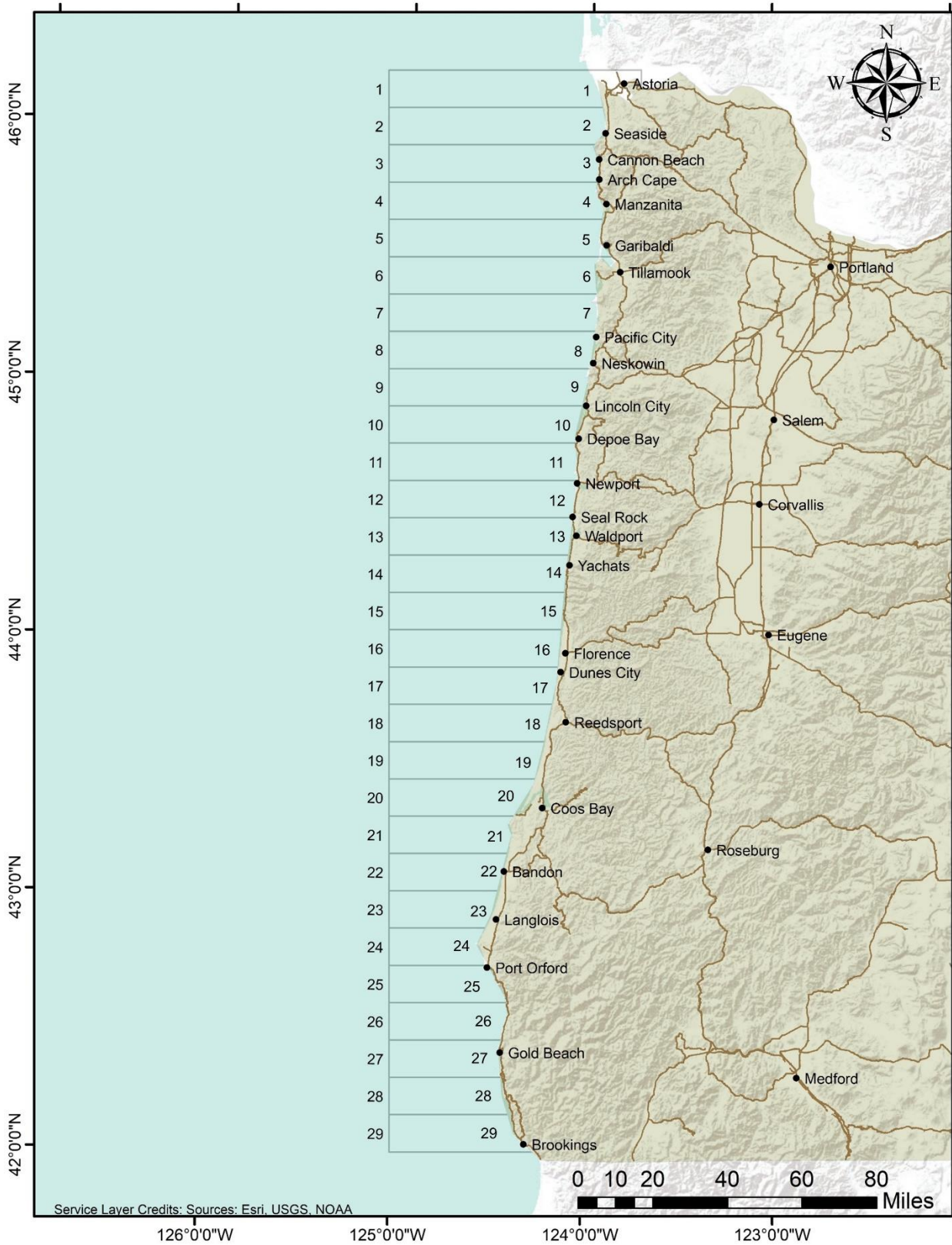


Table 10 presents the results of these responses. There is a clear pattern of the most common location choices occurring at or near (adjacent to) the correct location of the reserves. Nevertheless, there were even fewer correct answers for this spatial knowledge task than the prior name recognition test.

Table 10. Identified marine reserves spatial zones

Coastal Zone	Frequencies	Percent
I don't know	1935	52.3%
Percentages below exclude respondents that selected I don't know		
1	257	14.6%
2	118	6.7%
3	473	26.8%
4	306	17.3%
5	217	12.3%
6	283	16.0%
7	147	8.3%
8	221	12.5%
9	490	27.8%
10	409	23.2%
11	542	30.7%
12	510	28.9%
13	207	11.7%
14	424	24.0%
15	175	9.9%
16	88	5.0%
17	25	1.4%
18	66	3.7%
19	50	2.8%
20	231	13.1%
21	119	6.8%
22	109	6.2%
23	28	1.6%
24	127	7.2%
25	408	23.1%
26	59	3.4%
27	98	5.5%
28	68	3.8%
29	117	6.6%

N = 1,765, Missing = 699, N/A = 3,222

The correct Marine Reserve sites are bold.

4 = Cape Falcon; 9 = Cascade Head, 11 = Otter Rock

14 = Cape Perpetua; 25 = Redfish Rocks

Table 10a summarizes the responses for the marine reserves spatial knowledge question. Again, a majority (70.3%) of these respondents got one or fewer of these factual knowledge answers correct. The average score for all respondents who completed the spatial knowledge test was 1.23/5, or 24.6% correct. Only 39 of the respondents (2.2%) achieved a perfect score for this spatial knowledge test.

Table 10a. Correct scores on marine reserves spatial knowledge

Response Option	Frequencies	Percent
None correct	547	31.0%
1 / 5	693	39.3%
2 / 5	258	14.6%
3 / 5	144	8.2%
4 / 5	82	4.7%
5 / 5	39	2.2%

N = 1,765, Missing = 699, N/A = 5,157

Table excludes those who selected "I don't know" for Q10 (N=1,935)

Mean score: 1.23 / 5 = 24.6%

Those respondents who were aware of Oregon's marine reserves were asked if the reserves had affected their angling behavior (i.e., prompted them to engage in some type of fishing effort shift). Respondents unaware that Oregon has marine reserves should either not have been impacted by implementation or not known if they were impacted by implementation. Among respondents aware of Oregon's marine reserves, 11.8% reported that they had changed their fishing behavior (engaged in fishing effort shift) due to a marine reserve (Table 11).

This question was posed to all respondents aware of the reserves, not just saltwater fishers, to capture those respondents who had switched from saltwater to freshwater fishing because of the reserves. However, understanding the proportion of marine anglers specifically that was displaced by the reserves is crucial for management purposes. Considering only respondents who had fished in saltwater in Oregon in the last five years, 449 out of 4,225 (10.6%) reported changing their angling behavior due to reserve implementation.

Table 11. Have marine reserves changed your angling behavior?

Response Option	Frequency	Percent
Yes	509	11.8%
No	3,793	88.2%
Total	4,302	100.0%

N = 4,302, Missing = 96, N/A = 3,222

Respondents who reported any marine fishing effort shift were then subsequently presented with a series of questions to more closely examine the nature of their reported effort shift. A particular concern addressed was whether the respondents were able to identify substitute marine fishing grounds. The purpose of this question was to identify when fishing displacement was mitigated by fishing in some other substitute saltwater fishing grounds. Such substitution means the respondents' reported displacement was probably not of sufficient magnitude to create a substantial regional economic impact. An actual economic impact would be incurred when spatial displacement was not mitigated by fishing grounds substitution (see TRG 2021a and 2021b). In addition, fishing in the same general area further mitigates the potential economic impact of fishing effort shift by allowing the same shore side travel time and expense.

Among those respondents who reported any marine recreational fishing effort shift (Table 11), 45.7% continued to fish within five miles of their previous location (Table 12). An additional 30.3% of the potentially displaced respondents found substitute saltwater angling opportunities greater than 5 miles from their previous fishing location. A very few (17 respondents, 3.6%) actually moved to fish closer to the marine reserve. Only a small number of the respondents (84, 18.3%) stated that they had been completely displaced from saltwater fishing and only fished in freshwater now. Notably, of the 84 respondents who reported they had switched to freshwater, 60% of these individuals had still indicated that they fished to some extent (on average between 1 – 61+ days per year) in saltwater within the last five years in Oregon (Table 2).

**Table 12. How have marine reserves changed your angling behavior?
(Select all that apply, sum of response frequencies will exceed 100%)**

Response Option	Frequencies	Percent
Same marine area \leq 5 miles	210	45.7%
New marine area > 5 miles	139	30.3%
Only freshwater now	84	18.3%
Moved closer to a reserve	17	3.6%
Other	43	9.3%

N = 460; Missing = 145, N/A = 7,016

To summarize these results, 509 fishers out of 7,638 total respondents (6.7%) indicated a reserve caused them to change their angling behavior. Of those respondents that shifted their fishing effort due to reserve implementation, the majority found substitute saltwater fishing grounds, and almost half (46%) continued to fish in the same area. A total of 84 individuals (1% of all respondents; slightly less than 2% of all marine fishing respondents) stated they had quit fishing in saltwater.

A final question pertained to behavioral impacts related to individual marine reserves. The respondents who had indicated any degree of related fishing effort shift was asked to identify the specific marine reserve that had impacted their fishing behavior. This was an open-ended question (fill in the blank). Marine reserve names were not provided to maintain the integrity of the name recognition test. Likely given the open-ended nature of this question and that marine reserve name recognition was low, few respondents answered this question with an actual Oregon marine reserve. An approximately equal number of respondents (n=15/16) indicated that Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, Otter Rock, and Cape Perpetua had the greatest impact on their fishing behavior (Table 13). Only 9 respondents indicated that Redfish Rocks had the greatest impact on their behavior. A total of 60 respondents (42.6%) indicated a location that was not actually an Oregon Marine Reserve (e.g., Three Rocks).

**Table 13. Which marine reserve had the greatest impact on your behavior?
(Open ended - fill in the blank)**

Response Option	Frequencies	Percent
Cape Falcon	16	11.2%
Cascade Head	15	10.4%
Otter Rock	15	10.4%
Cape Perpetua	15	10.8%
Redfish Rocks	9	6.1%
All reserves	12	8.4%
Location not a marine reserve	60	42.6%
Total	142	100.0%

N = 142, Missing = 463, N/A = 3,208

One additional question addressed support for the marine reserves. All survey participants were asked to respond to this question, not only respondents previously aware of the marine reserve. Given that respondents who had not heard of Oregon’s marine reserves were asked their opinion on the reserves, the question was preceded by the following framing comments:

Marine reserves were defined by the Oregon Legislature as areas in our coastal waters dedicated to conservation and scientific research. All removal of marine life is prohibited, as is ocean development. In Oregon, 3.2% of state waters (<3 miles from shore) are protected as marine reserves.

The response option was a five-point semantic differential scale ranging from strongly oppose to neutral to strongly support (Table 14). Almost 10% of the respondents opposed the marine reserves to some degree. Nearly equal proportions of the remaining respondents were either neutral in reference to the reserves (46.7%) or expressed some degree of support (43.3%) for the reserves.

The final question in the survey was an open-ended request for any additional comments. The responses to that question appear in Appendix E.

Table 14. Do you support the Oregon Marine Reserve System?

Response Option	Frequencies	Percent
Strongly oppose	289	3.9%
Oppose	451	6.0%
Neutral/No Opinion	3,495	46.7%
Support	1,721	23.0%
Strongly Support	1,521	20.3%
Total	7,477	99.9% ¹

N = 7,477, Missing = 143

¹ Rounding error

The final section of this report will review a series of statistical analyses of these survey data. The discussion will examine multivariate analyses performed to understand how recreational fishers' demographics, identity, attitudes, and behavior affect their knowledge of and support for the Oregon Marine Reserves.

Results: Multivariate Analyses

Predictive multivariate (generalized linear) models were used to determine how fisher identity, fishing behaviors, and demographics influence these dependent variables: marine reserve awareness, knowledge, perceived impact, and support. Multiple models were created for these dependent variables using relevant predictor (i.e., independent) variables related both to all respondents and to important subsamples of respondents. For example, the dependent variable marine reserve support was first analyzed with all respondents, and then with the subsample of saltwater fishing respondents in a model that included saltwater fishing specific variables (e.g., where they fished in marine angling zones). Next, marine reserve support was analyzed with the subset of respondents aware of the marine reserves to include related reserve knowledge and impact variables. All relevant predictor variables were included in each model in these multivariate analyses (see Tables 15 and 16 for a list of predictors included in each model). Where applicable, the models were run first with all respondents, and then with subsamples of respondents, saltwater anglers and those who were aware of the marine reserves.

Marine Reserves Awareness (All Respondents and Saltwater Fishers). Over half (57.6%) of all respondents were aware that Oregon has marine reserves (Table 8). Respondents who fished in saltwater more often, were members of a sportfishing club, were older, male, and lived on the coast were significantly more likely to be aware of the marine reserves (Table 15).

Marine Reserves Support (All Respondents and Saltwater Fishers). While fishers often oppose marine reserve restrictions (Danylchuk and Cooke 2011, McNeill et al. 2018, Ngoc 2018), opposition to Oregon's marine reserves among the broad community of recreational fishers was quite low (Table 14). Most respondents supported (43.3%) or had no opinion (46.7%) about the marine reserves, and only 9.9% of respondents opposed the reserves. Respondents who fished in saltwater more often, had higher *Life Importance* scores, and were male were significantly less likely to support the marine reserves (Table 15). Conversely, respondents who were members of a sportfishing club, had higher *Hobby* scores, and were previously aware of the marine reserves were significantly more likely to support the reserves. Respondents from the more liberal Willamette Valley region were significantly more likely to support the marine reserves than respondents from the more conservative southern or eastern regions of Oregon.

Saltwater fishing respondents who fished primarily from shore were significantly more likely to support marine reserves than respondents who fished primarily from a charter boat (Table 15). Saltwater anglers who fished on the south coast were also significantly less likely to support the marine reserves than respondents who did not fish on the south coast.

Knowledge, Impact and Support (Marine Reserve Aware Respondents). Respondents who selected the "I don't know" option for the marine reserve name and spatial tests were significantly less likely to support the reserves (Table 15). However, rather than being more opposed to marine reserves, these respondents with lower perceived knowledge expressed more neutral opinions about the marine reserves. A respondent who considers their self-assessed knowledge of a topic to be low plausibly might be uncomfortable then stating an opinion about that topic. Respondents who had changed their fishing behavior because of marine reserve establishment were also significantly less likely to support the reserves (Table

15). It is intuitive that those whose fishing behavior was affected by marine reserves were less likely to support the marine reserves.

Table 15. Beta estimates and standard errors from generalized linear models predicting marine reserves awareness and support

Predictors	Dependent variables			
	Awareness		Support	
	β	S.E.	β	S.E.
All respondents				
Freshwater avidity	0.004	0.032	0.023	0.015
Saltwater avidity	0.504*	0.035	-0.065*	0.015
Club member	0.532*	0.114	0.322*	0.049
Life Importance	0.013	0.038	-0.139*	0.018
Hobby	-0.026	0.030	0.064*	0.014
Age	0.008*	0.002	0.000	0.001
Gender (Male)	0.172*	0.073	-0.247*	0.034
East Region	-0.792*	0.117	-0.076	0.050
South Region	-0.817*	0.128	-0.097	0.056
Willamette Region	-0.719*	0.107	0.055	0.044
MR aware			0.158*	0.026
Saltwater anglers				
Private boat	-0.026	0.092	-0.070	0.042
Charter boat	-0.156	0.105	-0.126*	0.050
North Zone	0.258*	0.109	0.044	0.048
Central Zone	0.300*	0.104	-0.022	0.046
South Zone	0.435*	0.121	-0.116*	0.052
Marine reserve aware				
Name IDK			-0.197*	0.044
Name score			-0.001	0.022
Spatial IDK			-0.193*	0.044
Spatial score			0.047	0.029
Impact			-0.702*	0.056

Marine Reserves Knowledge (Marine Reserve Aware Respondents and Saltwater Fishers). Only respondents who were aware of Oregon's marine reserves were asked the follow up questions regarding marine reserve knowledge and perceived impact. Of those respondents (n = 4,372), 48.4% and 52.3% selected the "I don't know" option when presented with the marine reserve name and spatial knowledge tests, respectively (Tables 9 and 10). Those who selected "I don't know", and therefore did not attempt the tests, presumably perceived their knowledge of Oregon marine reserve names and locations to be relatively low. Respondents who fished in saltwater more often, had higher *Life Importance* scores, and lived on the coast were significantly less likely to select "I don't know" for both the marine reserve name and spatial knowledge tests (Table 16). These respondents spend a considerable amount of time fishing on the Oregon coast, and therefore, they are likely to feel that they are more knowledgeable about the coast than others. Also, respondents who were older and female were significantly less likely to select "I don't know" for the marine reserve name test.

Name Recognition (Marine Reserve Aware Respondents and Saltwater Fishers). The average score for the number of marine reserves names correctly selected was 1.87/5, or 37.4% (Table 9a). Respondents who fished in saltwater more often, were members of a sportfishing club, and were younger were significantly more likely to have higher scores for the name test (Table 16). For saltwater fishers, respondents who fished on the central coast were significantly more likely to have higher scores for the name test.

Spatial Knowledge (Marine Reserve Aware Respondents and Saltwater Fishers). The average score for the number of marine reserves sites correctly selected was 1.23/5, or 24.6% (Table 10a). Respondents who were members of a sportfishing club were significantly more likely to have higher scores for the spatial test (Table 16). For saltwater fishers, respondents who fished on the central coast were also significantly more likely to have higher scores for the spatial test.

Perceived Impacts (Marine Reserve Aware Respondents and Saltwater Fishers). Only respondents aware of Oregon's marine reserves were asked if the establishment of a marine reserve had caused them to change their fishing behavior (i.e., effort shift). Of those aware of Oregon's marine reserves (n = 4,372), 11.8% indicated they had changed their fishing behavior because of reserve establishment (Table 11). Respondents who fished in freshwater more often, selected "I don't know" on the name or spatial knowledge tests, and scored higher on the name knowledge test were significantly less likely to indicate that marine reserve establishment had caused them to change their fishing behavior (Table 16). However, respondents who fished in saltwater more often, scored higher on the spatial knowledge test, and had higher *Life Importance* scores were significantly more likely to indicate that marine reserve establishment had caused them to change their fishing behavior. These more specialized fishers may have a strong preference for specific fishing locations, which could result in them being most impacted by an area closure (Salz and Loomis 2005). Furthermore, respondents who are more familiar with marine reserve locations (higher spatial knowledge scores) probably retain this information to avoid fishing in these areas, thereby potentially shifting their fishing effort.

Of those that indicated that they changed their fishing behavior because of reserve implementation, most respondents indicated they still fished in the ocean either within five miles of where they previously fished (45.7%) or more than five miles from where they used to fish (30.3%, Table 12). While many variables predicted if a respondent experienced effort shift because of marine reserve establishment, few variables predicted *how* respondents changed their fishing behavior. Respondents who fished in saltwater more often were significantly more likely to indicate that they still fished within five miles of where they previously fished. On the other hand, respondents who selected “I don’t know” for the spatial knowledge test were less likely to select this option. Taken together, these results indicate that those aware of fishing ground substitutes shifted their effort to a nearby location. Avid saltwater fishers likely have the gear, knowledge, fishing companions, and routines specific to saltwater fishing, making the switch to freshwater fishing potentially expensive, difficult, and time consuming. Additionally, saltwater fishing respondents who fished primarily from a private boat were more likely to fish within five miles of where they used to fish than respondents who fished primarily from shore. A private boat provides more freedom to move within the ocean to a non-marine reserve site than does fishing from shore.

A total of 18.3% of the respondents (n = 84) indicated they now only fished in freshwater in response to marine reserve implementation (Table 12). However, of those that reported they had switched to freshwater, 60% of these respondents still indicated that they fished on average 1 – 61+ days in saltwater per year over the last five years in Oregon. Respondents who fished in freshwater more often and selected “I don’t know” for the spatial knowledge test were significantly more likely to indicate that they only fished in freshwater now. Respondents who fished in saltwater more often were less likely to select this freshwater option. Only 3.6% of the respondents engaged in fishing effort shift moved closer to a marine reserve.

Table 16. Beta estimates and standard errors from knowledge and impact related generalized linear models

Predictors	Dependent variable									
	Name IDK		Name score		Spatial IDK		Spatial score		Impact	
	β	S.E.	β	S.E.	β	S.E.	β	S.E.	β	S.E.
All respondents										
Freshwater avidity	-0.039	0.042	0.010	0.024	0.067	0.044	-0.042	0.027	-0.236*	0.068
Saltwater avidity	-0.423*	0.042	0.045*	0.023	-0.492*	0.044	0.036	0.026	0.591*	0.065
Club member	-0.175	0.130	0.131*	0.068	-0.157	0.138	0.197*	0.076	0.109	0.199
Life Importance	-0.106*	0.050	0.009	0.029	-0.105*	0.052	0.035	0.032	0.281*	0.080
Hobby	-0.018	0.040	-0.038	0.024	0.014	0.042	-0.036	0.027	-0.032	0.068
Age	-0.007*	0.002	-0.004*	0.001	0.001	0.003	-0.002	0.002	-0.008	0.004
Gender (Male)	0.252*	0.101	-0.076	0.056	0.063	0.105	-0.077	0.065	0.252	0.179
East Region	0.470*	0.134	-0.020	0.077	0.518*	0.140	-0.021	0.089	-0.390	0.225
South Region	0.669*	0.149	-0.127	0.091	0.442*	0.156	-0.162	0.103	-0.209	0.238
Willamette Region	0.225*	0.112	0.060	0.059	0.268*	0.116	0.106	0.066	-0.149	0.158
Saltwater anglers										
Private boat	-0.003	0.109	-0.006	0.060	-0.009	0.113	-0.021	0.066	-0.046	0.145
Charter boat	-0.149	0.131	-0.126	0.075	0.048	0.137	-0.109	0.087	0.025	0.183
North Zone	-0.016	0.122	0.046	0.063	-0.110	0.129	-0.045	0.069	0.037	0.151
Central Zone	-0.277*	0.114	0.177*	0.061	-0.232*	0.121	0.220*	0.068	0.195	0.144
South Zone	0.152	0.130	0.060	0.066	0.144	0.135	0.130	0.074	0.187	0.159
Marine reserve aware										
Name IDK									0.327*	0.153
Name score									0.221*	0.064
Spatial IDK									0.604*	0.150
Spatial score									0.272*	0.081

CONCLUSIONS

This survey was a large-scale study, with 7,638 respondents. It should be considered representative of all adult Oregon residents who are recreational anglers. Over the last five years, a small proportion (5.1%) of the respondents had not fished in freshwater in Oregon. In contrast, many more respondents (42.4%) had not fished in saltwater in Oregon. In addition, there was a tendency for the respondents to fish more frequently in freshwater than in saltwater. This information is of managerial relevance since ODFW does not have a separate marine fishing license or endorsement.

Most of the respondents fished along the north and/or central coast; only 27.6% fished in the south coast zone. The majority (93.7%) of the respondents do not belong to a sportfishing organization. In response to a series of items pertaining to fishing identify, the scale of *fishing centrality to lifestyle* (Kim et al. 1997, Beardmore et al. 2013), factor analyses indicated that these respondents identify with recreational fishing either as an element of personal identity or simply as a hobby.

Respondents were asked what impediments to their recreational fishing activities they had encountered within the last ten years, which is the time frame since implementation of the marine reserves. The most important (and rank ordered) constraints on fishing identified by the respondents were lack of time, crowding, license fees, angling success, and complex regulations. Although marine reserves were intentionally not a listed constraint, among the 989 respondents who voluntarily chose the “other” response option and entered fill-in-the-blank comments, not one respondent mentioned the marine reserves (or any related similar marine spatial closures). These responses indicate that the marine reserves were not a salient perceived impediment among all respondents.

Some elements of factual knowledge about the marine reserves were assessed. Both marine reserves name recognition and spatial knowledge were low. Among all of the respondents, the mean name recognition score was 37.4% (1.87/5), and the mean score for the more cognitively demanding spatial knowledge test was only 24.6% (1.23/5). There was a tendency for many of those spatial responses to cluster within close proximity to a marine reserve, so some proportion of those incorrect responses were almost spatially accurate.

Among all respondents, 509 out of 7,638 (6.7%) reported that they had changed their fishing behavior (engaged in fishing effort shift) due to a marine reserve. Most had found substitute fishing opportunities. Considering only current saltwater fishers, 449 out of 4,225 saltwater fishing respondents indicated a reserve caused them to change their angling behavior in any manner. Of those respondents that shifted their fishing effort due to reserve implementation, the majority found substitute saltwater fishing grounds, and almost half (45.7%) continued to fish in the same area. A total of 84 individuals (1% of all respondents; slightly less than 2% of all marine fishing respondents) stated they had quit fishing in saltwater.

Multivariate analyses were used to investigate marine reserves awareness, knowledge, and support. Over half (57.6%) of all respondents were aware that Oregon has marine reserves.

Respondents who fished in saltwater more often, were members of a sportfishing club, were older, female, and lived on the coast were significantly more likely to be aware of the marine reserves. Intuitively, coastal residents and those spending more time on the coast conceivably could have encountered an interpretive sign with marine reserve information (e.g., at a dock), attended a public marine reserve planning or outreach event, or spoken with other recreational or commercial fishers who are familiar with the reserves. In addition, anglers with Oregon fishing licenses generally need the ODFW regulatory handbook to understand the complex regulations that govern recreational fishing activities anywhere in the state. This agency handbook includes details on the marine reserve locations, names, and regulations.

Opposition to Oregon's marine reserves among the broad community of recreational fishers was quite low. Most respondents supported (43.3%) or had no opinion (46.7%) about the marine reserves, and only 9.9% of respondents opposed the reserves. Respondents who were members of a sportfishing club, had higher *Hobby* scores, and were previously aware of the marine reserves were significantly more likely to support the reserves. As might be expected, respondents from the more liberal Willamette Valley region were significantly more likely to support the marine reserves than respondents from the more conservative southern or eastern regions of Oregon. Willamette Valley residents support for the marine reserves has been documented in other surveys (Needham et al. 2016, 2022).

Saltwater fishing respondents who fished primarily from shore were significantly more likely to support marine reserves than respondents who fished primarily from a charter boat. Saltwater anglers who fished on the south coast were also significantly less likely to support the marine reserves. This result is likely a factor of residents living near the southern Oregon coast being generally less supportive of the reserves as a marine conservation tool (Lindberg and Williams 2019).

Two questions assessed factual marine reserves knowledge, name recognition and spatial knowledge. The average score for the number of marine reserves names correctly selected was 1.87/5, or 37.4%. Respondents who fished in saltwater more often, were members of a sportfishing club, and were younger were significantly more likely to have higher scores for the name test. For saltwater fishers, respondents who fished on the central coast were significantly more likely to have higher scores for the name test. These avid saltwater fishers could have higher marine reserve name recognition because they encounter the need to avoid the reserves and/or because they read the marine portion of the agency fishing regulation handbook. Presumably, avid saltwater fishers would also frequently encounter informative marine reserve signage on docks.

The average score for the number of marine reserves sites correctly selected was 1.23/5, or 24.6%. Respondents who were members of a sportfishing club were more likely to have higher scores for the spatial test. For saltwater fishers, respondents who fished on the central coast were also significantly more likely to have higher scores for the spatial test. Three of the five marine reserves are located on the central coast. Therefore, anglers fishing on the central coast would need to be more familiar with these reserve locations to avoid prohibited fishing activities.

Among respondents aware of the reserves (n = 4,372), 48.4% and 52.3% selected the “I don’t know” option when presented with the marine reserve name and spatial knowledge tests, respectively. Respondents who selected the “I don’t know” option for the marine reserve name and spatial tests were significantly less likely to support the reserves. However, rather than being more opposed to marine reserves, these respondents with lower perceived knowledge expressed more neutral opinions about the marine reserves.

Of those respondents aware of Oregon’s marine reserves, 11.8% indicated they had changed their fishing behavior because of reserve establishment. Most of the affected marine fishers indicated they still fished in the ocean either within five miles of where they previously fished (45.7%) or more than five miles from where they used to fish (30.3%). While many variables predicted if a respondent experienced effort shift because of marine reserve establishment, few variables predicted *how* respondents changed their fishing behavior. Respondents who fished in saltwater more often were significantly more likely to indicate that they still fished within five miles of where they previously fished. A total of 18.3% of the affected marine fishing respondents (n = 84) indicated they now only fished in freshwater in response to marine reserve implementation. However, of those that reported they had switched to freshwater, 60% of these respondents still indicated that they fished on average 1 – 61+ days in saltwater per year over the last five years in Oregon. This number represents 1% of all respondents, and slightly less than 2% of all marine fishers who responded to this survey.

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APPENDIX A: ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

Recreational Fisher Survey Questionnaire

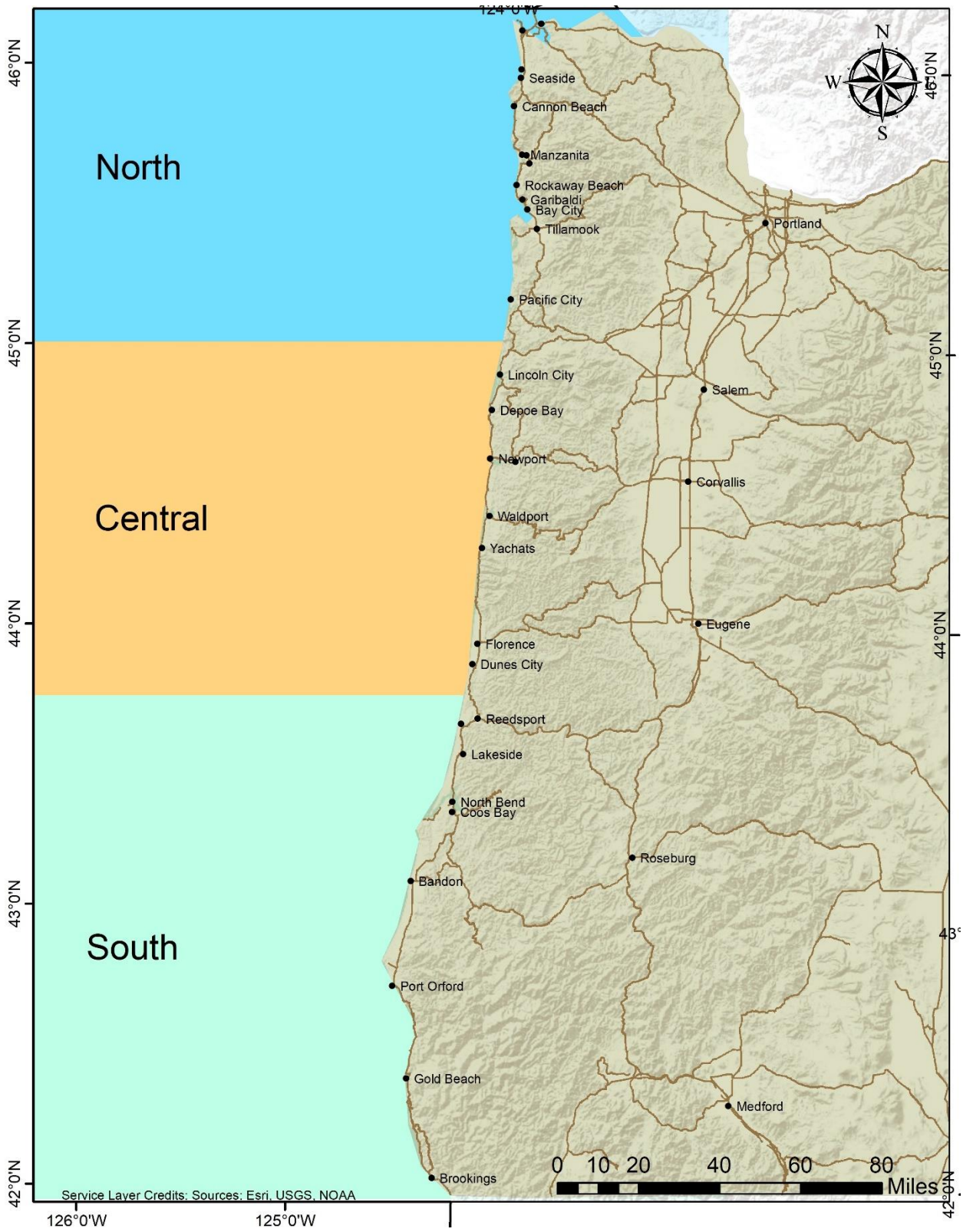
The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is trying to understand more about Oregon anglers. Information like this helps us to serve you better. This survey will take about 5-10 minutes to finish. Taking the survey is voluntary and individual responses to the survey are anonymous. Thank you very much for your valuable time and input.

1. Over the last 5 YEARS, approximately how many days in an average year did you angle in freshwater in Oregon (for example, in a lake, river, or stream)?
 - A. 1-4 days on average PER YEAR
 - B. 5-20 days on average PER YEAR
 - C. 21-60 days on average PER YEAR
 - D. 61 days or more days on average PER YEAR
 - E. I have not fished in freshwater in Oregon over the last 5 years

2. Over the last 5 YEARS, approximately how many days in an average year did you angle in saltwater in Oregon (for example, in the ocean or an estuary)?
 - A. 1-4 days on average PER YEAR
 - B. 5-20 days on average PER YEAR
 - C. 21-60 days on average PER YEAR
 - D. 61 days or more days on average PER YEAR
 - E. I have not fished in saltwater in Oregon over the last 5 years [skip to Q5]

- 3 - How do you typically angle in saltwater in Oregon? (select the option you do the most).
 - A. From shore
 - B. From a private boat (ex. personal boat, rental, etc.)
 - C. From a charter boat (ex. with a paid fishing guide who provides a boat)

4. Where do you angle in saltwater in Oregon? (select all that apply)
Use the map below to help you answer this question.
 - A. North
 - B. Central
 - C. South



5. Are you a member of a local sportfishing club and/or national sportfishing organization?

- A. Yes
- B. No

6. The following questions help us understand more about your connection to angling. How much do you disagree or agree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
I would lose a lot of my friends if I stopped angling					
Most of my life revolves around angling					
Because of my angling passion, no time is left for other hobbies					
Most of my friends are connected to angling					
Going angling is the most enjoyable thing I can do					
Other leisure activities do NOT interest me as much as angling					
If I could NOT angle, I would NOT know what else to do					

7. We will now be asking you about things that may have reduced your angling activities in Oregon over the last 10 years. Please read over the following list and rank any options that reduced your angling activities. Only select options that reduced your angling activities and start with the most important (1) to least important. To remove a rank, please click on the ranking you want to remove.

- A. Lack of time.
- B. Lack of angling success.
- C. Lack of access to a boat.
- D. Crowding (too many people).
- E. License fees.
- F. Cost of gear.
- G. Travel costs.
- H. No one to angle with.
- I. Lack of an angling mentor.
- J. Lack of angling-related knowledge.
- K. Dock or port closures.
- L. Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) marine closures.
- M. Species catch limits.
- N. Seasonal angling closures.
- O. Complex angling regulations.
- P. Other. (fill in the blank)
- Q. None of the above has reduced my angling activities in Oregon in the last 10 years.

8. Are you aware that Oregon has marine reserves?

- A. Yes

B. No [skip to Q14]

9. Which of the following are the names of Oregon's marine reserves. Select up to five names. If you get an error message, go back and change your answers to only include 5 or fewer options.

A. I don't know. [skip to Q10]

B. **Cascade Head Marine Reserve**

C. Yaquina Head Marine Reserve

D. Ecola Point Marine Reserve

E. Pyramid Rock Marine Reserve

F. Heceta Head Marine Reserve

G. **Cape Falcon Marine Reserve**

H. Coquille Marine Reserve

I. Fort Stevens Marine Reserve

J. Cape Blanco Marine Reserve

K. Sisters Rock Marine Reserve

L. **Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve**

M. Arch Cape Marine Reserve

N. Three Rocks Marine Reserve

O. **Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve**

P. Seal Rock Marine Reserve

Q. Cape Lookout Marine Reserve

R. **Otter Rock Marine Reserve**

S. Seven Devils Marine Reserve

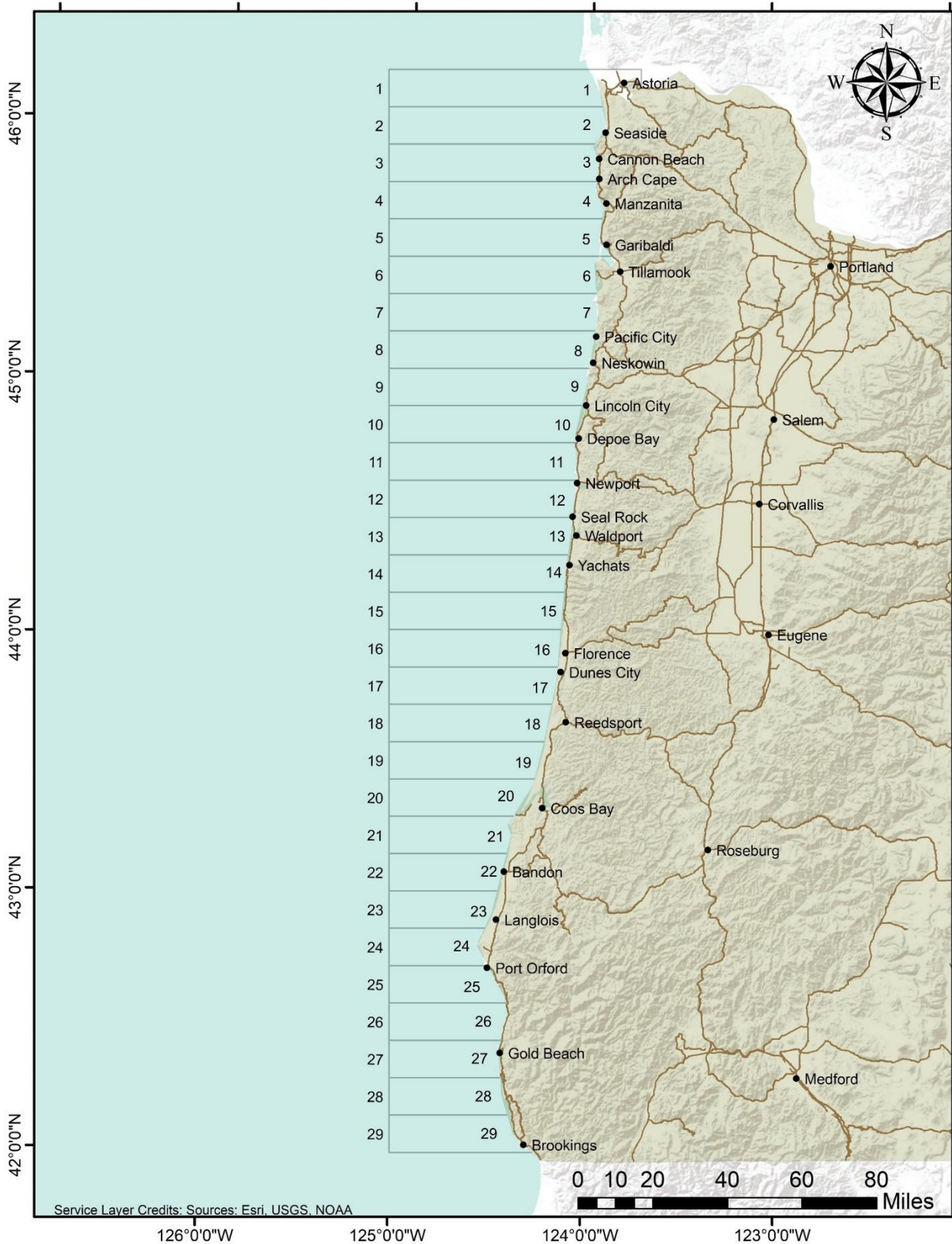
T. Three Arch Marine Reserve

U. Cape Arago Marine Reserve

10. Oregon has both marine reserves and marine protected areas, but this question is only referring to marine reserve placement. Below is a map of the Oregon coast divided into 29 individual 10 mile units. Using the map, please select in which ocean segment labeled 1 – 29 a marine reserve is located. Select up to five numbers where you think marine reserves are located. If you get an error message, go back and change your answers to only include 5 or fewer options.

I don't know. [skip to Q11]

Response options - ocean segment labeled 1 – 29



11. Has the establishment of an Oregon marine reserve changed your angling behavior (for example, where you angle)?

- A. Yes
- B. No [skip to Q14]

12. How has the establishment of an Oregon marine reserve changed your angling behavior? (Select all that apply)

- A. I still angle in the same general area within 5 miles of where I used to angle.
- B. I angle in a completely different marine area more than 5 miles from where I used to angle.
- C. I only angle in freshwater now.
- D. I moved to angle closer to a marine reserve.
- E. Other (please specify). [fill in the blank]

13. Which marine reserve had the greatest impact on your angling behavior? (Select all that apply)

String variable [fill in the blank]

Marine reserves were defined by the Oregon Legislature as areas in our coastal waters dedicated to conservation and scientific research. All removal of marine life is prohibited, as is ocean development. In Oregon, 3.2% of state waters (←3 miles from shore) are protected as marine reserves.

14. Do you support or oppose the current Oregon marine reserve system?

- A. Strongly oppose
- B. Oppose
- C. Neutral / No opinion
- D. Support
- E. Strongly support

15. Is there anything else that you would like to tell us? [fill in the blank]

APPENDIX B: WEIGHTED FREQUENCIES

Appendix B: Questionnaire Weighted Frequencies

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is trying to understand more about Oregon anglers. Information like this helps us to serve you better. This survey will take about 5-10 minutes to finish. Taking the survey is voluntary and individual responses to the survey are anonymous. Thank you very much for your valuable time and input.

1. Over the last 5 YEARS, approximately how many days in an average year did you angle in freshwater in Oregon (for example, in a lake, river, or stream)? (N=7577)

25.9%	1-4 days on average PER YEAR (n=1962)
41.3%	5-20 days on average PER YEAR (n=3128)
19.6%	21-60 days on average PER YEAR (n=1484)
8.1%	61 days or more days on average PER YEAR (n=613)
5.1%	I have not fished in freshwater in Oregon over the last 5 years (n=390)

2. Over the last 5 YEARS, approximately how many days in an average year did you angle in saltwater in Oregon (for example, in the ocean or an estuary)? (N=7572)

35.1%	1-4 days on average PER YEAR (n=2659)
17.2%	5-20 days on average PER YEAR (n=1305)
4.1%	21-60 days on average PER YEAR (n=313)
1.2%	61 days or more days on average PER YEAR (n=88)
42.4%	I have not fished in saltwater in Oregon over the last 5 years (Skip to Q5) (n=3208)

3. How do you typically angle in saltwater in Oregon? (Select the option you do the most). (N=4348)

28.3%	From shore (n=1231)
49.7%	From a private boat (ex. personal boat, rental, etc.) (n=2159)
22.0%	From a charter boat (ex. with a paid fishing guide who provides a boat) (n=958)

4. Where do you angle in saltwater in Oregon? (Select all that apply) Use the map below to help you answer this question. (N=4352)

43.5%	North (n=1892)
46.9%	Central (n=2043)
27.6%	South (n=1199)

5. Are you a member of a local sportfishing club and/or national sportfishing organization? (N=6700)

6.3% Yes (n=422)
 93.7% No (n=6278)

6. The following questions help us understand more about your connection to angling. How much do you disagree or agree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
I would lose a lot of my friends if I stopped angling (N=7570)	57.8% (n=4374)	12.5% (n=947)	18.9% (n=1434)	7.0% (n=528)	3.8% (n=288)
Most of my life revolves around angling (N=7559)	42.8% (n=3238)	17.1% (n=1295)	20.1% (n=1520)	14.0% (n=1058)	5.9% (n=449)
Because of my angling passion, no time is left for other hobbies (N=7562)	59.4% (n=4489)	19.7% (n=1487)	13.9% (n=1052)	5.2% (n=396)	1.8% (n=138)
Most of my friends are connected to angling (N=7560)	32.0% (n=2422)	19.9% (n=1508)	22.4% (n=1697)	19.3% (n=1459)	6.3% (n=475)
Going angling is the most enjoyable thing I can do (N=7567)	18.6% (n=1404)	16.3% (n=1231)	26.9% (n=2033)	27.1% (n=2052)	11.2% (n=848)
Other leisure activities do NOT interest me as much as angling (N=7571)	29.8% (n=2255)	24.6% (n=1863)	22.3% (n=1688)	16.4% (n=1242)	6.9% (n=523)
If I could NOT angle, I would NOT know what else to do (N=7569)	51.7% (n=3911)	17.3% (n=1309)	16.1% (n=1222)	9.2% (n=696)	5.7% (n=431)

7. We will now be asking you about things that may have reduced your angling activities in Oregon over the last 10 years. Please read over the following list and rank any options that reduced your angling activities. Only select options that reduced your angling activities and start with the most important (1) to least important. To remove a rank, please click on the ranking you want to remove. (N=7470)

57.1%	Lack of time (n=4269)
30.9%	Lack of angling success (n=2309)
22.7%	Lack of access to a boat (n=1695)
40.1%	Crowding (too many people) (n=2996)
34.7%	License fees (n=2593)
18.3%	Cost of gear (n=1363)
19.2%	Travel costs (n=1434)
19.6%	No one to angle with (n=1461)
10.0%	Lack of an angling mentor (n=744)
15.2%	Lack of angling related knowledge (n=1135)
11.3%	Dock or port closures (n=842)
8.0%	Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) marine closures (n=601)
20.4%	Species catch limits (n=1525)
28.5%	Seasonal angling closures (n=2132)
35.0%	Complex angling regulations (n=2615)
13.2%	Other (n=989)
8.6%	None of the above has reduced my angling activity in Oregon in the last 10 years (n=641)

7a. Number one ranked options from Q7. (N=6776)

42.9%	Lack of time (n=2905)
9.7%	Lack of angling success (n=655)
3.9%	Lack of access to a boat (n=262)
10.8%	Crowding (too many people) (n=732)
9.5%	License fees (n=644)
0.6%	Cost of gear (n=39)
1.1%	Travel costs (n=72)
2.5%	No one to angle with (n=169)
0.7%	Lack of an angling mentor (n=45)
1.2%	Lack of angling related knowledge (n=83)
0.7%	Dock or port closures (n=50)
0.4%	Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) marine closures (n=25)
2.1%	Species catch limits (n=141)
3.3%	Seasonal angling closures (n=226)
5.4%	Complex angling regulations (n=366)
5.3%	Other (n=362)

7b. Number two ranked options from Q7. (N=5878)

8.4%	Lack of time (n=492)
11.4%	Lack of angling success (n=669)
9.3%	Lack of access to a boat (n=548)
16.2%	Crowding (too many people) (n=955)
11.3%	License fees (n=666)
3.4%	Cost of gear (n=201)
3.9%	Travel costs (n=228)
5.5%	No one to angle with (n=325)
1.6%	Lack of an angling mentor (n=92)
3.1%	Lack of angling related knowledge (n=180)
1.8%	Dock or port closures (n=105)
0.8%	Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) marine closures (n=49)
4.9%	Species catch limits (n=290)
7.2%	Seasonal angling closures (n=421)
7.8%	Complex angling regulations (n=457)
3.4%	Other (n=202)

7c. Number three ranked options from Q7. (N=4781)

5.7%	Lack of time (n=274)
6.2%	Lack of angling success (n=295)
6.1%	Lack of access to a boat (n=290)
11.8%	Crowding (too many people) (n=563)
11.3%	License fees (n=541)
5.6%	Cost of gear (n=269)
5.2%	Travel costs (n=250)
6.1%	No one to angle with (n=293)
2.6%	Lack of an angling mentor (n=126)
4.1%	Lack of angling related knowledge (n=195)
2.9%	Dock or port closures (n=141)
1.6%	Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) marine closures (n=76)
6.7%	Species catch limits (n=321)
9.9%	Seasonal angling closures (n=474)
11.2%	Complex angling regulations (n=535)
2.9%	Other (n=168)

8. Are you aware that Oregon has marine reserves? (Skip to Q14) (N=7594)

57.6%	Yes (n=4372)
42.4%	No (n=3222)

9. Which of the following are the names of Oregon’s marine reserves. Select up to five names. If you get an error message, go back and change your answers to only include 5 or fewer options.

48.4% I don't know (n=1991)

(Percentages below exclude respondents that selected I don't know, Total N=2119)

45.7% Cascade Head Marine Reserve (n=968)

42.1% Yaquina Head Marine Reserve (n=892)

11.2% Ecola Point Marine Reserve (n=237)

4.0% Pyramid Rock Marine Reserve (n=86)

22.0% Heceta Head Marine Reserve (n=467)

33.9% Cape Falcon Marine Reserve (n=719)

7.3% Coquille Marine Reserve (n=154)

11.6% Fort Stevens Marine Reserve (n=246)

15.9% Cape Blanco Marine Reserve (n=336)

2.2% Sisters Rock Marine Reserve (n=47)

28.0% Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve (n=594)

13.8% Arch Cape Marine Reserve (n=293)

7.6% Three Rocks Marine Reserve (n=161)

39.3% Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve (n=833)

21.3% Seal Rock Marine Reserve (n=451)

15.3% Cape Lookout Marine Reserve (n=324)

40.0% Otter Rock Marine Reserve (n=848)

4.5% Seven Devils Marine Reserve (n=95)

7.6% Three Arch Marine Reserve (n=162)

13.4% Cape Arago Marine Reserve (n=285)

*The correct Marine Reserve names are bolded.

Scores, excludes those that selected “I don’t know” (N=2119)

Mean score: 1.87 / 5 = 37.4%

19.6% 0/5 (n=415)

34.6% 1/5 (n=733)

20.3% 2/5 (n=430)

6.5% 3/5 (n=138)

3.0% 4/5 (n=64)

16.1% 5/5 (n=340)

10. Oregon has both marine reserves and marine protected areas, but this question is only referring to marine reserve placement. Below is a map of the Oregon coast divided into 29 individual 10 mile units. Using the map, please select in which ocean segment labeled 1 – 29 a marine reserve is located. Select up to five numbers where you think marine reserves are located. If you get an error message, go back and change your answers to only include 5 or fewer options.

52.3% I don't know (n=1935)

(Percentages below exclude respondents that selected I don't know, Total N=1765)

14.6%	1 (n=257)
6.7%	2 (n=118)
26.8%	3 (n=473)
17.3%	4 (n=306)
12.3%	5 (n=217)
16.0%	6 (n=283)
8.3%	7 (n=147)
12.5%	8 (n=221)
27.8%	9 (n=490)
23.2%	10 (n=409)
30.7%	11 (n=542)
28.9%	12 (n=510)
11.7%	13 (n=207)
24.0%	14 (n=424)
9.9%	15 (n=175)
5.0%	16 (n=88)
1.4%	17 (n=25)
3.7%	18 (n=66)
2.8%	19 (n=50)
13.1%	20 (n=231)
6.8%	21 (n=119)
6.2%	22 (n=109)
1.6%	23 (n=28)
7.2%	24 (n=127)
23.1%	25 (n=408)
3.4%	26 (n=59)
5.5%	27 (n=98)
3.8%	28 (n=68)
6.6%	29 (n=117)

*The correct Marine Reserve sites are bolded.

Scores, excludes those that selected "I don't know" (N=1765)

Mean score: 1.23 / 5 = 24.6%

31.0%	0/5 (n=547)
39.3%	1/5 (n=693)
14.6%	2/5 (n=258)
8.2%	3/5 (n=144)
4.7%	4/5 (n=82)
2.2%	5/5 (n=39)

11. Has the establishment of an Oregon marine reserve changed your angling behavior (for example, where you angle)? (N=4302)

11.8% Yes (n=509)
88.2% No (n=3793)

12. How has the establishment of an Oregon marine reserve changed your angling behavior? (Select all that apply). (N=460)

45.7% I still angle in the same general marine area within 5 miles of where I used to angle (n=210)
30.3% I angle in a completely different marine area more than 5 miles from where I used to angle (n=139)
18.3% I only angle in freshwater now (n=84)
3.6% I moved to angle closer to a marine reserve (n=17)
9.3% Other (please specify) (n=43)

13. Which marine reserve had the greatest impact on your angling behavior? (String variable) (N=142)

11.2% Cape Falcon (n=16)
10.4% Cascade Head (n=15)
10.4% Otter Rock (n=15)
10.8% Cape Perpetua (n=15)
6.1% Redfish Rocks (n=9)
8.4% All reserves (n=12)
42.6% Not an Oregon marine reserve (n=60)

14. Marine reserves were defined by the Oregon Legislature as areas in our coastal waters dedicated to conservation and scientific research. All removal of marine life is prohibited, as is ocean development. In Oregon, 3.2% of state waters (←3 miles from shore) are protected as marine reserves. Do you support or oppose the current Oregon marine reserve system? (N=7477)

3.9% Strongly oppose (n=289)
6.0% Oppose (n=451)
46.7% Neutral / No opinion (n=3495)
23.0% Support (n=1721)
20.3% Strongly support (n=1521)

15. Is there anything else that you would like to tell us?

String variable

APPENDIX C: UNWEIGHTED FREQUENCIES

Appendix C: Questionnaire Unweighted Frequencies

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is trying to understand more about Oregon anglers. Information like this helps us to serve you better. This survey will take about 5-10 minutes to finish. Taking the survey is voluntary and individual responses to the survey are anonymous. Thank you very much for your valuable time and input.

1. Over the last 5 YEARS, approximately how many days in an average year did you angle in freshwater in Oregon (for example, in a lake, river, or stream)? (N=7582)

27.0%	1-4 days on average PER YEAR (n=2050)
41.6%	5-20 days on average PER YEAR (n=3154)
18.1%	21-60 days on average PER YEAR (n=1373)
6.6%	61 days or more days on average PER YEAR (n=503)
6.6%	I have not fished in freshwater in Oregon over the last 5 years (n=502)

2. Over the last 5 YEARS, approximately how many days in an average year did you angle in saltwater in Oregon (for example, in the ocean or an estuary)? (N=7576)

33.9%	1-4 days on average PER YEAR (n=2572)
16.8%	5-20 days on average PER YEAR (n=1275)
4.0%	21-60 days on average PER YEAR (n=301)
1.1%	61 days or more days on average PER YEAR (n=81)
44.2%	I have not fished in saltwater in Oregon over the last 5 years (Skip to Q5) (n=3347)

3. How do you typically angle in saltwater in Oregon? (Select the option you do the most). (N=4213)

24.2%	From shore (n=1021)
53.1%	From a private boat (ex. personal boat, rental, etc.) (n=2238)
22.6%	From a charter boat (ex. with a paid fishing guide who provides a boat) (n=954)

4. Where do you angle in saltwater in Oregon? (Select all that apply). Use the map below to help you answer this question. (N=4215)

44.1%	North (n=1858)
45.8%	Central (n=1931)
27.5%	South (n=1158)

**5. Are you a member of a local sportfishing club and/or national sportfishing organization?
(N=6518)**

7.2% Yes (n=467)
92.8% No (n=6051)

6. The following questions help us understand more about your connection to angling. How much do you disagree or agree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
I would lose a lot of my friends if I stopped angling (N=7576)	56.7% (n=4297)	12.6% (n=954)	20.1% (n=1521)	7.2% (n=542)	3.5% (n=262)
Most of my life revolves around angling (N=7563)	43.9% (n=3320)	17.1% (n=1297)	20.6% (n=1556)	13.1% (n=994)	5.2% (n=396)
Because of my angling passion, no time is left for other hobbies (N=7563)	60.8% (n=4596)	19.1% (n=1443)	14.0% (n=1060)	4.5% (n=344)	1.6% (n=120)
Most of my friends are connected to angling (N=7566)	32.4% (n=2452)	20.8% (n=1574)	22.5% (n=1699)	18.9% (n=1432)	5.4% (n=409)
Going angling is the most enjoyable thing I can do (N=7572)	19.8% (n=1497)	16.6% (n=1260)	27.2% (n=2058)	26.6% (n=2017)	9.8% (n=740)
Other leisure activities do NOT interest me as much as angling (N=7576)	31.5% (n=2385)	24.4% (n=1847)	22.4% (n=1698)	15.4% (n=1167)	6.3% (n=479)
If I could NOT angle, I would NOT know what else to do (N=7574)	54.8% (n=4153)	17.1% (n=1296)	15.8% (n=1195)	7.7% (n=582)	4.6% (n=348)

7. We will now be asking you about things that may have reduced your angling activities in Oregon over the last 10 years. Please read over the following list and rank any options that reduced your angling activities. Only select options that reduced your angling activities and start with the most important (1) to least important. To remove a rank, please click on the ranking you want to remove. (N=7484)

51.9%	Lack of time (n=3886)
29.3%	Lack of angling success (n=2193)
20.0%	Lack of access to a boat (n=1496)
38.1%	Crowding (too many people) (n=2849)
32.0%	License fees (n=2393)
15.2%	Cost of gear (n=1140)
17.9%	Travel costs (n=1343)
18.7%	No one to angle with (n=1399)
8.6%	Lack of an angling mentor (n=642)
13.3%	Lack of angling related knowledge (n=995)
11.0%	Dock or port closures (n=825)
8.2%	Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) marine closures (n=616)
21.8%	Species catch limits (n=1635)
28.2%	Seasonal angling closures (n=2113)
36.4%	Complex angling regulations (n=2724)
14.7%	Other (n=1100)
10.0%	None of the above has reduced my angling activity in Oregon in the last 10 years (n=749)

7a. Number one ranked options from Q7. (N=6665)

39.8%	Lack of time (n=2650)
10.2%	Lack of angling success (n=681)
3.9%	Lack of access to a boat (n=263)
11.1%	Crowding (too many people) (n=740)
8.9%	License fees (n=596)
0.6%	Cost of gear (n=38)
1.2%	Travel costs (n=77)
3.0%	No one to angle with (n=200)
0.6%	Lack of an angling mentor (n=40)
1.0%	Lack of angling related knowledge (n=64)
0.9%	Dock or port closures (n=60)
0.4%	Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) marine closures (n=28)
2.6%	Species catch limits (n=170)
3.6%	Seasonal angling closures (n=237)
6.2%	Complex angling regulations (n=415)
6.1%	Other (n=406)

7b. Number two ranked options from Q7. (N=5716)

8.0%	Lack of time (n=455)
10.8%	Lack of angling success (n=619)
8.0%	Lack of access to a boat (n=460)
15.9%	Crowding (too many people) (n=908)
11.0%	License fees (n=627)
2.7%	Cost of gear (n=155)
4.1%	Travel costs (n=236)
5.9%	No one to angle with (n=340)
1.4%	Lack of an angling mentor (n=80)
3.1%	Lack of angling related knowledge (n=178)
2.0%	Dock or port closures (n=113)
0.9%	Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) marine closures (n=50)
5.5%	Species catch limits (n=316)
7.7%	Seasonal angling closures (n=441)
8.9%	Complex angling regulations (n=510)
4.0%	Other (n=228)

7c. Number three ranked options from Q7. (N=4548)

5.1%	Lack of time (n=234)
6.1%	Lack of angling success (n=278)
5.6%	Lack of access to a boat (n=254)
11.0%	Crowding (too many people) (n=500)
10.6%	License fees (n=481)
4.8%	Cost of gear (n=219)
5.1%	Travel costs (n=232)
6.4%	No one to angle with (n=290)
2.3%	Lack of an angling mentor (n=103)
3.8%	Lack of angling related knowledge (n=175)
3.3%	Dock or port closures (n=148)
1.8%	Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) marine closures (n=84)
8.0%	Species catch limits (n=363)
10.4%	Seasonal angling closures (n=475)
12.3%	Complex angling regulations (n=558)
3.4%	Other (n=154)

8. Are you aware that Oregon has marine reserves? (Skip to Q14) (N=7606)

59.1%	Yes (n=4493)
40.9%	No (n=3113)

9. Which of the following are the names of Oregon’s marine reserves. Select up to five names. If you get an error message, go back and change your answers to only include 5 or fewer options.

47.9% I don't know (n=2015)

(Percentages below exclude respondents that selected I don't know, Total N=2195)

44.5% **Cascade Head Marine Reserve (n=977)**

43.8% Yaquina Head Marine Reserve (n=961)

10.3% Ecola Point Marine Reserve (n=225)

4.4% Pyramid Rock Marine Reserve (n=96)

23.4% Heceta Head Marine Reserve (n=514)

34.1% **Cape Falcon Marine Reserve (n=749)**

7.6% Coquille Marine Reserve (n=167)

11.7% Fort Stevens Marine Reserve (n=257)

17.4% Cape Blanco Marine Reserve (n=383)

2.1% Sisters Rock Marine Reserve (n=45)

25.9% **Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve (n=569)**

16.4% Arch Cape Marine Reserve (n=361)

8.2% Three Rocks Marine Reserve (n=180)

38.8% **Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve (n=851)**

21.2% Seal Rock Marine Reserve (n=465)

14.5% Cape Lookout Marine Reserve (n=319)

38.4% **Otter Rock Marine Reserve (n=842)**

4.7% Seven Devils Marine Reserve (n=103)

9.0% Three Arch Marine Reserve (n=198)

15.2% Cape Arago Marine Reserve (n=334)

*The correct Marine Reserve names are bolded.

Scores, excludes those that selected “I don't know” (N=2195)

Mean score: 1.82 / 5 = 36.4%

19.7% 0/5 (n=432)

35.2% 1/5 (n=772)

20.8% 2/5 (n=456)

6.8% 3/5 (n=150)

3.2% 4/5 (n=71)

14.3% 5/5 (n=314)

10. Oregon has both marine reserves and marine protected areas, but this question is only referring to marine reserve placement. Below is a map of the Oregon coast divided into 29 individual 10 mile units. Using the map, please select in which ocean segment labeled 1 – 29 a marine reserve is located. Select up to five numbers where you think marine reserves are located. If you get an error message, go back and change your answers to only include 5 or fewer options.

52.5% I don't know (n=1975)

(Percentages below exclude respondents that selected I don't know, Total N=1787)

14.9%	1 (n=267)
6.8%	2 (n=122)
27.4%	3 (n=490)
17.8%	4 (n=318)
12.6%	5 (n=225)
15.8%	6 (n=282)
7.9%	7 (n=142)
13.8%	8 (n=247)
26.4%	9 (n=471)
24.1%	10 (n=431)
31.6%	11 (n=564)
30.3%	12 (n=541)
11.1%	13 (n=198)
23.6%	14 (n=422)
9.9%	15 (n=177)
5.7%	16 (n=101)
1.5%	17 (n=26)
4.0%	18 (n=72)
2.2%	19 (n=39)
11.9%	20 (n=212)
6.5%	21 (n=116)
6.7%	22 (n=119)
2.0%	23 (n=36)
7.8%	24 (n=140)
22.4%	25 (n=400)
3.0%	26 (n=54)
5.2%	27 (n=93)
3.2%	28 (n=57)
7.2%	29 (n=128)

*The correct Marine Reserve sites are bolded.

Scores, excludes those that selected "I don't know" (N=1787)

Mean score: 1.22 / 5 = 24.3%

31.4%	0/5 (n=562)
38.8%	1/5 (n=693)
15.2%	2/5 (n=272)
7.8%	3/5 (n=139)
4.7%	4/5 (n=84)
2.1%	5/5 (n=37)

11. Has the establishment of an Oregon marine reserve changed your angling behavior (for example, where you angle)? (N=4415)

11.7% Yes (n=517)
88.3% No (n=3898)

12. How has the establishment of an Oregon marine reserve changed your angling behavior? (Select all that apply). (N=473)

45.9% I still angle in the same general marine area within 5 miles of where I used to angle (n=217)
29.4% I angle in a completely different marine area more than 5 miles from where I used to angle (n=139)
18.4% I only angle in freshwater now (n=87)
3.4% I moved to angle closer to a marine reserve (n=16)
10.8% Other (please specify) (n=51)

13. Which marine reserve had the greatest impact on your angling behavior? (String variable) (N=159)

10.7% Cape Falcon (n=17)
10.7% Cascade Head (n=17)
7.5% Otter Rock (n=12)
10.7% Cape Perpetua (n=17)
5.7% Redfish Rocks (n=9)
8.8% All reserves (n=14)
45.9% Not an Oregon marine reserve (n=73)

14. Marine reserves were defined by the Oregon Legislature as areas in our coastal waters dedicated to conservation and scientific research. All removal of marine life is prohibited, as is ocean development. In Oregon, 3.2% of state waters (<3 miles from shore) are protected as marine reserves. Do you support or oppose the current Oregon marine reserve system? (N=7485)

4.0% Strongly oppose (n=298)
6.6% Oppose (n=495)
46.2% Neutral / No opinion (n=3461)
24.0% Support (n=1799)
19.1% Strongly support (n=1432)

15. Is there anything else that you would like to tell us?

String variable

Appendix D: Data Weighting Comparisons

Recreational Fisher Survey Demographics Reviewed for Weighting

Age

Full sample (50,000)

- Mean = 47.1 years
- Median = 45.9 years
- Between 18 – 25 years = 10.1%
- Between 26 – 35 years = 17.7%
- Between 36 – 45 years = 20.4%
- Between 46 – 55 years = 17.6%
- Between 56 – 65 years = 15.6%
- Between 66 – 75 years = 14.1%
- Older than 76 years = 4.4%

Respondent sample (7,637)

- Mean = 55.5 years
- Median = 57.4 years
- Between 18 – 25 years = 2.6%
- Between 26 – 35 years = 8.1%
- Between 36 – 45 years = 16.6%
- Between 46 – 55 years = 17.9%
- Between 56 – 65 years = 23.0%
- Between 66 – 75 years = 24.8%
- Older than 76 years = 7.1%

Gender

Full sample (50,000)

- Female = 20.5%
- Male = 79.5%
- Non-binary = 0.07%

Respondent sample (7,637)

- Female = 14.8%
- Male = 85.1%
- Non-binary = 0.05%

Zip code region (only sampled Oregonians)

Full sample (50,000)

- Coast (Coast range crest west) = 9.0%
- East (Cascade Range crest east) = 22.9%
- South (Umpqua River south) = 11.3%
- Willamette (Umpqua River north) = 56.8%

Respondent sample (7,637)

- Coast (Coast range crest west) = 9.5%
- East (Cascade Range crest east) = 21.2%
- South (Umpqua River south) = 10.8%
- Willamette (Umpqua River north) = 58.6%

Appendix E: Q15 Additional Comments

Fxxk the basin endorsement

No other than we need to get a handle on climate change or we will NOT have water to fish in!!!!!!!

I am sometimes confused after reading the Fishing Regulations. Does ODFW have fishing classes that review the regulations? Kinda like a Drivers Ed course refresher. A video would be good so we could access online at our leisure.

Control the offshore foreign fishing fleets they are annihilating the fish stocks. Soon there will be no fish left and ODFW will have no reason to exist!! Extend the economic zone to 500 miles.

Manage sea lions and birds that eat smolts. Reopen hatcheries.

Start allowing hunters and fisherman to shoot cormorants and sea lions that are located out of side of brackish waters. Both species are grossly over populated and need to be put back into balance. You could even sell tags and make some money. ODFW needs to take hard look in the mirror and there liberal policies because they do not work. Wolves, cormorants, seals, and liberal policies have decimated this state. You wonder sales of fishing and hunting licenses are down, look in the mirror.

Plant the rivers or take out the dams

The app and website are hard to navigate and find what you're looking for. Even the search function doesn't help. E Regs are difficult to find rules for specific rivers like Nehalem. You should be able to type in "What are the fishing regulations," for specific river or area, and get quality results.

Preservation programs are important and would like to see people angling and harvesting illegally dealt with

I support you and plan on getting out more to go fishing Thanks Kelly

The Marine Reserve System is ok as it is ... as long as it doesn't enlarge and take more of the Oregon Coast from Anglers.

Kids under 18 should be free

i would like to see that Sturgeon fishing to a complete stop, not even for the sport and catch and release. I would like to cut down the amount of seals in our Rivers along with Carmerants. At the rate these they are eating the Salmon it is just a matter of time and they will be gone.

These reserves are important!! Removing their protection could crumble the ocean fish population and result in major disaster. Ruining future angling for the rest of the time that earth exists.

You keep letting the gill netters catch and kill everything including sturgeon and you screw the sports fishermen with your regulations and constant changes in the regulations. You only let us fish for sturgeon when the water is cold. Your licensing fees are too much and they go up every year.

I don't fish where I'm not supposed to ... okay?

I love to fish but i love to hunt more. some day if i have more time I'll probably fish more.

We have been avid fishermen for many years mostly in the high lakes in Central Oregon where we had lived for many years. When our children were small we lived in the Canyonville area and spent many years camping at Bullard's Beach taking the kids crabbing in the bay and bottom fishing in the ocean. Now we are older and don't spend near as much time fishing. The High Lakes are so low and the natural fishery at

Wickiup has been depleted so badly. So sad. We don't fish for salmon but have seen them herded up slaughtered in the Coquille River by seals. The amount of salmon fishing boats in the main Umpqua are almost as bad as the Hog lines in the Columbia. We will just go crabbing later in the fall at Bandon after all the others go home.

i like to fish but haven't made it to the coast in ten years

Fishing is lame

Need more hatchery Salmon and Steelhead

I believe spending on cleanup of reserves and surrounding areas will go much farther than just having reserves that are left alone. I do fish for sport when time allows it.

I'm not a very good fisherman but I have caught more trash than fish.

All you are worried about is your pers retirement not fisherman of Oregon

You Fishheads are generally grumpy and when approached in your offices tend to power trip. Better remember who you work for.

Stop doing a crap job of managing our fishing and hunting grounds. Every year it cost more to do less and more police are hired to give out tickets

Please do everything possible to protect our fish and water habitat. This includes Corps of Engineers projects and environmental judgements which require their action.

The odfw website sucks Whoever ok'd the new design does not deserve the tax dollars I pay them

I would like the state to address access and the need of trash cans and chemical toilets and larger fines for throwing and dumping trash on our beautiful coast and rivers! I personally devote time to pick up fishing line and trash every week!

Pls help remove the dams on the Deschutes river

Why has OR become a totalitarian state?

I am a freshwater angler and enjoy stocked freshwater fishing but there has been a severe lack of stocking in Salem Oregon and surrounding areas so angling has not been the same.

I think the survey should have stated the intention of these questions. Ridiculous questions.

I have lung cancer. I fish from a kayak I find it ridiculous that I have to register my kayak to put a small electric trolling motor (less than 50lbs thrust) to aid in my ability to access Oregon water ways. I feel there should a clause for small personal watercraft and electric motors (50lbs of thrust and under) to serve as a mobility aide rendering the need to go through the long and tedious process to register a water craft that was really never ment to be a registered vessel.

Kyle Bratcher is a great employee of ODFW

I am disappointed that there are still gill nets in the Columbia river. Especially, after we pay for the Columbia endorsement. Not impressed with the current Governor's understanding and support of the resource.

i only go fishing once a year with buddies at a lake

I strongly support conservation and whatever steps are necessary to ensure a healthy ecosystem all people can enjoy for years to come, even if I am personally inconvenienced at some point.

I have heard that when Charter fishing that when ya catch a protected fish they have to let them go. However then they die anyway. So why not keep it. Seems like a waste

allow fish with barb on and make sure and train fisher know how to relist fish if need. (like cut the hook by 1/2 with cutter) Fisher can fish with barb on if carry wire cutter ... we are fortunate enough to have a cabin very close to Cape Falcon Marine Reserve Poaching is a problem in rural fisheries, especially with forest service or BLM road access. Fear of gun carrying fishermen is a problem for enforcement (as in other areas of law enforcement).

I don't fish.

100 years ago we didn't need a fishing license !?!?!?

Would love to see simple regulations and a place you can go (app) to get current regs on the water your phone is currently located at. Also reinstate hatchery salmon and steelhead, increase fish survival rate, take out the snake river dams, feed the whales and provide more sport fishing

Restrictions and upkeep of native fishing/netting spots and angling is a basic human right not a privilege that can be taken away completely state officials

The questions in this survey make me concerned that ODFW is very disconnected from what recreational fisherman are interested and concerned about.

Why in the world would you lift Deschutes hoot owl restrictions on the second hottest week of the year?? Also why are you allowing the kill of native steelhead in southern OR? And why do you allow bait fishing on the John Day river? It only has wild steelhead and that increases the mortality? Please rethink these and other rules. Steelhead and salmon are disappearing.

Try to keep the water level high at Brownlee reservoir

You need to make salmon fishing laws MUCH CLEARER! Especially marine!

Can we bring back the old tag system? I don't like having to carry a phone while I fish. Too many licenses and tags. Getting too expensive to be able to go steelhead and salmon fishing.

I wish there was a good option for single day salmon tags for someone who already has an annual angling license

Price to fish an hunt in are home state!

the beaches should also be closed to vehicles, they crush the small crustaceans that surf fish feed on, leak oil and other fluids on the beach and destroy habitat

Enjoy what you do.

I love fishing with my husband it is a lifestyle and peace healing for us. We only keep what is legal and what we will eat for food for our family this is very important to us. It would be great to have an audit of the ODF+W

The cost of annual fishing licenses is too high. We should get a refund for last year due to many closures from covid

I don't fish. Except occasionally

Abalone regulations are unclear.

My wife and son both quit fishing due to barbless hook requirements on the Columbia River. It's no fun to fish if most of the fish they hook are lost.

Hear requests to take youths fishing and mentor but it's so complicated now and expensive its impossible to do

Boat registration fees, license and tag fees and the cost of gasoline to drive around the state have severely limited my fishing these days. In addition our governor does

not give a rat's ass about Sportsmen Her and the legislature appear to take great pleasure in sticking it to Hunters and fishermen.

We need our rivers filled with trout, salmon, and steelhead. Native or hatchery. To spend that kind of money being a resident and not catch anything is not right. Anyone should be able to catch and enjoy harvesting fish for their table. Oregon has problems.

I have a great appreciation for ODFW's work. Please keep fighting for conservation and protecting people and animal rights!

When you close the big rivers to salmon fishing, it brings the big charters taking out multiple people to smaller rivers like the Nestucca. This creates a barrier of boat to boat blockage in such a tiny area which impacts the fish abilities to move upstream and, also does not give me much hope in fishing. These types of sport charters should not be allowed to go into smaller rivers and create such a blockage to the fish and for other smaller time anglers like myself. It's also just super annoying how aggressive they are too with a lack of regulation in that river

Try to keep your fees in check, and reasonable. Also be reasonable with catch limits and fishing days allowed.

Fees have gone up, regulations are too complicated, River fishing for trout is ridiculous due to regulations and no more stocking.

Need to plant salmon in the Umpqua and get rid of sea lions that target the runs in the river

We live in AMERICA LAND OF THE FREE HOME OF THE BRAVE! I HAVE BEEN AN OREGON RESIDENT ALL MY LIFE IT MAKES ME SICK TO SEE HOW OUR STATE IS BEING DESTROYED FROM THE INSIDE OUT!

You allow the indians to over fiish and they WASTE TOO MUCH. And their nets are killing other species as incidental

People are quitting fishing due to lack of salmon and the cost associated with the sport itself. It's becoming too expensive to fish for the few salmon that remain.

Keep the Gill betters out of our rivers

Mainly fish for salmon in the mouth of rivers. Purchase on some beaches.

Regulations, especially regarding salmon trout steelhead, are very confusing. It's nice that you tailor management practices to specific waters, but it makes for a lot of different rules to keep track of.

Figuring out the regs is difficult and no barb makes no sense and adds to the reg complexity

I do not fish in the ocean

Get rid of about 1/2 of the sea lions that are the biggest problem with the salmon runs!

Finding time to get away is tantamount.

A good idea has become too big by closing too many areas to fishermen.

"The cost to hunt and fish is pricing the middle class out of the market. Also, what more does it take to get an Elk Tag?

Stop allowing towns to charge people to park in the most popular areas to fish. This is one way to stop people from wanting to fish.

Oregon governor is killing small businesses, wish I had more time to fish, trying to keep my business alive is more than a full time job in Oregon

I strongly support conservation and scientific research, but I'm not educated enough about the details of our current marine reserve system to have much of an opinion. I think it would be great if there was more education. I grew up in Oregon and spent a lot of time at the coast as a kid and was interested in marine life, but I don't ever remember learning about marine reserves.

Sorry, not much help. I only go fishing when my son invites me.

Extend sturgeon seasons

Protect our water with comprehensive management policies that are symbiotic with the nature's laws not man's!

It would be nice to see our fisheries managed like others with better broodstock programs and a much more robust hatchery program. ODFW has done a piss poor job. Our rivers and streams have the potential to be world class through out the entire state. Instead ODFW spends money on protecting wolves and paying for the constant predation. Open the season on wolves, collect revenue on the tags and use that money to help support our hatcheries. Oh and pull your head out of your asses.

sorry i dont know more about the reserves. i feel like i need to do a little research into them.

The upper section of the south fork of the Coquille River, or at least a portion of it, should be opened to fly fishing. It would be economically beneficial to the local area and it would naturally police a fishery that is constantly being fished illegally.

make the fishing regulation easy to understand

Hatch more fish. Kill more sealing. They are called sealing not riverlions get rid of the clip fin bs. Hatchery and wild are the same. Catch a fish now in this heat and it will die when you release it.

I didnt buy a license the last two years because of covid, and the closures, by our Governor. I'm thinking alone on a kayak is not a super spreader event. Regardless, it doesnt matter, because I can't get the intellectually challenged staff at the marine board to register my kayak anyway. Perhaps less unaccountable government employees and regulation would be better.

WE DON'T FISH

I am a guest with my husband. He pays attention to those things. I get to relax and enjoy. I'm a lucky girl.

Does ODFW fisheries partner with Army Corp of Engineer's policies of water release flows of dams? There needs to be a happy medium of water flow for those who recreate. I'm not seeing enough done. The weather is certainly a factor, I understand that. What more can the public do?

I think out of state licensing should cost more

Run the hatcheries! I rarely fish rivers anymore. Let the private sector take over the hatchery system.

Oregon refuses to produce enough fish to keep fishing interesting.

Good Job, party on.

Keep up the good work Thanks for all your efforts. My grandkids will have their opportunity because of your efforts

eliminate license requirements for youth under 16 years of age!

Manage predators!

I use to fly fish quite often mostly on Gearhart Mountain. Some Official in their infinite wisdom decided that We were interfering with native trout by stocking the creeks, now You can't even catch a fish. The Town of Paisley is now almost a Ghost Town because they depended a great deal on fishing the Chewaucan, fished it a couple of Years ago and caught 3 fish, all were females with eggs, would have thrown them back of I'd known however odds predict the at least 1 of them would have been male if there were any around. You didn't accomplish a thing but to clear the whole river of fish and dry up a Town.

Please dedicate some additional resources to make launching rafts and drift boats easier.

Marine reserves are a great idea

We need to do something about the Seals and Sea Lions that are entering our coastal streams searching for Salmonids and Cutthroat Trout. I saw several much further up the river system than I'd ever seen before. The coastal rivers are extremely crowded in the Winter, Spring months. More fish spread out in the Oregon coastal streams.

Our hatcheries need to raise more fish!!!!!!!

This is a reality bizzar survey

I support the removal of hatcheries that would lead to the sustainability of wild, native fish species.

Tracking fishing regulations has become way to complicated. It seems with regulations constantly changing, they are trying to discourage people from angling. The current procedures in place seem to favor guides and not the general angler who is just trying to go out one or two days a week or month and enjoy any angling opportunities.

More habitat protection is needed.

I would like to see more enforcement of Anglers from Shore. I am sure many of them do not have licenses and are taking species that are restricted

Fishings fun, so we need to protect our fish so that they remain available as a resource for years to come.

The fishing regulations are very confusing. like only fishing on certain days of the week for this fish and oh you cant keep that species if you have one of those species in possession. you need to be a dam lawyer to understand them.

I believe the state is too concerned with appeasing environmental groups and commercial fishing lobbies and ignores how important the recreational fishing is to the quality of life of Oregon residents. Sea lions populations have been allowed to increase unchecked for decades.

We need more diversity of species, trout and steelhead are fine but other warm water species are very well received and sought after

Keep fishing alive. As it has been a huge part of my 56 years in Oregon.

Are steelhead season are horrible. Why don't you manage that better and bring them back. You ruined a good thing.

Your hatchery program is in desperate need of revamping!

I support reserves but also want angling opportunities.

Our fish - salmon are so poorly regulated it is. Or worth fishing or buying a tag. The fees are too steep to enjoy the sport now

A reduced licence fee for anglers 65 and over is common in other states.

I don't see the relevance in this survey and the cost it took to do this. Money could be used in a more productive way.

Some times common sense is more important than a college degree no substitute for age and wisdom

I feel the money spent in licenses and fees for ODFW should go back into our fishing and wildlife. Not some general fund that everyone takes out of spend it on game wardens and hatcherys and feeding wildlife during harsh times

I need time

Good survey

ODFW fees are high enough to limit the ability of many people to participate.

I am very concerned about our Salmon and Steelhead.

Why did you stop offering free pioneer hunting and fishing licenses to people 70 and older? ,it was WRONG to start charging us for something we earned. WHY are you charging us, do you need money that badly? People on a fixed income really don't need this added expense on something that used to be offered FREE! Consider what I have said, we are not the only retired people this has affected.

expand to lakes and other waterways the invasive species bounty program. or have multiple separate programs

The handling of salmon, Columbia river netting and hatcheries is poor at best.

It would be nice if you could hold more winter water in the reservoirs so they could have a better chance to stay fuller in the summer

As far as I can see your doing great job

Where are the salmon

More hatchery 's on the rivers to raise more salmon and steelhead !

Limit commercial sport bottom fishing total catch for one day. Brookings-Harbor have too many commercial sport boats hammering the bottom fish with repeated trips in one day. Like Alaska, Oregon needs to limit non-resident fishermen daily fish totals.

Borned and raised in Oregon on an odfw fish hatchery which my father worked for and both grandfathers worked for two other hatcheries in Oregon I have watched first hand mismanagement and lack of resources that has caused a decline in fish returns across the state so bad that I relocated 2 years ago to the State if Alaska where even though some fish runs are down others are still very plentiful.

I would like easier to follow fishing regulations. The current system is so complex that it's difficult to know when and where fishing is allowed as well as what species are available to anglers.

Your regulations are very har to understand. If you are going to list where fishing ends in an area then show it on the map. I've been in oregon for 7 years and when you list somewhere I usually have no idea where you are talking about. Your regs are so confusing they my as well be witten in a foeign language. I studied and reread them several times an tke them wih me when I fish and they confuse me always. You need to find someone that can explain thing much better in a more concise an a more easily understood manner.

Your regulations which change through the year are nearly impossible to understand. Everyone I ask, including fish checkers at the docks can't even answer the questions.

Why doesn't the ODFW app have updated fishing regs posted for Salmon, Halibut, Hoot Owl Closures?

I generally support marine reserves, but let's focus on commercial fisheries before further restricting sport boats. Bottom contact trawling in the RCA should be banned if conservation is a goal.

The fish return are terrifying what are you guys gonna do about it

I would like to see days of the week that are closed to angling for guides or all anglers for that matter. I would also like to see the upper river or head waters closed to swimming. Where i live, i watch 1000 plus people a day swim in our small coastal stream head waters on hot summer weekends. I think of all the illegal drugs and prescription drugs that are running down stream. None of that can be good for smolt or trout.

I think you should offer folks in a particular fisheries credits for tags if affect by river closures due to heat or protection. That's out of the our control and by doing so what be great customer service and it wouldn't have a cash grab effect. However, this probably wouldn't affect many folks. Please enforce laws for folks trashing the rivers if you can. Please provide more hatchery fish in the system. Please do something about getting more numbers of fish higher upstream. Maybe limit boats and up fees, etc., at coast and Columbia rivers.

The impact on our fisheries is primarily from commercial fishing. Over regulating the sportsman who harvests 20 fish per year makes virtually no impact compared to the catastrophic damage caused by the commercial industry. Guides should also be more strictly regulated as they've become so common that it can be difficult for the self-guided angler to compete or access fishable water.

Management of hatcheries is not currently working. There are other river systems that solely count on hatchery fish that are thriving; such as the Quinault river to name one. Cole Rivers Hatchery is a prime example of mismanagement and the non use of resources. The Rogue system is in dire need of new management strategies. It is painful to see such a great hatchery under utilized.

You are fucking liberal idiots

Don't mess with the way things are set up right now please.

Please open on Sundays again so people can purchase a single day permit on Sundays. Right now this makes only season passes available on Sundays. I have been in line and families had to not fish because they couldn't afford that

Please please please bring back more hatchery plants. Fishing in the 90s and early 2000s was great, we had so many hatchery runs. Now as license buyers and fisherman we have been sold this lie that if we got rid of the hatchery fish there would be huge runs of wilds. I think that's obviously not the case as we have many rivers now with almost no fish in them. These were thriving before hatchery reduction.

the map question is interesting technologically, but complicated and doesn't work well on my phone, I couldn't zoom out to get big picture

I appreciate all the fishing and shellfish opportunities in Oregon. I hope it always stays this way so that future generations can enjoy it and have the good feeling of eating what you catch yourself.

Simplify regulations. They read like a group of attorneys wrote them. Completely ridiculous.

It's very difficult to fish anywhere along the coast anymore. I can't afford a boat and shore fishing is all I can do. I see boats fishing in the reserves a lot and we get in trouble for fishing from shore in the same reserves. So I have almost just given up on coast fishing and just go craying now. There's nothing really I like to do now out at the coast. I used to love going out there when ever I could to fish but now I'm always disappointed by all the reserve now that say no fishing. It's no fun anymore.

The "science" in Columbia River fishery management is 50 years behind the times.

Open fish hatcheries to get numbers up again

Sure do miss the old Oregon

It does seem like a lot of fishing rules.. some creeks you cannot get into because there's no boat ramp for a long way

you need to have a lake that is bass and crappie only in eastern Oregon and not plant trout in it.

We support aggressive conservation of our fish, waters and wildlife.

Marine reserves make me nervous because it shrinks opportunity and access for my favorite past time, but I also understand the need to protect sea life. Also, the absolutes of the strongly agree to strongly disagree were a poor choice. One of my favorite activities is fishing, but my entire life does not revolve around it. I am capable of finding other things to do if needed, but I would be very disappointed to not be able to keep fishing. It is also a primary way I feed my family. However, if fishing opportunities cease in Oregon, I would not hesitate to move. Frankly, it's the only thing keeping me here these days.

The fact that I could not identify specific reserve areas should in no way diminish their importance. It just means that I don't fish that much anymore.

It would be nice if the Rogue had a run of salmon again the Rogue is a sad river

You do a poor job managing Oregon's fish and wildlife resources!

Please make the fishing regulations easier to understand and don't suddenly change regulations.

Thanks for doing a great job.

Do a better job, quit closing hatcheries quit raising fees quality of fish going down get gill nets out of rivers, make Indians use same rules as us white folks, if they are using treaties, make them use same equipment they were using, when treaties were made. NOT all the new equipment out.

Keep protecting Oregon. The fees are still very reasonable.

We should look at reserving more area for sustainable commercial fishing practices to keep populations high.

You folks do a good job.

This is the worst service I've ever seen. Democrats and liberals need to come up with a better stuff than these moron questions!

The website is not user friendly. Also, sometimes when I'm out fishing, I can't access my license,

thank you for everything that you do to protect our fishing!

Seems to me that the sturgeon and Spring Chinook season are geared for upper river what about lower Columbia I mean the time they open and close has changed.

Earlier or later than they were so that's not prime fishing for Lower Columbia fisherman

Seals and sea lion numbers need to be reduced to protect fish in marine reserves and in the rivers and ocean. They are destructive to property and are part of the reason for reduced salmon and sturgeon fishing.

Homeless people are polluting the rivers and streams, this needs to stop.

You guys need to start doing a better job on managing arsalmon and steel Head
Start killing sea lions you were approved to do so it would be nice if you would step up to the plate and do something

Too confusing and taking away from opportunity

Begging for this data doesn't get me out fishing. Big ass hassle.

Yeah your taking away our hunting rights in this state and we are not very happy about it

I support creation of more marine reserves

More needs to be done to bridge the connection between anglers and biologists. Some angler see biologist as the opposition, only there to threaten their fishing activities. If you could show a biologist are on the same team as anglers, Information and regulation will flow much easier with less push back.

Stop raising cost to fish for nothing.

Make it more affordable for people to fish.

Thank you to all people who helped create marine reserves and those who maintain it. If not for you, it would all be gone!

ODFW should stop messing with the fish on the santiam River , for example the summer steelhead run that the ODFW destroyed!!!! Wasted millions on the hatchery on the north santiam!!!!!!

Better hatchery release more salmon and steelhead

Updated reports of access for kayaks on rivers and lakes would be helpful. During summer low lake level (Hagge) or bad water quality (Tualatin : moss) would be helpful.

You need to control the wolves like you do the zebra mussels, as they are not the original wolves from Oregon and you introduced an Invasive species to Oregon and the large game management.

I would like the angling license to be changed to expiring one year after purchase date versus beginning to end of year.

Coastal river pressure is making them unfishable especially with added anglers do to free time do to Covid 19

Im fed up with the cost of both the angling and hunting Liscense fee! Our fisheries and hunting areas are declining while the ODFW gets rich!

Ridiculous regs only inspire people to disregard all regs stop the nonsense of the cold water closures. Regulate the tribes they should not be allowed to fish in ways that kill native steelhead. Gill nets are not "in like kind" they are destroying our rivers with their trash and harmful fishing methods.

To many regulations. Open fishing up to natural fish and hatchery fish.

Marine reserves are now a black hole where no data comes out to help out our stock assessments. We used to bring in fish from these areas that showed healthier stocks, now you can see the decline in stocks assessments since reserves have been established. They serve 1 purpose. To make people who aren't involved in fisheries to feel better.

ODFW to me is only out for money'. Like killing of spike deer. Youth hunt for cow while carrying. so you are killing more than .poor decision making. Please wake up
The Columbia river endorsement is a money grab. I'm very disappointed in it. The hatchery programs need more money and we need more fish put into the system. Since you pulled fish from the Willamette system the spring runs have really suffered. Don't let the wild fish people destroy our fishing opportunity. I don't want to have to show my grandkids what a salmon looks like in the aquarium. thanks
Protect a water systems better by protecting habitat. Especially river habitat.
No kayak charges is Ridiculous

Too much angling pressure = to many complicated regulations.

Let us have out tag back for hunting up Catherine creek since the change for this side of the mountains not many people want to give you their money for hunting that sucks or fishing on this side of the state

Overall I think I would like to see focus on establishing healthy strong salmon and steelhead runs in Central oregon. Even if it means not fishing for them. The water flow on the crooked river needs to be fixed. This time of year in areas you can walk across Ankle deep, and you know the water is too hot for the fish. Not cool. Irrigation need water, but if it kills all the fish then what?

The entire coastline of Oregon , 3 miles out is protected ! A bit expensive!!!

This is another one of ODFW bu l l... surveys to make like we need to go to school in order to fish in Oregon! If I didn't get my license for 6 bucks I wouldn't fish in Oregon at all

Up instill 2000 I fished the upper Clackamas 2-4 times a week for trout. When stocking was discontinued the fishing dropped way off. I don't have time to drive to places where fishing may be better. A boat may be my only solution.

Bank fishermen feel discriminated against compared to boat fishermen during sturgeon season. MOST fish in our pool are caught from a boat, with protection from the elements. Fishing off land so early in the year is less successful, and river access by vehicle is getting smaller and smaller. Split the season so bank fishing is successful, making a later season for retention from the bank only.

Thank you for all you've done to support the salmon fisheries. I love to get out and fish for salmon. The river the weather the water the magnificent fish.

Put s fish in the rivers get rid of seals at the mouth of rivers and dams

I enjoy fishing when I go, and last time I didn't even get sea sick! But I only go when invited. Hunting, spending time with family, working on my property and wood working are all more important, and I enjoy trips pulling my fifth-wheel RV, I haven't brought a fishing pole with me in 10 years.

Are there any dams on the Columbia going to be eliminated to help steelhead and other fish runs up river? Thanks

Give anglers more days for fishing. It's not right that we can't fish for fish that God gave us to eat.

I always appreciate any efforts to restock high mountain lakes where I enjoy fishing most as well as mountain rivers.

Weiner

Fishing regulations are very confusing to people trying to get into fishing.

Not very happy about allowable fishing time cut in 1/2 this year because of warming waters but there's been no talk of pro-ration "discounts" on licensing costs & fees. Please resign if you have anything to do with the current management of our fisheries. The stupidity and self-importance of the ODFW for the last 15-20 years has done nothing but ruin our once abundant fisheries. Thank God tribes don't have to listen to you morons. Reopen the hatcheries and while you're at it remove the wolves you planted, cull 90% of the cougar population you're responsible for and then quit. Maybe then we can hire competent management who will serve the people who pay for everything rather than the agenda-driven ill-informed clowns who are running the show. You don't have to micromanage every little thing just to feel relevant, try some macro management that will actually make a difference.

Catch and release rule should allow for photo taking. The inability to retain a certain fish spp. is discouraging enough to promote some species fishery, while the additional inability to photo-document any given spp. caught, is even more discouraging. The ability to quickly remove a given spp. from water to take a photo would further incentivize me to increase my annual angling trips, especially as it relates to SSBT.

Automobiles should be banned from driving on Oregon's beaches.

Kinda hard to catch fish when the ranchers can draw more water than is in the river... fix the water right system to protect our native fisheries.

I don't really fish for marine species other than tuna off-shore once a year, so I don't know much about the marine reserves.

Kate Brown is doing a horrible job

Thanks

I think salmon fishing should be to go out and catch your two salmon a day and go home. No releasing of hooked and landed fish. This would be much less wasteful than our current system of wild and hatchery fish.

GO FISHING!

You should be able to keep the first two salmon, hatchery or native, because when you release a bleeding fish it most likely will die.

I don't know, it's depressing. I am a fourth generation Oregonian and die-hard steelhead angler. I saw the end of the good old days. Will we ever be able to fish for steelhead in relative abundance again?

Perhaps Marine reserve status should be assigned wherever conditions warrant protections. These should be until the need for protection is no longer needed. Not attached to geographical areas instead to marine and fisheries improvements.

I have not fished the ocean since coming here about six years ago.

This was a dumb survey.

There are less places now people closing off access and idiots destroying everything. How about some point system for taking care of areas points off license fee

I never fish in the open ocean only in tidewater and very rarely due to the length of drive.

We need to reduce the sea lion population. They are destroying our fishery. I'm asking you to do something before it is gone

ODFW is doing a real poor job in most every aspect I can think of.

I only fish for trout within 50 miles from my home. I am satisfied with what we have in this area stocking etc. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD WORK

too many changes to regular synomsus after printed...rules are often confusing
I like the idea of protection and conservation but not restricting responsible angling.
Updates to the in season angling schedule is very hard to keep up with. It is also hard
to find the updates. I would like to see the updates in my ODFW online account. When
I signed up to receive emails from you all it was in an effort to stay on top of days
when fishing is open and when it is closed. You all have made it incredibly hard to
keep up.

I understand the need for Marine Reserves, yet I would ask that regulators use a
nuanced management of utilize and protect the reserves.

I don't have the time

In my opinion, fishing licenses should not be required for fresh water bass or trout as
long as it's catch and release

More reserves are better

Get some backbone an stand up for sport fishing. get the hatchery's going again, Are
fish population's are ridiculous. People are getting sick of the political garbage .

There selling their fishing gear an quitting fishing. Soon no lic. money = NO JOB.

More and more rules are past by people that don't hunt and fish and don't understand
what it means to people our freedoms are slowly being taken away

Stop selling out of state licenses.

Allow disabled folks to get an actual fishing license, instead of it being something you
have to barrow from county mental health department.

What can we do to help reduce the amount of algae, garbage, and pollution in our
rivers? I fish the Clackamas, Willamette, and Tualatin and I feel like every year the
amount of algae in the river and garbage from floaters accumulated along the banks
gets worse and worse. Our fish populations won't tolerate it much longer. They won't
be able to breed eventually.

I got old so I use a guid for fishing.

There are so many regulations that hunting and fishing in Oregon is not much fun
anymore. I support conservation and limits but too many rules about when and where
and only one day or one month seem so arbitrary.

This survey is a waste of my time and Odfw resources - money

Continued focus on the environment and stocking "dumb" fish in our central Oregon
rivers and lakes :)

Need to get more water into central Oregon lakes somehow

I Miss the Old Days When Oregon Was Quiet and You Could Enjoy Fishing!

For me to fish Oregon I need a lawyer to read the regulations before throwing in a
line.

Introduce periodic closures of all sport fishing.

Thanks for all you do. I'm mainly a catch and release fisherman.

I quit fishing long before I quit hunting in this State. I don't eat fish that taste like
shrimp meal and you have made it clear, as I understand, that you do not support
disabled hunters. You gave me a disabled hunting permit years ago and then you took
it away because I walked into your office without a cane, even though my Dr. made it
very clear that my disability was walking on uneven ground. A sidewalk and hallway in
a building are NOT uneven ground. I hired an attorney and he wrote you a letter
demanding that you re-instate my disabled hunting permit. You gave it back and then

two years later, you changed the rules so that all I could basically do is shoot from my pickup off the road. That is when I quit hunting. So, you still try to make me jump through your hoops by sending me this survey three times to fill out. I'm done with ODFW. You successfully got me to quit hunting. BTW, you also do nothing favorable with regard to private property owners and permission to hunt. I'll sell my rifles and buy beef now. Thank you very much. I'm out of your hair.

We should add more marine reserves.

Make docks for fishing along the Columbia River for us average folks and advertise them please

Fishing and Hunting are a way of life for many. And has been for many years

I am very glad there are marine reserves to protect areas for future generations.

It would be nice to see some of the dams removed on the Snake River to help our hurting salmon and steelhead population. It would also be great to see hatcheries stocking more fish and taking dead fish carcass upstream to put the nutrients back into the river system instead of selling them off to the highest bidders.

Just let us go out and fish without someone looking to fine you for fishing in the wrong spot or catching the wrong fish at the wrong day in the wrong water. LESS

GOVERNMENT

My grown up kids are about to give up fishing because of the cost of a fishing license. They only fish during a 1 week vacation we take. So an in-state fee of \$44.00 dollars is getting to high for them to do this. Maybe come up with a 5 or 7 day license fee for in state people to buy that would be more cost effective.

Put barbs back on hooks, and allow us to fish while the fish are there.

I like fishing

There is a lot of room for improvement in the hatchery systems in Oregon. Maybe take some notes from Alaska.

License/Tag fees increase but fish numbers are decimated! And now no fishing rivers after 2pm?!?! I probably won't be buying salmon/steelhead tags anymore unless things improve

increase the rock fish limits. ALLOW HALIBUT AND ROCK TO BE KEPT AT THE SAME TIME. \

We need more places to fish from the bank, for those of us who don't have boats. It seems like everywhere that I grew up fishing at is now on private land with no trespassing and no fishing signs up. There needs to be some sort of mapping guide to where people can still fish, or it doesn't make sense to continue to buy angling licenses every year!

Salmon recovery is not working one bit and wild fish numbers are still failing after 40 years of try to save them. To the pitiful returns we get today. And I feel if you do not bring back the hatchery programs, cull the Terns and Cormorants and put seasons on the sea lions, the wild stock and other species will eventually become extinct

Fees are way to high.

Let's get some new ODFW commissioners who can actually tell the difference between a Chinook and a Coho without using an ID chart. They are so disconnected from reality and are ruining our state with their idiotic votes such as the recent choice on inland coho retention where we aren't going to meet the seeding goals.

The ODFW app is clunky and not very useful. One of the biggest disadvantages of it is that you can't go to it to find out the latest regs for where you are fishing or hunting. It should be set up like many hunting apps are where it shows your location and you can determine current regs. As it is now, many sportsmen find it difficult to navigate the ODFW website to find the latest regs. I expect a lot more from such a well-funded (based on exorbitant and ever increasing license fees) org.

I appreciate ODFW's efforts to encourage new people to fish/hunt and to do it responsibly

Regulating Oregon fisheries should not be viewed as if it greatly affects overall fish hauls. Don't limit Oregon anglers in preference to or reaction to overfishing by others unaffected by such regulations. Oregon sportsmen are not the primary cause of species decline.

Coho retention should be first two fish. The selective fishery is a joke. When you land 40 plus fish to get an 8 fish limit the amount of fish that are accidentally killed being released is ridiculous. This seriously needs to be looked into.

The cost of licensing is just about at the point where it is no longer worth the cost to get a license compared with the crowds and small level of angling success. Oregon can do better.

Please stop top water mixing from Pelton dam on the Deschutes

To many regulations makes fishing very difficult to understand what legal. I don't want to be illegal but it's very difficult to understand the synopsis.

Quit running the cost of all type of fishing up the average working man cannot afford it. And all the rules that you guys come up with are just crazy. That is why I have not purchased a license this year and have not went fishing (first time in 50+ years) PS Hunting is just as BAD !

License rates are getting prohibitive for lower and even middle income Oregonians. Is there a plan to make them more accessible? What is ODFW doing to increase minorities involvement in outdoor activities (hunting/fishing/camping)?

Warm water fishing and trout regulations are too complex and limiting for the average guy to simply keep a rod in the vehicle and stop and wet his line when the opportunity arises. Steelhead and salmon fisheries are so bad it is depressing. Sure some dont mind the challenge and competition, but most of us find the numbers just plain depressing.

As a former commercial fisherman (Morro Bay, CA) on a trawler I can understand the need for protected marine waters. On our boat I coined the phrase "Greenpeace toss," referring to the horrible amount of by-catch that was just tossed overboard. Terrible. It was so bad that the then Fish and Game Department was buying up the trawl permits to limit a bad practice. It is nice to see the evolution of trawl nets. We are in this together and if we want to hand over a better place to our children with recreational opportunities protecting our coastal environment should be a lay up. Remove the dams and save the salmon! Fishing is getting worse and worse. I havent caught salmon in years because its so bad. We need to remove the dams.

The lice or whatever these parasites are are getting really bad. That's the primary reason I fish a bit less than I used to. Pretty lame to bring in a fish and be grossed out by the little white things all over the fish.

Conservation is important to me, but there needs to be a healthy balance.

I have not fished for the past 22 years and health precludes me from ever fishing again.

Please stop the killing of the wild silvers.

I'm disabled and only fish once or twice a year and it cost too much to go anymore with the struggles of COVID. It should be a fun family activity outdoors but the costs make that difficult for low income and disabled families. Just my opinion.

fix the problem with the hatcher on the rogue river, the hatchery is capable of putting hundreds of thousand fish in the river. it is August and there is less than 1,800 fish in the hatchery. no reason for this at all, poor management.

Having closers during breeding seasons would benefit and help reproduction of stocks.

Current marine reserves are OK. If they start taking away opportunity to a given port I will oppose it. Near shore rockfish reefs are vital to many small coastal towns for bringing in revenue especially during the spring months prior to the tourist season. Unfortunately, the climate change in the water levels is beyond our control.

No, in my younger days, I was an enthusiastic fisherman & usually filled my tags! I love to fish, I only do so a few times a year (trout usually), but fully support the mission of ODFW (and the other natural resource agencies). Keep up the good work! Upgrades to boat dock areas. A dock area for boats, a dock area for kayaks, and a swimming dock where there is room. Parking areas seem cramped for the size of vehicles and boat trailers. This seems to be a common concern at most boat ramp areas.

While I now qualify for a Pioneer fishing license, for most of my life the fishing license/tag fees was an impediment to more time with a fishing pole in hand. Due to my work I have limited days for leisure. If single day license and fees were more affordable, more days would have been spent fishing.

Fishing is my therapy. I don't really care if I catch or not. Just going through the motions in a quiet setting does my heart good.

With climate changing you need to Stock lakes better with warm water fish, like bass, bluegill, crappie and catfish. This would give us more opportunity. A food example is hagg lake the fishing was alot better years ago.

Make it easier to understand rules and regulations, quit closing sport fishing down yet allow commercial for example sturgeon fishing yet commercial nets keep all that are caught...also what is very aggravating is when sturgeon fishing is opened on the Columbia and willamette river when the fish are not around!!! Why spend tons of money to go fishing with friends to never get a bite because the fish are elsewhere. It really disappoints us and those new people to fishing who go sturgeon fishing spend the money for licenses and tags to not get one fish on the line!! Odfw is junk at times! One of the reasons I see many folks quit angling is that they dont catch many salmon or any sturgeon any more. I was a great family yearly event to go salmon and sturgeon fishing, but not as easy to catch fish as in the past. Sturgeon fishing is mostly gone now. I'm glad to finally see the removal of seal from the willamette. we would see seals from time to time come to the surface with sturgeon in their mouths. Remove more dams and control the seal population please.

Thank you

Out of state residents should have their catch of rock fish either limited or prohibited before Oregon residents face the same restrictions.

Closing hatcheries has limited opportunities for steelhead in rivers. Biggest reason I don't fish as much.

I feel that anglers on the lower Columbia river do not get treated equally with the upriver anglers understanding the need to protect the runs past the dams to enhance the broader objectives we get reopenings after the target fishery is past that is salmon and steelhead would like to somehow see more equity for us although I admit I do not know how it will be done it will take some folks smarter than me I don't like to see people come down here from Seattle and catch huge quantities of cats and crappie and then sell them! It's just not right! And it happens all the time! Fish are not stupid, it seems that most of the folks trying to protect every fish and animal, are also evolutionists so if things evolve aren't you getting in the way? It's the natural order!

I haven't fished for over 10 years

when something changes during the year, would be nice to find out easier. for ex if razor clamming suddenly closes, send an email or make it first thing you see when check your website. my apologies if already do the email

Your doing a good job.

by saltwater i mean tidewater. Yaquina River, Beaver Creek (Lincoln County), Siletz River, Alsea River

Why did you remove the dock at the Freeway Lakes in Albany? It makes it very difficult to get in and out of my boat without it there.

Prior to 5 years ago, I saltwater angled more than I do now. Fees are what have primarily cooled my interest. Columbia River fee, launch fees, parking fees, special tags for species, etc. all add up to a very expensive experience before purchasing any gear/tackle and getting out on the water. Also contributing is dramatically increased pressure in "hot spots" similar to hunting. Its become 'combat fishing' in a lot of places. Aggressive guides and anglers all deter from the experience for me. In the end, we pay a lot more and receive a lot less.

The new time when you can fish is ridiculous. Apparently you want no one to fish . You need to do a better job running your hatchery's. Poor management from Oregon is a large reason we have lack of fish and a second reason is 1/2 the fish we hook in the lower rivers get eaten by a seal before we can get it to the boat. I'm not saying kill all the sea lions, but the pack needs to be thinned. Again, poor management on your part. Guides need more fees. Most can handle 6 people to a boat at 250 s person, plus tips they never report. A fee per river, per guide, that are increased, that go back towards that river system would be a start. All in all when my grandson gets to fish, there may not be any. Its sad that you have managed it so poorly.

Like to Ocean fish

Marine reserves work! ODFW needs to validate this and convey the message to anglers/the public better.

ODFW has screwed up so many things especially steelhead and many other runs. In my opinion fish and wildlife in Oregon is the biggest waste of my tax money. U suck Survey is broken. No Map.

fix the license for internet is not always work

Stop hatchery steelhead plants. Force PGE to release cold water. Increase regs for steelhead- no bait, no barbs, no removing wild fish from water. Close waters of low numbers or high temps.

Size limits in south east Oregon are not realistic for the streams. It should be reduced back to 6 inches to prevent loss of fish. Many of those fish do not survive being released.

We fish in Washington

You need to inform people when the rules change mid-season. I went to jail for catching the wrong type of fish. The rules and regs. changed that weekend and I did not know it. It was a terrible experience. And I have not fished for Salmon ever since. Moved out of state

i have heard rumors that licenses are now sold by area like hunting license if this is so i will no longer be fishing that is why i stopped hunting years ago

You Should NOT allow commercial crabbing in the bays!!! Only in the ocean. The competition with Sport Crabbers, who pay a large amount of the fess to ODFW, should not have to compete with Commercial Crabbers in the bays!!! The commercial "Live Catch" fishery on the Southern Oregon is overfishing the area! Note the drop off in catch over the last several years.

I wish that when you bought a fishing license it lasted one year from the purchase date. For example if I get invited to go fishing in December I might decline because the license is full price but only good for a few weeks.

I don't get to fish much anymore but when I do I make sure to know where and what is legal. Sometimes it's more of a hassle to keep up with changes every year then it should be. That goes with hunting also

Fishing rule there hard to understand!!

i have lived in Astoria my entire life and have watched our fisheries decline year after year to the point where i know longer get to fish the columbia most seasons. I think you guys need to worry more about predator control and i believe guides and charters should be classified as Commercial fisherman so they can have there own quota. i know this wont happen because guides and charters bring a lot of money to the state and that is what you care about more than protecting or fish and wildlife

Ya your first 2coho you catch and your done your killing 100 of 1000 of fish

some of your questions were strange, like naming marine reserves, or identifying them on a map

just open everything, I only live one life and you have over done it on can't do this can't do that must use this can't use that. People Like to Catch to eat.

The older I get the less angling I do.

We need to start dedicating more resources to clean up streams and rivers in addition to increased punishment for polluters, those who ignore bag limits and licensing and fish out of season. We also need to increase the number of wardens to enforce ODFW policies and rules, check boats for invasive species, increase the number of fish hatcheries and the species variety of said hatcheries. Thank you.

I would like more information about where my money is going. Boat launches, license and tag fees. How is my money being used in habitat restoration if it is at all being used for that. What about oregon salmon and smokey bear license plates? I thought that was supposed to help our wildlife and parks and rec. How can I become more

involved with the restoration of salmon and steelhead stock? What about predation against salmon and steelhead such as cormorant and sea lions I thought gill nets were supposed to be off the Columbia River by 2016 with the charge of a Columbia River endorsement fee. Who makes the decisions at odfw about how and what we propose to do for our declining runs of fish stock. When is odfw gonna work for the wildlife instead of a paycheck? There's too many questions odfw doesn't have an answer for. Each year it gets more complicated and expensive to fish and hunt and odfw keeps closing our favorite places to fish. Does anyone actually know what they're doing?

I know you are powerless on this issue, the engineered tribal netting on the Columbia has help to destroy the fisheries for the sportsman. It seems we pay the "lions" share of the costs and they reap the benefits.

Declining fish runs in the Columbia basin over the years along with increases pressure led me to go to other states to enjoy fishing

There need to be even more protections for marine and freshwater wildlife.

more hatcherys be more proactive not reactive

I support wholeheartedly the rationale behind marine reserves. But disagree with the prohibition of bringing your own bait to angle among the crevices at a place such as Otter Rock on a minus tide. I just don't get that. I'm curious about how the science supports prohibiting this activity within the established closure. I'm not even talking about the removal of single mussels as bait. But not being able to drop a sand shrimp seems excessive. Same with Yaquina Head where I used to target ling and Cebidychthus violaceous. Gone forever.

I feel a real issue with Oregon's fisheries is the over fishing in our oceans by other country's. This is something that the state of Oregon and the US as a whole needs to address to fix the problems in our salmon and steelhead streams.

Wake up and bring our fish back. Seals and Sea Lions belong in the Ocean. I have been in the Fly Fishing Industry for 50 years and what we have now here in Oregon is shameful. Jim Teeny 503-709-2032

Fishing regs are fine, hunting regs are horrible

I have lived in oregon for 3 years. I'm still learning about this place.

Although the number of fisherman and hunters has reduced over the decades, your Bureaucracy has grown exponentially along with the fees for using our natural resources.

Need more oppotunities for stealhead / salmon fishing near Bonneville Dam. Thank you

You should be glad you didn't ask about hunting.

Between hunting and fishing the fees get expensive.

Regulations are very confusing

Marine Preserves provide more fish for anglers thru out Oregon

I believe Marine reserves are a necessity to the health of the ocean's ecosystem. My only complaint is that shore angling is prohibited in many of these locations. Shore anglers are less common, especially in hard to access rocky areas where one must hike in. There is virtually zero impact in angling for surfperch or other nearshore rockfish species, due to the very nature of shore fishing, casting ability, ocean conditions, access to how far you can get out on rocks etc.

I am pretty upset and have not been fishing on the fresh water because of the evasive species permit I now have to purchase on for my kayak. I actually have not used my kayak since it was instituted and feel that is just another tax that was illegally imposed on the citizens with no voting on it. The cost of licenses are getting too high as well. Overall, fishing and hunting are getting so expensive and overcrowded, that it's not as enjoyable as it used to be.

I think limiting for example halibut to one fish a day should be increased. Allow people to catch limit. Ocean not always accessible. Quota not getting filled. Wait till late in season to allow 2.

You guys are a joke

Stop the restrictions and fill the rivers with hatchery fish.

Why are you not stocking the rivers with trout for more fishing opportunity because it's not helping the steelhead and salmon runs it's got a lot worse

I cringe every year because the value of my fishing does not equal the cost of my license. I only fish a couple days a year usually a one week vacation. License should be a for 365 days and NOT based on the calendar year. Day license should way less \$. Perhaps without the tags. At this point I am more likely to go fish out of state :(

I live In southeast Oregon and do 99% fishing lakes and streams do to fire closer this year has been limited

Review the Coho Restrictions on the Rogue River. Releasing wild Coho is good, but how many don't survive the release. If you could keep 1 or the limit 2 it may actually reduce the number of Coho hooked/released and don't survive. Presently, only hatchery Coho can be kept. Thanks for what you do!!!!

git rid of sealines

The sea lions and harbor seals need thinned out. Please figure out where all of our steelhead and salmon have gone. And please grow more fish, our hatchery returns have diminished as well. Thank you, tight lines.

Commercial fishing vessels often look like they are in marine reserve fishing areas. How is this regulated or monitored? crabbing or trolling, etc...

Please help oppose IP13!

I would love a class where new anglers could learn.

I OPPOSE THE TERM .oregon marine reserve I STRONGLY SUPPORT the peoples marine reserve system, DO YA GET IT!!!

ODFW DOES A PRETTY GOOD JOB. Would like to get rid of the sea lions at Bonnaville dam and the dam on the Willmatte river...and any where else they threaten salmon runs, even if you need to shoot them. Relocation doesn't work.

Keep up the good work!

I've spent the last 25 year primarily fishing in Washington because I keep a large boat in Anacortes. I resently sold it and now plan to spend more time fishing Oregon rivers and bays.

Commercial fishing needs to be regulated not creating marine reserves. We have seen hundreds of yellow eye getting dumped over on dredge ships. Yet we need to send them back to the bottom carefully. We anglers pay for what the big money is doing to the oceans and rivers..

Stop raising cost and taking away the number of fish we're allowed to have. You're not putting the same kind of conservative that a majority of us anglers and stewards have

been for the past 40+ years. Perfect example, the numbers and size of the Chinook Salmon that used to come up the Willamette now...compared to 28 years ago. There should be a bounty on Sea Lions on the Columbia to get the fish numbers back up and steady to what they were. Instead of letting the libtards control what is happening to the livelihood of so many.

I really know nothing about fishing

At the cost of Charters, 5 rock fish is not cost effective nor much fun when you catch 5 in about 15 minutes. Also One fish limit on lakes and stream is one of the stupidest rules, you can not feed a family of 4 on one fish, (trout) three should be the bottom number. For Salmon OK. STOP MAKING STUPID LIMITS AND MORE PEOPLE WILL RETURN TO THE SPORT.

I stopped fishing due to overcrowding of the rivers and the encyclopedia of regulations to wade trough.

If you don't stop allowing the indiscriminate gill nets in our rivers, all of the fish runs will be wiped out.

Restrictions on fishing due to warming water temperatures need to be considered more quickly. I would stop fishing completely to protect fish and our waters..Thanks

I like warm water panfish for more support

Have been waiting about two months to hear about my application for a pioneer license. Still no response!

The willamette salmon returns are later each year, reducing catch rate and fish are dying in greater numbers because of warm water and low oxygen levels in late May, June, July

You should ask Kate B.

Get more fiish in the rivers. Hatcheries get more of the right fish in the rivers that people can keep. In the ocean it seems that less fish would die if each angler had to keep the first two fish they caught instead of basing it on fin or no fin. A lot of fish die in trying to release them especially in the ocean. Gill nets are not a right. Dipping or fish trap maybe. But gill nets have no grading system. This information doesn't seem to be cared about.

My experience working to protect fisheries in other parts of the world has taught me the great importance of marine reserves to preserving and improving fisheries. The larger the reserves the better for overall fisheries health and productivity.

please keep updates on clam digging and areas..

I spend much time at the coast but don't fish.

lower fishing fees and protect red tail surf perch

I purchase a sportsman pack every year. I live on the Nehalem river, and with the river closure this year and the Clatsop County Beaches never opening so far this year it has really limited my recreational activities. It is my belief that ODFW should somehow compensate the sportsman pack purchasers in situations like this.

Instead of sinking all resources into salmon/trout how about building up some warm water fisheries for bass

Marine reserves were an ill conceived solution to a political problem, not a biological problem.

It would be nice if there was a catch and release fishing license available at a reduced fee. Some people don't eat meat but still enjoy fishing on occasion.

My occupation revolves around conservation.

I used to fish a lot in MT, Oregon over complicates everything including hunting, I didn't even apply for hunting tags because it was such a complicated mess Please make it easier to find CURRENT regulations (ie, rules that apply today, not earlier or later in the year) for a specific area on the app. Maybe even gro locations. "what are the regulations today in the exact location where I am currently fishing" I think the rules/regulations are crazy; you need an attorney to figure out all the double talk and a guide to figure out where the lines are to fish or don't fish. please simplify the website. i should be able to type in where I want to fish and for what species, and the website should be able to tell me catch limits, great that can be used etc. An interactive website is so much more useful then the current one which is very confusing and seems to have exceptions and additional information scattered all over it.

Odfw is a joke

I better not

I have no interest in angling.

More hatcheries and hatchery production of salmon and steelhead are needed.

I kayak fish, but wish that I had a boat that would take me out further so that I could catch as many fish as I see others bringing back.

I hate that net fishing is allowed! There will be lots of fish in the Columbia and the net fisherman come (at night which is so unfair to everyone) and the next day not one fish left and at the docks where they come in lots of dead fish from sturgeon to salmon all floating in the water. It is not right!

Smoke salmon, not drugs.

Stock fish that survive warmer weather.

Please Lower the price of an annual resident anglers license.

Protect native fish and enhance their habitat

Manage the seal population so the salmon steelhead numbers can grow. The crabbing will be more enjoyable.

Better public bass fisheries

I think it would be cool if there was an app that helps you identify fish and take you immediately to regulations on that fish.

No draw tags for elk over east

Fishing from drift boats on the Lower Deschutes should be allowed.

Consider the Dominic acid closures against the annual razor clam closure.

Stop giving troller/commercial fisherman our fish. Do not charge me again for protection of the commercial fisherman then reduce my abilities to fish.

With increase of license and tag fees. The low returns of salmon and steelhead.

Constant changes to limit regulations. It's hard to continue to fish.

We just fish in our spare time and enjoy learning how to do it. It's not the end all for us. We learn the sport from others we know who enjoy it and by charter trips when we need to learn what we can't glean from friends. We read the regulations to make sure we are doing the right things and I sure hope we have.

Make the regulations easier to understand, fishing opportunities and successes are decreasing wile the crowds are increasing don't be so greedy, lower your fees

It must be difficult to manage something that is considered wild, I know you are trying your best, please keep up the good work but also make it easier for the average person to understand the rules and regs for different systems throughout the year. Maybe a simple daily or weekly updated section of the odfw app that specifically tells you what and where you can fish.

I fish with my brother who lives in Lincoln city. He is an avid fisherman, I'm a casual angler. Fishing is our shared leisure activity; great family time in nature.

When are we going to see fin clipped steelhead in the South Santiam river like it used to be in the past? It was my passion, and many other peoples passion to catch those fish. A lot of my life resolved around that.

I strongly believe gill nets in the columbia river should be stopped and all rivers should not have nets in them I personally have seen almost 100 nets in the columbia from Rufus or to the dalles this is not okay and should be banned from all rivers in or I think we should be allowed to harvest wild coho from the rivers and bays. Just make it a one and done for the day. Either chinook or coho and that's your daily limit. When I catch a coho and release it there is usually a sea lion nearby that will harvest it for himself, so the fish doesn't live anyway. There doesn't seem to be a shortage of coho where I fish. Siuslaw/umpqua. Thank you

Why do you have to make it so difficult to follow the rules?

feed kokanee with krill in fresh water lakes such as Green Peter and Foster Reservoir

What happened to salmon and steelhead runs and what is the odfw plan to do about it Salmon regulations are very complicated. 1 or 2 salmon per day would result in more fish per angler and more salmon survival. After fighting, landing and identifying coho and then releasing wild coho that then die as result of this nonsense. We and the salmon would be better than off with a 1 or 2 fish limit, period.

If a fish is from a hatchery it should be clipped If all hatchery fish were clipped there would be less interaction with wild fish

maybe more catch of rockfish per day, an overall limit for the year

Physical difficulty limits my ability to bank side fish.

I enjoy fishing, however I also enjoy hunting!

Just make the laws easier to understand and be easy on people for 1st time offences or lack of knowlage charg more for aces to parks lakes rivers to force people to take better care of the areas

Really strange questions in this survey.

Please remove me from your email list. Thank you.

Clean up the angling rules. Your making it very hard for a lot of people to have fun fishing

I don't like the way Wickiup reservoir is being drained so low that it has ruined the kokeene fishing and is lowering the ground water that lowers South Twin Lakes. It's a tragic loss of a once beautiful fishing and boating area that is now dried up and gone. Makes me sick.

Your raising of fees all the time is bullshit same with all the surveys after hunting season and if we forget to fill out get penalized the next year all it comes down to is ways for you guys to make more dann money when does it end.

Why don't you divide the Columbia into sections like hunting units. This would Reduce crowding and extend fishing seasons for each section

Fishing seasons are terrible, not allowing hatchery fish in the waters and cutting off limits. If we can't fish, you will eventually have no job.

There is a good run of chinook salmon in January and Feb. at Sherars Falls.

Stop all the restrictions. Making it hard for kids to have fun and leave them a legacy hobby.

as a Oregon angler, it is an insult that we should have to pay the CRE. The gillnets are no longer needed on the Columbia, the only river in the lower 48 to have them. We also need to up the number of hatchery fish so we have a better chance of catching returning salmon and Steelhead. The Three rivers closure for youth fishing only, is also a bad idea. If you sit and watch the kids ignore the deadline and fish above it and snag fish knowing that they are not being monitored. Stop taking opportunities away from paying adults.

Increase the pikeminnow bounty.

We need more hatchery fish in the south west zone, the Columbia is getting all the fish money, Umpqua river needs more hatchery fish desperately

This was a really ridiculous survey! Make more rules to keep us all on our toes! Next we will need to wear a mask to go fishing.

I'm a freshwater fisherman so Marine Reserves don't interest me.

I think ODFW could do a better job publishing angling reg changes mid season..ie quotes etc

More fish hatchery money please

THE CELL PHONE APP TO RENEW LICENSES YEARLY IS A NIGHTMARE. HALF THE FOLKS IN MY HOUSEHOLD TOOK HOURS TO FINALLY GET THEIR LICENSES VIA THIS APP. SUPER FRUSTRATING.

I think it was pretty weird to be quizzed on Marine reserve locations. I doubt this is well known information. Maybe those local to the reserves or those who are deeply dedicated to marine fishing would have this info.

There are no fish in the rivers. Why do I have to pay a Columbia River fee when they still fill net the river. Sports Anglers are being squeezed out by the for profit operations who have the ear of Salem. It's not right I expect there will be no fishing opportunities for my daughters as they get older and it's a shame

license and associated prices are too high

You fucking commies should be beaten for these questions fuck you, Kate Brown and your agenda.

I have never ocean fished. We have a drift boat only

I strongly support marine reserves and fishery conservation. Even though I often lack the time I would like for angling I purchase permits yearly on the belief that ODFW is important to conserving our wildlands (including shore zones and fish populations) and only consume seafood that I catch personally. I think reserves and bag limits strongly benefit conservation efforts.

No more restrictions

I fished for several years as the kids were growing up.

pick a river that either doesn't have wild run or very little and keep putting in hatchery trout, steelhead and salmon for the sport angler to keep.

I'm on ssd feel time cos I had a total right hip replacement so it's hard to get down to some of water to fish but I not gotten my fish license yet cos it's been just to hot outside

You need to protect the fish and the residents of this state. You are slow to react, need to slow down/stop the raping of the bottom fishing. Raise the prices for out of state.

i think that angling liscenses' are way to expensive each year they keep going up and its saddening to see our elders not being able to fish as much as they want to because of rising costs

I would love to see more stocking in the coastal streams and rivers as well as ponds and Reservoirs

I don't fish at the coast the only time we have we had to look up on Odfw if it was allowed we stick to freshwater fishing

Make Hosmer Lake flyfishing only and not allow kayaks and paddle boards. There are other close by lakes they can go to.

Fix your app. It won't allow me to load fishing license and I'm afraid to fish and get a fine because the app keeps crashing. Website is no help either.

More handicap access needed

License are to expensive

If a gps/ phone application were developed to tell me what was legal wherever I was standing I and most adults I fish with would be willing to pay up to \$100 a year to use it. The messed up and confusing rules for fishing are terrible. Also charging us extra to fish in the Columbia area and then allowing commercial fishermen to gillnet is irresponsible and should be illegal.

This survey was a waste of my time

You shouldn't make all the good East archery elk units draw! Total crap and makes me want to move to another State that manages well.

Grateful to ODFW for the good work.

More sturgeon season

Need to save salmon and orcas.

Gill netting in the Columbia River system is hurting the fish runs. There should be no commercial fishing on the Comombia.

Plant more hatchery salmon and steelhead before we can't fish anymore

On the three river's dam I saw clubbing of fish because of not being native with the past floods some fish get through the dams and spon I say get rid of the dams I know for a fact that the fishing was a lot better before the dams back in the 60s three rivers was one of the best fishing places ever the reason I know is because of a old timer lived on three rivers and watched the decline of fish from the beginning of the dams till 5years ago when he died besides the natives are contaminated anyway your program doesn't work I'm surprised there are people still willing to pay your prices for NO fish

I use to fish almost daily about 18-20 years ago. Just to much money in fees and gas costs, plus just to many people, and very little enforcement in law's.

Increase hatchery production with more broodstock programs

Stop spending my license dollars on destroying our rivers and wild fish with hatchery fish. I'll fish more and want to teach people how to fish if we have recovering wild fish

populations. In the 100 years we've been using hatcheries, they haven't done anything but help collapse our fisheries and dupe the public into thinking that we can continue to industrialize our rivers, ocean, and fish populations.

Fish and Game Department need to hire people who like to fish and hunt. A college degree does not make you a sportsman.

Make the saint luis ponds in gervais bigger

ODFW need to start a better hatchery program on the Coquille and Coos rivers. How come I hear that other rivers are having record runs of salmon but you have completely shut the Coquille down because of no fish? Maybe ODFW should start a bounty on small mouth bass. Also striped bass are not the problem.

Go back to printable vinyl license and tags. Not everyone can work the apps electronically

You have done a very poor job with hatcheries.

It is my personal beliefs that odfw needs to reopen the 2nd step programs and get more funding to hatcheries and produce the largest numbers of salmon/ steelhead ever seen because you are taking a native fish and a native fish and making a hatchery fish and the risk of these fish getting diseases because they are hatchery fish should not be an excuse for such low numbers of fish in all rivers in the state of Oregon.

Please don't remove my privilege to angle. The survey sounds like the government or some green group wanting to take away my rights. The survey was very offensive Its ridiculous that our licenses are not valid both online and paper

Enough laws already assholes

I don't fish in the ocean but I am aware that we have marine reserves.

in my eighties and getting to hard to fish

Keep up the hard work.

I believe that in order to manage both fish and game there needs to be restrictions to ever citizen !! Tired of going to the river and seeing specific citizens having several poles in the water and I can only have one!! Nets should be off the water during restricted times too. Sea lions need to be controlled to help fish numbers too!! I am sure these are not the only reasons fish numbers are suffering but I think my suggestions would help. Kind of like hunting in Oregon anymore. Too crowded, too many tags being offered for area, too many carnivores. Getting to the point were I will start paying out of state fees to go hunt and fish elsewhere. Not fun anymore. A lot of money to be forking out to go combat fishing and hunting with very little success Reduce the number of sea lions and increase the number of hatchery steelhead and salmon smote

Hope next year will be a better year for the fish in Dexter and Fall Creek Lakes.

Wish the water was cooler, and better runoff

Would love to see the river damns removed, and more wild steelhead return to the river systems.

I think investing in more hatcheries in a scientifically sound manner makes sense.

What happened to the plan to manage Young's Bay for sport fishermen for example?

Generally, you do a good job with an ever decreasing budget. I do appreciate everything you guys (and girls) do! Thanks.

Lower the fees or fuck off

We need some good winter's

Why did I receive this survey? I like to hunt deer and elk.

I lived in Wisconsin and fished nearly every day in the summer when I was a kid. I grew up with warm water species and find a lot fewer of them here. I don't know how to fish for Coldwater species of trout and steelhead and salmon as well. I am a very bad fly fisherman. All of these contribute to the very small amount of time I spend fishing in Oregon. Also, the friends I fished with as a youth are no longer living near me. They live in the Midwest

Marine reserves are a good idea. In-river reserves/sanctuaries for spawning salmon/steelhead (especially in-low flows and/or high temps) is another good idea. Sawyer Rapids on the Umpqua is a good example of a bad fishery. I'd like to see ODFW do more to protect our wild salmon runs.

I am not fishing at this time. I am doing more birding at this time.

Thank you for all you do!!!!

Your pamphlets and web still need more clarity on exactly what is open and closed for a given stretch of beach (including shellfish) or near-shore zone. And I get different answers when I try to ask for clarification by phone.

Plant more steelhead!

License fees are getting too high

maybe you have this already: contact listings for outfitters who know the reserves and provide sustainable resource fishing opportunities outside reserve boundaries and other good places to go.

If you're going to charge so much for licenses you better actually improve fishing conditions.

I fish fresh water when i can.

The rules and regulations are so complex in Oregon that it makes it very difficult for beginner fisher's to go out with confidence.

Be more policy oriented to saving salmon and steelhead runs.

Current marine reserve system is far too small. This survey is essentially meaningless unless augmented by a survey of Oregonians who are not anglers. Instead of being so concerned about how to manage fish/wildlife to satisfy those who buy hooks/bullets/traps, ODFW should start managing fish/wildlife to satisfy the concerns and preferences of all Oregonians. Your failure to include in this survey anything that addresses climate change is an embarrassment, and reinforces the conclusion that ODFW is stuck in the 1960s and not up to the task of stewardship for Oregon's fish/wildlife/habitat resources.

I love Oregon and fishing here, as does my family!

I strongly disagree with our money paid for licenses no longer being controlled by the fish and wildlife department. Ever since Oregon took over control of the Department of fish and wildlife resources the quality and quantity of fish and wildlife has diminished. Please bring back the fish hatcheries the state has shut down.

I've fished in many parts of the world. That in mind the salmonid species we have in the PNW are incredible. However our hatcheries and regulations seem to be letting us down. Especially in the Rogue Basin. This fishery has declined significantly in quality. A few things I have learned on my travels that may be helpful as a solution: In Colombia, Pacific coastal waters are for artisan fishing ONLY. No corporate fishing vessels are allowed within 20 miles off shore. This allows for excellent coast

ecosystem health and fishing opportunity. I believe this will help our salmon/steelhead population in the PNW as well. Our hatcheries need to implement broodstock programs state wide. Fish belong in the rivers and tributaries. Small creeks/tributaries are excellent sites to distribute native fish throughout their spawning season. This was attempted on the Rouge River in years past but was shut down by new hatchery management. When in doubt ask the guides! they care deeply about the Oregon fisheries almost more than anyone else. Include them in the conservation efforts too.

I use to love to go fishing every day. I would say 99% release. It has been to complicated to just go fish without getting ticketed. I might not put in for the sportsman pac next year because bow hunting is starting to become the same way. Hunting and fishing is becoming a financial risk to go do and is really taking the fun out of it. I used to also goose and duck hunt but one more law there for me . wow didnt realize it tell this survey I love the outdoors and have always respected it burt i have been driven away from many of it not because people but because of odfw With climate change warm water species will gain in importance for angling enjoyment

wake up to the fact you are losing the hatchery resource. Maybe compare your results of defunding hatcheries to the Great lakes that maintain theirs. I am really disappointed in your narrow arrogant methods

ODFW is doing a poor job of managing fish and wildlife. Every year that goes by Oregon outdoorsmen are losing more and more faith in your ability to do your job. Actually listen and take in the opinions of the people who pay for many of your salaries. It seems like every chance possible you do the opposite of what the majority want. Thanks

Need MORE Marine Reserves!

While not directly asked, I do think the licensing for hunting/fishing is overly complex. I at one time fished quite a bit, mostly fresh water fly fishing.

Please put fishing back to the way it was

Yellow eye rockfish are not endangered species! There are probably more of them than many other species out there!

You screwd up the Crooked river.

Quit sending reminders to do surveys

I support the concept of Marine Reserves. Conservation + more fish hopefully. I question the implementation and the ram rod approach led by Environmentalists in this matter. The best available Science was generated by them not neutral parties. Hate, Hate, Hate the process and result.

Stop the harvest of wild steelhead in Southern Oregon.

sportsman opportunities have declined since the license and permit fees have been going into the general fund and then allocated back. people are tired of this, the money is for fish aqnd game not liberal bullshit programs.

Keep livestock out of rivers, streams, creeks, springs and all naturel water sources. They do more damage then all other sources combined. Enjoying the outdoors in the 60s, 70s and 80s this was NOT a issue. I now have to share my hunting/fishing camps and favorite stream with piles of livestock waste. It's sad that the two entities (ODFW,

USFS) that are in charge of protecting public access, are the one's doing the most to destroy these places!

We need more access to fishable streams and rivers. Not happy that places I once fished are now off limits I thought we all owned the water in Oregon not just large land owners.

Close the Wild Coho season in the ocean. We need the Brood Stock program to work. The coastal rivers for Coho need to be closed. Dean Hendricks

The way of the occasional fisherman that goes to the local pond with his son to fish 1-3 times a year is gone. The high cost and complexity of rules is discouraging Dads that aren't regular fisherman or a part of a club, from going (at least legally). What I've noticed is that fishing and especially hunting is becoming a sport worth the risk of not having a license, or getting caught illegally, versus following all the rules and paying the high prices. I am a strict by the rules guy, just ask my wife and friends. It's unfortunate that guys like me are not willing to reeducate by reading a cover to cover fishing reg just to go fishing one day, and will consider just not going anymore.

As we begin to experience periods of climatic extremes, all actions taken for the purpose of eco-system preservation should be top priority, above sport fishing and/or commercial fishing.

I would like the Army Corp of Engineers to put the floating dock back at the Lookout Point Reservoir boat launch. (Dexter, OR) It's been sitting in the dirt at the Dam launch (which hasn't been usable for many years) so every time I go there to fish I ding up my boat on rocks and the concrete ramp trying to get in and out of the boat. I would like to see more catch-and-release and fly/lure only water in the state.

Actually save Salmon as to taking money and creating a every blatant possibility for survival to fail!! Do Better !! What a scam , the wildlife take a backseat to capitalism and genocide . Sustainability is the natural law of the land . You all are failing it and us miserably, honor the treaties and allow tribes to restore the land . Y'all have no business with it . Like adopted parents that have the kids as decorations and kill them off slowly and discard at leisure. Remove the Dams and Army Corp of Engineers from the waters and lands.

I have generally been inactive in the oregon fish and wildlife arenas. I enjoy going outdoors but haven't been able to make time between covid and forest fires.

I spend more time hunting big game then fishing per year but would like to get back into angling, unfortunately the price of everything has gone up and I have to pick and choose what I do to recreate

i don't fish, i hunt.

Plant more fish

most of the anglers work during the week , the meeting that count we don't have a voice as individuals to oppose or agree with the options , I would like to see this give more time to the anglers that pay the bills of the ODFW time for us to get in on these issues , we spend a ton of money every season only to get the short end of the stick , take a look thank you

I buy an "over 50 year Oregon Resident" Fishing License each year and I'm ready to go..... someday!

rebuild rock creek hatchery. rethink the decision not to fund hatchbox programs to enhance chinook runs in the umpqua.

hunting and fishing are what mold us into being better people. it's a chance to let go of all stress in your life and reflect on who you are as a person. Some find this in a church or religion. I, like many others, find this outdoors. I understand that what you are trying to do is with the best interest in heart. unfortunately you seem to either be misguided or misinformed in your decisions. adding more regulations on top of what are already in place is idiotic. one more thing. stop increasing the cost of being outdoors. no one cares if the books are colored. you are trying to bend us over and have your way with us and to be honest with you you should be ashamed of yourselves. this is how many feed themselves and their families. myself included. besides all that good job.

The searun cutthroat limit should be reinstated to 5. While relatively plentiful, they are so difficult to catch that anglers should not be limited to 2 when the extremely rare opportunity to catch more occurs.

Keep our marine life healthy and let us fish when it's safe

Simplify the regulations for river access

stop cutting back catch limits. I'm thinking about moving back to Alaska where there is better limits. Paying almost \$200.00 for a sports pack is ridiculous for the small amount of fish we can catch and keep

The management and control of the fishing needs to be restructured.

I most likely won't continue to buy a hunting/fishing license in a state that I feel doesn't have my best interest at heart as a sportsman.

Would like fishing to be allowed all year round-not seasonal. Also, synopsis is too hard to understand.

The number of Salomon and steelhead in the north santiam are pitiful

Yes your hatchery manager's ARE killing our fishing by not raising enough FISH.

Steelhead salmon guy in foster loser's ain't got a clue

catch and release fishing should be stopped. Most released fish die it is a waste of resources.

Why are we paying for the Columbia river endorsement and still allow gill netters and we can not use barbed hooks on the Columbia river?????

I support it as long as it does not expand.

i can remember when the regulations for fish and wildlife would fit in my shirt pocket.

a lot of my friends have given up on both because of the amount of new regulations

you keep coming up with. now you have a book for each of them. now you are

ATTACKING the bow hunters for deer and elk. if i cannot draw a bow tag i will be

selling my gear or start hunting out of state. over regulation sucks!!! thank you jerry butts.

I don't like the attempt to eradicate the walleye in the columbia River. They are what keeps me fishing year round.

Oregon's on shore guide population is poorly regulated resulting in over fishing a resource due to the guides ability to use any river in the state. This needs to change or our river resources will be depleted.

I am retired combat veteran. It would be nice to have discounts for veterans so we could fish more!

Not convinced ODFW has adequate scientific information for allowing 24/7 crabbing.

Plant fish in the Applegate, please

I am concerned that Squid fishing will impact the Cape Perpetua Reserve through incursions and bycatch and lack of enforcement -- also will cause Whales to become more vulnerable as they run the gauntlet of these closely packed massive trawlers. The number of tags and what you need to buy is confusing. Just make one license that does it all. I don't care what it costs. PS. I buy the sportsmans pack every year but then I still have to get other stuff like the 2 rod endorsement. Please make it all inclusive.

Total Fish counts have seemed to drop dramatically over the years in Oregon Lakes, Rivers, Streams and the Oregon Coast. Some conservation must be done to preserve fish and wildlife.

We are currently at Gold Beach, Camping and fishing for a week every year. All of our camp neighbors are from out of state. They've been complaining because they used to go home 400 lbs of salmon every year and now they are lucky to get one a week. They all stay about 4 months. 400 lbs of fish!! They drive it back to Idaho and come back for more. No wonder there's no fish!

Take politics, special interest groups and tribes out of the picture and simply manage the resources. Stop managing the resources based on income. And, pay attention to the hunters and fishermen and stop catering to landowners and non users.

Almost all of my fishing is done in freshwater lakes and streams. Usually in south central region.

One day we will get a Gov. who the people approve of and you sons of bitches are going to pay.

For me- it's just for fun. I don't use barbed hooks and let the fish go, if it isn't badly hurt. But for others it is a food source. Please be mindful of new rules. Thank you.

I am opposed to gillnets in the main Columbia River.

The policy changes to enhance and protect wild fish have done little to accomplish its goal. It has decreased fishing opportunities dramatically. Steelhead, coho and trout fishing have been greatly effected in the willamette valley and coast estuaries. Refer to pre 1990 fish management and compare to today. Many more people live here now and have fewer local opportunities.

Keep a good watch out for poaching. .

to many pike minnows in Santiam river eating smolts

The whole odfw system seem to be worse and worse

Should really consider banning not only trout fishing but salmon and steelhead in streams until numbers incread

I would like to know more about the reserves and if they're open to the public for fishing

the cost to fish is to high

the only problem i have with lake fishing is young people in boats or playing in handicap area

If I have a recommendation you wouldn't listen

I have an idea for you guys how about putting more salmon and steelhead in the rivers? It's hard to stay interested in fishing when you can fish for days and days and not catch a fish when not to long a go you catch one every time you went out. Now I can't hardly get my kids to go out with me because of the odds of catching is so low
Need limited on crappies

I heard Washington doesn't have a Columbia basin permit anymore. Will Oregon be eliminating it also?

Fees seem excessive for the actual amount of fish I actually bring home. Only got 1 trout and 6 catfish over the last year. Not worth the \$90+ in fees plus gas or permit for hagg lake access.

Get gilnets out of Columbia River

Commercial fishing needs to be obsolete it is the only way with dam removal we will ever rebound and have fish again.

Kill the seals and stop charging us so much with no fish in the rivers You guys should have a grade on how well you guy are doing. I thing very shit it would it matter ? You would'nt listen in the seventys and a off shore fishery was destroyed and some unique fish species were lost and destroyed. I assure you that I have the back ground and knowledge on this subject.

It would be nice if ODFW posted volunteer opportunities so we can be a part of the process. The steelhead fishing, in general, is getting worse and worse and if we could see what the reasons are for that and how we can help change that I think you would get a lot of support.

I get to the coast to fish maybe once every 6-10 years. I'm sure the marine reserves have a need, but I'm an inland fisherman, freshwater. As a state with coastal waters we need to be aware of all the needs, but I can't answer the questions because the issue doesn't come up in Eastern Oregon. Thanks

Increased cost is a hardship and limits younger people from an internist in learning to fish. I fish mainly in the McKenzie river and worry about the future plans of stocking the river., also the livelihoods of people in the McKenzie area who depend on the river if the method of stocking changes or is discontinued.

While I have not yet done any marine fishing in Oregon, I plan to in the near future and do not see the presence of marine reserves as a barrier. I would strongly oppose any efforts to weaken the protections conferred on marine life within Oregon's marine reserves.

You close the Columbia to much

You need to do something about those seals they have destroyed and maimed so many of our river fish coming back to spawn. They eat the polts they are a nuance, sometimes aggressive, and have taken over docks. They are a health and safety issue! I am extremely concerned about salmon and steelhead runs or the lack of. More money/resources/programs needs to go toward protecting them.

It's a bad idea not to allow keeping a few steelhead in the johnday River system. There are lots of fish that come up. Your fish counter isn't accurate that I talked to.

Hatcheries are not producing enough fish. Expand Hatcheries!

More conservation is better.

Licenses too expensive for non seniors

If the salmon/steelhead are dwindling enough to change bag limits, and prematurely close seasons. I'd rather you just close the season for four years, and get it over with. I would like my children, and grand children to have something to fish for in the future.

I enjoy fishing and appreciate the quality of fish Oregon hatcheries produce. especially the trophy trout released in Klamath County. I fish more in the past 10 years because of quality and quantity of these fish planted.

I would like to see Oregon permit the use of live crawfish for bait IN THE SAME WATERSHED FROM WHICH THEY WERE TAKEN. I have already been in touch with ODFW and I am working on a proposal to the Commission.

Thank you for taking care of our resources

The cost of license and fees is getting out of control. Things put in place like Columbia river basin fee are ridiculous and not supported by anglers. Nor should it still be a continued requirement.

I would like to see a draw permit for sturgeon. This would increase angler opportunity if you drew a tag, and you could still hire a guide to take you if that was your choice. Current seasons for sturgeon in the Lower Columbia and Willamette are not really fair. A draw tag system would allow you to choose what fish you kept (i.e. a good one). Current one day or two day seasons where the fish get hammered by guides and their clients is not creating angler opportunity. Thanks

I would like to take my out of state children fishing for a day. Raised here in Oregon so they have good memories but don't want to pay out of state license fee to fish.

A better salmon tag system would be to give the public so many salmon a year to catch. Call it 20. The first 20 you get regardless of native or hatchery you keep and that is it. I have seen so many dying native coho and king native salmon that were released by anglers it was obvious the current management plan is more harmful than it could be.

Sea lions should be destroyed not relocated or protected. Restrict foreigners from fishing. Give sportsman preference for angling

This is totally ridiculous survey. What is it's purpose.? What a waste.

Reopen hatcheries and start releasing steelhead and salmon in greater numbers again. Tribal management is better than ODFW. Keep broodstock running.

Fishing and hunting start when we are kids and when I was young, catching a fish was important to keep my interest.

I don't like the fly fishing and lures only. I fished in small streams where lures are impossible to use.

Improve your web site. Almost impossible to use, difficult to navigate through, and if a visitor ever bought a temporary license, if you don't have his user name and password, forget it. We spent literally three hours trying to buy licenses for our grandsons this year. Finally had to go to a vendor. None of my other grandkids are able to fish because of this problem.

The Deschutes is way over regulated and it's disappointing how the lower river has changed to the worse. Look at dams like Flaming Gorge in Utah as a model to create a world class fishery.

It would be great if you could update the marine reserve areas with new signs at all the major walks that go to the reserve area please.

Stop the Gill Netting in the Columbia River. WE were told the Columbia River \$10 fee was to pay the Gillnetters off. WE have been lied to too many times.

I'm an old time salmon and steelhead and trout fisherman and I've seen the runs disappear because of your miss management of our fish and our game you people

should be ashamed of yourself all of you should be fired.? we had great runs of fish and good herds of elk and deer and you gave out to many cow elk hunt and doe hunt in the eastern oregon units what are you all going to do when they are all gone???????? im a old salmon and steelhead fisherman when the runs were great and now of miss management of are runs it not even worth fishing and the big game animals in eastern oregon has been miss managed as well you people over harvest the cows and does and there is very little left what are you golng to when they are ll gone????? All fees - UP Fish (and deer) - way down. Odfw stuck a fork in the Clackamas. Now odfw is going to "help" the Santiams. Gee, thanks. Thin out birds & sea lions!!! Very disappointing to try and raise salmon and steelhead in hatcheries that are not on the rivers they release the smolt in. The returns of salmon and steelhead continue get lower. You keep closing more and more hatcheries, then raise the smolt in a different hatchery on a different river. Take the smolt from one hatchery and put them in multiple rivers. How are those fish sappose to survive or thrive in water they weren't born in. License fees and tags are extremely more expensive and there are less fish to catch. Less hatcheries to produce fish. We need smaller hatcheries on more rivers, versus one bigger hatchery serving multiple rivers. I love to fish, it is so sad to see so many rivers with no fish in Oregon.

Columbia river endorsement is a scam. Get the nets off the river. Gill nets should be banned in oregon.

Thanks

I use light gear to fish our rivers and streams mostly. I occasionally fish in the ocean with my dad.

The small mouth bass in the Umpqua River are playing a large part in wiping out trout and salmon smolts.

Fund the fish hatcheries to stock rivers with more salmon. Costal rivers have a higher potential success as temperatures continue to rise in Central Valley rivers I have not fished in saltwater for 23 years. My fishing is mostly for warm water species (bass primarily) which you people seem intent on removing from state waters.

Thanks for doing a great job

I do enjoy fishing however it's not my main focus

I will always get a hunting and fishing license. But I do feel they are over priced As a rule the worst people with and agenda develop these strategies to undermine any effort to use these resources, I can name several programs that were complete disasters over the last 40 years, fish run management stands out as a complete failure. I have talked to so called experts in the field only to discover they had no real understand of the wildlife they sought to protect, you will do more harm than good...

Open razor clam retention

Stop over managing and over regulating the fishing. You are destroying to sport Money is allocated in this state for everything but fish and wildlife Oregon was known for salmon and timber so we need to put the salmon back in the rivers Clackamas and Sandy should have 100,000 return of Chinook to keep people eating fish and healthy in this state and what it's all about. Look what the senate or house did to our Snake River today no allocation for money there goes our upriver fish that we intercept a percentage of in the Columbia you guys know you do this for a living you get paid for it

I'd pay \$1,000 a year to have great fishing and spread the people out someone's going to start getting hurt doing the wrong thing in the rivers

I would love to see single point barbless hooks only allowed on the trout waters below Owyhee Dam!

We need hatcheries. There are no natural places for fish to spawn do to dams. Don't listen to the native fish society.

I am happy that from time to time you have added a few larger trout to your stocking program. My grand kids some times get board just catching the 8 and 9 inch fish.

The larger ones make it more interesting. The only thing I am disappointed in is when you put the real small ones in and I see people through them back in, they do not normally survive. I saw this at Trillium Lake this summer. It was not good.

Every year the cost of licenses/ tags goes up and the number of game animals/fish goes down. Fish hatcheries are producing far fewer fish.

You continue to destroy fish runs. Horrible at managing fisheries

I worked on Seabird research for USFWS in Alaska so my answers may be a bit biased.

I mostly fish fresh water

Please issue a decent, durable, easy to carry fishing license.

Allowing commercial fishing in the Columbia river is wrong. A sport angler misidentifies a fish and they have large fines, but commercial fishing nets kill everything in them. Salmon are declining due to overfishing in Alaska. I believe that's the direct factor to fewer and smaller fish. I lost faith in ODFW management after they lied to us and didn't follow through on Columbia river eliminating commercial fishing and abusing money from fees charged to do so.

More docks needed for fishing rivers and lakes. Not everyone has a water vehicle

I'd get more tags and fish more if regulations weren't so stupid.

You are doing a good job protecting our fish habitat

Licensee fees are excessive

Have a discount on fishing licenses and tags since most people weren't able to get out and fish this last covid year. I wasn't even able to launch my boat for a period of time because that idiot Brown closed down every thing including boat launches around my area

Plant more fish!

Make the Regulation booklet more friendly to understand (goes for Hunting Regulations as well)!

Yes. Stupid law. I bottom fish in around 100' of water. If by chance I catch a salmon when bottom fishing I cannot keep it even if I have a salmon tag.

Open hatcheries

I look forward to catching more saltwater fish!

Thanks for doing a great job that many fishermen and women do not appreciate. Conservation of species is very important. We all have other food sources. Olalla Lake has many small fish killed because selfish anglers don't want to take home small catches.

please stock more bass in Prineville Reservoir. It was a great fishery in years past, now I am lucky to catch a couple small ones.

Keep up the good work!

Need to have more salmon and steel head programs

No. I no longer fish.

too many regulations. for sport fishing. I did not vote for it. I would vote for it if I saw the science behind the regulation.

I understand the Tribes ancestral rights but their fishing practices and influences over you and your decision making negatively impact fishing/populations etc..

Would like to trout fish before May 31st on Clackamas or Santorum

Confusing rules and constant changes.

I very seldom have an opportunity to fish the oceans.

I appreciate the Pioneer License... I probably wouldn't buy a license if I could not get the Pioneer License

The Columbia River is not managed properly for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon, having fished for 65 years. I've watched the fish runs decline due to the predation by cormorants, sea lions and OVER gill netting. It's not the dams creating the problems. I seems like studies always result in more restrictions on rec users. I resent that my fees seem to be used against the sport I enjoy. I get the sense that impacts may be the result of many things but rec is easier to target and protectionist advocates will take any form of regulation they can get.

3.2% of State waters actually seems like a small amount. Keep doing what you're doing!

right now troller rock fishing is open but we can only have 5 catch limit bag limit

Fees are getting too high.soon won't be able to afford fishing. Retired on SSI.

i'm moving to Idaho

I fish winter steelhead on the umpqua there is hardly any fin clip any more. Not even worth trying

Yes, current logging practices need to be enforced and penalties from the past should be paid in full by ALL parties concerned. There is and has been an excess in electrical power for decades and we need to get rid of many of the dams that are harming our environment. The desert doesn't need farmed. Most of these farms are no more than hobbies that keep an outdated way of life alive with no benefit to society. Thanks for listening to my opinion.

Advocate to KEEP THE DAMS on the Klamath!!!

If we catch yellow eye that is injured we should be able to keep it

sad to see fee for combo license as a Pioneer has adds to get it higher than combo in the past !

In my opinion, these areas are nothing more than government restrictions to allow the privileged few, governmental people, or political party members, access to areas that commoners are not allowed to enter or use, to ensure a class based system that restricts "commoners," and provides the ultimate privilege to the wealthy or well connected.

You should've left the adjoining beach/rocks open for bank anglers.

Support hatcheries better and get the fish run back to where it was 10 years ago

I think you should resume planting trout in rivers. Let people catch stupid planters and take the pressure off the natives. After talking to several steelhead fisherman, they said they could only keep fin clipped fish but usually only catch wild fish???

Maybe plant more steelhead?

Them bums On Marine Drive on the Columbia river between 205 bridge and 140th stealing oversize sturgeon and nothing is done about that.. They make my childhood fishing grounds look like shit garbage everywhere.. They need to get moving Much more should be done to increase the production and yearly returns of Salmon and Steelhead each year - your policies are causing this to decline and is a failing strategy. Fix it now before it is gone.

Force the irrigators and the Army Corps of Engineers to discontinue draining Wickiup Reservoir, and drawing down and stranding thousands of brown and rainbow trout each year.

Closing angling on rivers due to covid 19 does not appear to be well thought out. I've never seen crowding (person to person) at any boat ramp, or out on the water.

pay attention to ocean conditions, and DO something to improve them now.

The thing that has probably frustrated me the most is getting angling licenses for my kids. They do not have smart phones or email. This has prevented me from getting their first license online. I was finally able to get their license from a store but that took multiple attempts from multiple stores until I found the right person that could actually help me get their license. The license on the phone is great for me since I have a smart phone and email address, but the way things are set up are not friendly if you do not have that.

Please simplify rules and licensing!!!

Keep up the good work.. we need to protect our natural resources from corporations not the normal man.. it seems like the normal person ie me has a lot of restrictions but corporate america can just write a check and do whatever the hell they want to.. fiX THAT I hate corp america

Licensing fees for seniors on fixed incomes like me are too high. Fishing isn't worth it anymore. It's a mess.

I am generally aware of efforts to establish marine reserves, but I don't have enough understanding of specific sites to answer earlier questions w/o some guessing.

Support hatcheries!!!!!!

Pike Minnows increasing numbers in North Santiam River concern me. I am only aware of a bounty system on sections of the Columbia. Any chance that will be extended into the Willamette and the Santiams?

stream line the regs & make so the normal person can under stand them

I don't agree with kayak permit fees.

establish more salmon hatcheries modeled after Alaska instead of all wild fish programs and let anglers know how much money is spent on worthless programs like bull trout recovery and place people on the fish and wildlife commission who actually fish and hunt

I did not like the way your survey was setup. Most of the questions seemed stupid. To me it was a waste of time.

You need to keep salmon and steelhead fishing viable. What ever happen to residents being able to have fish boxes? That was more help than you remember

Raise more spring chinook and steelhead in the Oregon hatcheries and continue to work on the legislation that will put the Gill nets in Young's Bay only and the Sealion population needs to continue to be controlled. It's not good for them and the anglers

to mingle together in fresh water. Unhealthy atmosphere for the humans and the big mammals.

Please stock more fish.

I am disabled, but have to bank fish, because I have no access to a boat. It is unsafe for me to fish, and that is why I have stopped fishing. According to the regulations, my disability is not severe enough to qualify for disability fishing. I have balance issues from brain surgery in 2014 and am a significant fall risk. I am hoping you will make disability more inclusive. Thank you!

Marine reserves serve important functions and I applaud the work that scientists are doing to protect our fisheries.

Seems all of this is pertinent to Western Oregon. Eastern Oregon is left out of the loop on most ODFW benefits.

Why don't I know these questions about our marine reserves? Why is there wave research being done by a private company that can block access to the beach and camping and potential fishing?

Get us over the hurdle with Covid and get more kids involved with fish and wildlife programs. Pull us together to give a hoot and snuff it. Get the kids to tide pools and planting fry in streams. I was involved in all of the above and everyone loved the field trips.

two damn many rules

All the boat docks that I use are in poor shape

I get a license to support fish & wildlife. I only intend to fish with my grandkids.

Everybody would like to see the end of the commercial fishing on the Columbia River.

Kids under 18 should be able to fish anywhere any time for any fish, free, no license needed. Their impact would be insignificant and the future benefits immeasurable.

Current fees and regulations make fishing nearly impossible.

Too many politics with no good results!!

Don't fish much at all, and never go salt water fishing

Start making Coho again - or if it is really all as critical and important that you can't do anything about it and your hands are tied (bullshit) stop allowing any take of Coho at all. You can't have it both ways.

This survey is not well constructed, particularly the sections about knowledge of names and locations of marine reserves. All of the information is in the angling regulations. I think those questions are offputting and may result in the surveyed persons feeling unknowledge because they have not memorized the names and locations. The initial questions in my opinion were highly skewed to "rabid" anglers who have no life other than fishing. What is the percentage of these folks compared to someone like myself who fishes amongst a variety of other interests, yet is knowledge and may be a much greater percentage of your saltwater angling base. I strongly support the marine reserve system as the science behind them is strong. The dept would be better served and would likely have better support of the MR system if you touted the rationale and benefits of MR and sell that instead of guessing questions which the information is readily available, if a person bothered to read the regulations. Sincerely yours. Blaine Parker

It is very hard to spend time and money to fish in Oregon, when the bag limits are so low.

Planing on going to Gold Beach and Fishing on the Rogue River with a Guide First time in my life.

My age and health has limited to what I can do. No boat any more.

ODFW should focus on more stream enhancements for fish instead of more regulation

I cannot keep up with the closers and complex regulations, if i just want to go fishing i need to do a day of research to find out all of the regs and closers ,even then i am not 100 percent sure if i can keep a fish i have caught, it has gotten just taken the fun out of fishing.

The 2pm fishing cut off, and campfire bans will keep me home every time. I didn't even bother to buy a license this year.

create more quality salmon steelhead hatchery programs and releases

Always used to love fishing for trout in the rivers, but now it is only catch and release.

I fish to eat my catch. So now restricted to lake fishing only. Boo!

Why are you trying to eliminate the Brook and Brown trouts? The Brook is beautiful fish that is great for the kids to start with. And the Brown is a good challenge with the reward of fine flavor and firm meat. Also it takes considerable time to sift through the regulations to make sure that you are being legal for each place that you want to go to fish. Which catch and release is the same as closed to me. Once caught the odds of a fish dying increase substantially and I hate waste.

Regulations are too complicated and difficult to figure out where, when and how you can fish.

I don't know anything about the marine preserves because I don't salt water fish.

Efforts to combat global warming and removal of structures impeding natural freshwater flows are critical to the recovery of anadromous fish runs in Oregon (and other Pacific Northwest locations).

Freshwater trout stocking schedule needs improvement, more consistency and reliability.

Stop Gill netting on the Columbia River

I am not much of a fisherman: I just take some grandkids out once in a while.

Get gill netting off the river

My number one concern is the growing cost of fishing/hunting licenses. I have been hunting and fishing my entire life (60 y/o) and my 3 boys (now 27,29,31 y/o) have been fishing and hunting their entire lives. The cost to hunt/fish for families is getting to the point where the young people will be driven out and look for recreation options elsewhere or pick other activities, thus losing the necessary stewardship of our Oregon heritage. When costs go up, participation will continue to drop, I see it in many of the very rural areas we hunt/fish, no where near as many people in recent years. The Columbia River will always be crowded during the height of the salmon season and that is a problem but we need to ensure that families with kids have and maintain a low barrier to entry.

You have failed to the point that myself and most of my fishing friends are going to stop buying licenses

Oregon should ABSOLUTELY ban the harvest of wild steelhead. It is absolutely an embarrassment that this is allowed to continue.

Price of licensing is way too expensive

Would like to see More enforcement on shellfish with Stronger penalties for excessively above limits.

Please increase the limit on fish that eat salmon /steelhead fry/smoky. Increase production of salmon/ steelhead. The number of fish is considerably lower than what most and lakes and streams are capable of supporting. Read history books , for example, Umpqua river fish number sad told by the residents of the Umpqua valley from 1850 to. 1950.. Most if not all of these rivers can support more fish! Cost may be an issue, prioritizing your limited funds would help. The cost of fishing licenses is high enough to support increases in fish numbers. If you need private help at times —ask for it, there's a lot of retired folks that would love it. What happened to the use a hatch boxes?

Oregon tribes with historic and cultural relationships to reserve areas should be permitted limited and sustainable ceremonial and subsistence harvest of fish/shellfish in marine reserves.

It would be great if you could make stocking reports and seasonal closures easier to look up.

Fish on!

Let's bring the cost of license down. Please got rid of the Columbia River Endorsement

ODFW and it's gross mismanagement of Oregon's fish and wildlife and the ridiculous cost of licenses and tag fees are the reason less and less people are enjoying Oregon's hunting and fishing opportunities. If you truly want what is best for the fish and wildlife then let the hunters and fisherman make the rules, not the government. Keep things simple! Making laws harder to follow makes honest people frustrated and erodes support of the sportsman in your efforts where they might otherwise support.

I think that it is criminal that such steep fees are charged for salmon tags yet every year I go to the Cole M River fish hatchery there are only 1 -2 tanks being used for fish. There are tons of tanks that are dry and with such terrible numbers of fish it is unacceptable. Every rule or regulation that has been put in place has not helped but hurt the runs! The answer is simple you can not regulate fishermen to increase the population but you have a large hatchery that is 90 percent unused MAKE MORE fish!!!

I will continue to support ODFW buying a license every year even if I don't wet a line lived in oregon for 70 years and have enjoyed the abundant fishing oregon opportunities has to offer. I also think ODFW is a great organization.

The system is so full of people wanting to save everything they can but go about it wrong. Conservation is wonderful if applied correctly I just don't think that it is. They want to save the world and they don't care at whose expense it is.

Making rules simpler to understand and clearer. I want to follow all rules, and do not want to break rules by accidents .

the cost of licenses has gotten to the point where it is no longer worth hunting and fishing,

Reduce license & permit complexities. Reduce the number of seal/sea lions in rivers & estuaries. More hatchery salmon.

I'm new to Oregon over past 4 years, so not sure what has changed.

Over the years the government has made more rules and has taken the joy out of fishing. Fishing is not as good as before. Get some new ideas. Talk to the front-line employees.

Build are fishing back up by running hatchery's and putting fish in rivers. Quit using excuses and work for us. Not the politicians.

Please squash the bill that would supposedly abolish hunting and fishing. We can't let that happen.

ODFW should be acting on behalf of the sport industry. Given the take is substantially larger by commercial in total numbers, there should be an effort to dramatically reduce or eliminate commercial and allow the resource owned by the taxpayer to be used by the taxpayer. A few individuals are profitting off of a taxpayer owned resource at the cost of too many taxpayers. Just saying, #1 issue is "overtake" so the first rule to reduce "overtake" is TAKE LESS.

Some conservation is good, the current obsession of Democrats to lock up every square mile they don't personally use is a disaster.

Get the outdated water rights laws in Oregon changed.

The online licensing software could use some improvement

The more marine reserves, the better!

Lack of water has made it difficult to launch a boat!

my wife and I would like more places to fish with restroom access and bank fishing access. We are 68 years old.

Please invest more efforts into hatcheries. Our fish numbers are declining and more hatcheries opening back up will help significantly.

Marine reserve is great. But marine reserve or not. The problem isn't with Oregon fisherman 3 miles off shore. The problem is overfishing from commercial fleets. A lack of our fish and wildlife management to work multiple rivers and create more brood stock habitat and replacement programs for different migrating fish species.

We need to have better financial management of where our tax dollars, tag purchase dollars, grants and other are going. And direct those funds for a larger return on investment. E. Revenues. PDF is an interesting read. It reflects some opportunities to how we can redirect money to more important fish and game management. I would support increasing numbers of hatcheries. I would support brood stock programs on all coastal rivers. I would support a lottery draw for hunting big game to increase game population and harvest opportunities. Put our money where it counts! Studies and surveys are great as long as we do something with the results.

Thanks!

I prefer to fly fish in solitude. This is near impossible now - too many people, too few fish, crowded waters.

pay attention to wickiup Reservoir, it use to be a beautiful place

Please put more hatchery steelhead and salmon into our rivers again. Thank you for wanting to know.

There is a need to protect water from angling garbage and there is not enough effort to enforce this. ODFW is extremely hard to contact. When Surveys come out or deadlines are issued, I respond and am sure other participants do as well, immediately. However emails to ODFW are never returned and if they are are not timely.

I feel that more fish are harmed when released than having regulations that you kept your first catch and went home.

Increase hatchery production of salmon and steelhead.

I used to fish mainly rivers and streams for trout. The rules all changed years ago for catch and release and only artificial bait and lures. I pretty much quit at that time.

Get rid of the dams and the sea lions.

I would like to have a refund on my tag. As of rite now there is only 78 steelhead that have come through the traps on the south santiam river. The numbers are decling I would have never bought another tag had unknown the numbers would be this low.

Can I please have a refund. It's not worth buying ba license or tag anymore.

I'm 79 years old. Fresh water fishing is one of the few pleasures I can enjoy at this age. Oregon should be ashamed of the cost they charge seniors. \$29.00! In Washington State, \$7.50! Please review!

No, thank you. What a wonderful state for angling! I take my kids to local lakes but we're looking forward to hitting the streams and ocean as they grow up and continue to love angling.

Maybe more marine reserves. There is a lot of pressure on fish from climate change, on-shore source pollution and harvest.

You need to put more effort into our fisheries. Build more hatcheries let people use fish boxes again. Because there is a really good chance that if it stays on the same path my son may never have the opportunity to catch a salmon or steelhead. Listen to the fishing community not the liberals of Portland

Yes, I've seen bums catch and keep Sturgeon out of the Columbia River and they don't get in trouble for it. Yet I can't fish for them. I grew up fishing for Sturgeon and that was my passion. This is not fair. Do something about it.

We need more hatchery fish. Please fund and open hatcheries. Get rid of all gillnets. Lower the cost of licenses.

Regulations to complicated for the average pwrson

I feel that the way ODF&W keep raising cost is costing them money and creating pochers!

Please put aquatic species conservation concerns first, and harvest/take concerns second (or last). We should only be allowed to take things if their numbers and ecology are intact and functional.

Salmon management seems to fall squarely on recreational users. Why not raise commercial fees and reduce their limits or out right close all salmon fishing for a period of intense recovery. If you just limited fishing to recreation and no commercial I would think the recovery would be substantial and with the fees raised by recreational fees would help off set the cost of commercial closure along with a federal compensation program for commercial anglers. There should be absolutely no gill netting on the Columbia except for maybe tribal fishing and then have it monitored and managed. I just don't get it. Gill netting was supposed to be gone a long time ago but you can't get that handled??!! I as a recreational angler would be fine with closing all Salmon fishing for a recovery period if it were equal for all both commercial and recreational with a major campaign for restoration.

Fees keep getting more expensive while opportunities, seasons and limits become less available. You all are going to have a rough time when anglers across the state finally come together...

I think more hatcheries would be good. And more lottery money would be put towards them. Like they used to claim. And also all dams should have to have a way fish to get over them. If fish could get to breeding areas. We would have more fish. Mother nature does the best work.

What is Oregon's Marine Reserve

Please get the fish predators under control ! ie: sea lions, Caspian terns, double-crested cormorants,

Is it to late to rehabilitate the salmon and steelhead runs in the Willemette and Mckenzie

I've seen marine reserves work very well in Hawaii. It's a good idea for Oregon as well.

You are doing a good job!

Easily one of the worst surveys I have ever taken. Please change the company doing these for you or change the person on staff putting them together. Truly embarrassing that my high fees are going to put something like this out and a great example of how out of touch those doing the regulating are from the sportsman.

Make the license cheap so I can take my kids fishing

I support marine reserves and wild fish emphasis areas in freshwater
i only bass fish

Something needs to be done in a big way on how the State is addressing wild steelhead populations. The steelhead are being decimated and not enough is being done to protect this fish.

Keep the columbia river open above mcary dam for us in Eastern oregon

Stronger slot and catch limits for certain lakes. Colorado has gold class water - Delany lakes as an example, which are very popular and successful. While I have lived in OR for only 4 years now, I only know of two water bodies that have these limits. And at Laurence Lake, I suspect many, many people use bait. Thanks for everything this program does!

I need to educate myself more on the marine reserves and see if it's affecting peoples leaving situation. Thanks for bringing this to my attention.

Fish safe my friends

We camp on the Metolius River. In the past few years it has gone from no reservations to all reservations. There are no communications in the area. The system is terrible and disliked by almost everyone. Please go back to having some non reservable spots if not all on a first come first served basis.

We use to fish salmon and stealhead a lot in upper rogue we have nearly quit altogether because of decline!

We are seeing a lot of carp type fish on the Applegate river and very few salmon and steelhead.

some limits on the catch reduces the desire to fish. eg. halibut. The beating to get to the grounds isn't worth the reward. Costs of ocean fishing is another consideration. License fees are OK.

INCREASE the scope of the marine reserve system! How will loss of kelp and habitat affect rockfish populations in the coming years (e.g. due to urchin)? I would vote for establishing numerous smaller reserves. I've been spearfishing/breath-hold diving Port Orford Jetty for many years. I would give up that spot totally if it could become an underwater marine park, like Edmonds north of Seattle. I have no problem with the Redfish reserve. I would freedive it for fun & video but the viz is horrible right now. Would like more info emailed to me about urchin removal projects: coastmans@gmail.com. Thanks!

Lack of steelhead and salmon management has made fishing poor. Also I would like to see less out of town fishing guides allowed in our area. Maybe a permit system for guides with preference to local guides. Out of town guiding in our area takes away from our ability to catch fish. Especially when numbers are low and it's harder to catch fish

To much time and money has been used on passage programs! Would really like to see more time & money put into making are hatchery programs to make them the best they can be.

I do not have a fishing pole. Went fishing once with a friend.

Clean up the rivers

I am bad at meditating, but find being able to fish very soothing. Sadly, in three years I have only caught one fish

Have a good day!

Close all commercial salmon fishing

Please reduce the seals!

Love fishing, somewhat difficult due to handicap, at times.

I would love to take my 12year old daughter with me every time I go fishing but it's too dangerous with all the homeless.

Expand the marine reserves

I would like to see some data and studies to show the impact of the marine reserves.

I don't want to see angling opportunities limited unless there is proven benefits to the ecosystem.

I was at South Twin Lake camping. Large Dead fish were floating in the lake and rotting on the shore. To use the beach we had to bag the stinking fish and put in the trash. Whole campground stunk from it. This was on 7/12/21. I was told they were planted fish that died. My grandson is now on a triple dose of antibiotics, which may be because of the bacteria in the lake. Our mistake for letting him in the water.

This survey is very biased toward the marine reserve program. Not sure what the goal here is but when I clearly state that I don't fish salt water and the entire remainder of the survey is about salt water? Your results will be fatally flawed.

I've been an avid outdoorsman in Oregon my entire life utilizing and enjoying the resources that our state provides. Even looking over the past 10 years but you referenced in the survey ODFW has done a great disservice to the resources that Oregon is known for in fishing and big game. The answer to the resource depletion issue is to raise license fees to research a known problem by not just biologist but the common man. Politics is played too large of a part in Oregon's wildlife to the point there is now hardly any resources left. The depletion and eradication of Oregon's wildlife is solely on the responsibility of ODFW. This isn't rocket science this is what

this state department was developed for managing our natural resource which has not been done and if truth be told the exact opposite has been done in the last 10 years the state department we are supposed to be trusting with our fees has squandered our natural resource. To the point that private groups and private individuals have taken it upon themselves to try to bring back our resources by planting fish and rivers that have been depleted of natural steelhead and salmon. For an example we are responsible for teaching not just our own children in other generations but other individuals of our same age group not to over harvest even Though the bag limit is set rather high. At this point there will be NO resources for my children to enjoy in so thank you for that.

The boater pass permit makes enjoying the river difficult. I live near the river and between boater passed and shuttle fees it costs \$100 to float the Deschutes. That reduces family opportunity to enjoy the river. It's frustrating how expensive it is. The top water withdrawal system from Lake Billy Chinook is not working and is hurting the Deschutes river. Trying to return the lower Deschutes to historic water temps is introducing algae and harming the river in a slew of ways. The system is introducing things into the river that where never there because it mixing and releasing lake water to make the historical temperatures. Historically there was never a lake there. Also, river temps are getting too high and fish are dying. The best thing ODFW, PGE and the tribes could do is admit the project is a failure and release clean cold water from the bottom of the dam.

Sturgeon fishery needs more attention. Also seals are not just eating steelhead and salmon at Willamette falls, sturgeon are be taken as well.

came back after 50 years in CA....folks had three houses on beach between seal rock and waldport where he had a crab boat on the Alsea...love to dig razor clams....learned to fly fish at our cabin on Toutle and later on McKenzie.....now live on N Umpqua where I fly fish, it is about 100 steps to river... don't do salmon/steelhead except by accident...trout Appreciate the updates on stuff from ODFW I appreciate the Red Tide warnings on beach and since I have been back always purchased the shell fish tag but have yet to go back out and get crabs...

This survey was less about angling and more about Marine Reserves. Nice trickery; not a good way to build trust. Next time be honest about the purpose of the survey. To many people and not enough freshwater fish to catch. Need more access to banks of Columbia on Oregon side.

You are pricing me out of hunting now also. I've hunted and fished Oregon for 63 years, regulations and price increases to keep your budget going are making alot of people quit. This maybe my last year archery hunting on public land.

Make the zoning and regulations for fishing easier to understand. Have more catch and release river zones and lake fisheries so sport fishing is more sustainable. OR create slot limits by size. not every fish has to be a meal. Way too many people feel they have to max out their limit. Rivers in Oregon has the potential to be "World Class Fisheries" Way too many "Bubba's" have to kill ever fish caught.

We need to get rid of the seals before the steelhead are gone forever in our major rivers. Sad we can't make simple choices

Love fishing! Be cool If they had more free fishing days for kids

Over harvesting is one thing we can control - strongly recommend eliminating commercial fishing of any sort in the Columbia basin ! this resource belongs to everyone that is part of the "Great" Pacific NW !! Thank You for asking Steve Richmond - Tigard, Or PS - This is my 45th year of running the Deschutes River - Warm Springs to Maupin,Or

ODF&W's effort to manage fisheries has failed due to a complete lack of understanding the natural order of our environment. I don't expect agency staff to recognize outdated policies and scientific research driven by capitalistic interests are part of the problem. The dominant society has destroyed our biosphere because they look at earth as a resource, and not a relationship that allows all life to perpetuate. the Columbia river added fees should be removed since it was not used for what we were told it was for.

Give out less deer tags in the Heppner unit. In the last 5 years I have seen a decline of bucks. And a huge increase of hunters.

Fish hatchery's are the most important part of our fishery we have been running them successfully for hundreds of years. STOP TAKING THEM OUT!

Make regs easy to understand

The cost of a fishing license is way to high. The. Drainage of our lakes for tourist recreation is ruining your local people's angling experience.

Terrible survey questions. Spend more time planting more fish more often.

Streams and other fisheries that sustain a population of wild fish should move toward zero limit, artificial flies and lures only. Or at least a narrow slot for anglers that harvest.

Work on better hatchery programs. Bring back salmon and steelhead populations

Why is it illegal to remove things from the beach? Such as driftwood, etc.? No one person owns the ocean or the things the ocean produces so this should not be enforced as it's finders keepers but yet I do understand the conservations and agree we need them. This is the one thing I don't agree with per say

I think we need to close bottom fishing for commercial fishing. We need to let the fish grow bigger and recover,because there is too much pressure on them. Or close it down for everyone for ten years. And then allow some fishing no commercial any more

Legislators have screwed up Fishing and Hunting in this state

The cost of hunting and fishing tags and licensing has driven many young people away from these activities

Too many free fishing weekends does not help

I love fly fishing only

I am waiting for my new fishing boat, more fishing soon.

I feel like the wild fish advocacy groups have too much influence over decisions made that effect our fisheries. When I started to fish for steelhead in 2006, both the Sandy and Clackamas were almost year-round steelhead fisheries. Now, because of the influence of groups like Native Fish Society, both of the rivers mentioned above have been ruined. The lack of hatchery fish output has devastated the opportunities once enjoyed by so many local anglers. It is very sad to say that my children will most likely not have the same steelhead fishing experiences that I had when I was younger.

This was too complicated for the average housewife at 6am trying to enjoy a cup of coffee and help you. As it isn't a required survey, it could have been more informative as opposed to feeling a test that I failed with WRONG answers (on a survey??) I already said that I only fish in the North, how would I know which little tiny section Otter or Rockfish Rocks are located? Please remember that WE are helping YOU collect research information, and make it FUN for us! :) One more thing; " I don't think of anything but fishing, ever and if I can't fish life is not worth living?" Strongly agree or do you suck and not care about fish or fishing? Seriously? A bit melodramatic on the first set of questions people. We really love to fish, but PEOPLE are the most important thing in LIFE. You asked :D

Lack of Park Rangers leads to fishing violations... need more Rangers in field, not in office

I did not know about the reserves , therefore I don't have enough educated knowledge to form an opinion yet.

Please continue to simplify the regulations.

I HAVE FINISHED AND OREGON ALL OF MY LIFE AND I HAVE PROVIDED a LOT OF FISH FOR MY FAMILY THANK YOU ODFW

Make our hatcheries productive again give us the opportunities we deserve I'm retired now and hardly any opportunities for fishing

Don't angle anymore

Keep up the good work.

It's sad about the drought and now wildfires in the Beatty & Bly area. Our area where we hunt, camp & fish for the last 40+ years isn't going to be the same. Last time there was a fire there was in 1959. We're hoping that we'll be able to get into some of these places when it is safe to do and see what is left.

Keep up the great work

thank you

Please build a feature into the app that utilizes your gps location to provide up to date regulations/changes for your exact location. Additionally, make the regulations an electronic document with a search feature. As a law abiding Oregonian I feel that the regs are difficult and convoluted to understand. I fear that I may unknowingly break the law to which I may lose my privilege.

Not being able to fish out of a boat on the Deschutes is ridiculous.

The Reserves are absolutely awesome. Now we need to get the hatchery and rivers up to snuff in order for fish to come back the way they use to be.

The higher the price of licences and tags go up, for both fishing and hunting, the less likely I am to buy one, thus decreasing your revenue.

Quit spending money on marine reserves and do more stocking of fingerlings and do more to stop invasives like the bass that have ruined crane prairie reservoir

Don't allow fishing and hunting to become illegal by new proposal trying to get on next November ballot

To many angling rules. Hatch more fish and stock.

I mainly fish for trout have no one to go with and have been in hospital on and off for almost 5 yrs now cleaning up after being evacuated for 18 days and ice storm limbs down will hope to get back to going fishing next year. up clackamas river

Thanks for all you do! Protect fish and fish habitat first, then worry about our sport fishing.

A lot of the foreigners don't know the rules I watched him fill up a 5 gallon bucket with little crabs little teeny clams stuff that supposed to be left alone and grow and they take it home and make soup

You suck!

The sports fishing is being hurt by, sea lions and commercial fishing, in short. more attention needs to be paid to trout fisheries in eastern oregon. The use of lures in sensitive waters, growing bass numbers that are killing trout and salmon alike. And most importantly the ever growing numbers of small water craft in or shallow nutrient filled lakes. The constant traffic disrupts th ability for fish to feed breed or in many cases even rest.

Stop sending me these surveys

Too bad that that's about the distance off shore where all ocean life is dying currently Would like to see less complicated rules when going fishing

Hunting license prices are also way too expensive it has made hunters a dieing breed I believe the work done by ODFW is important to preserve the quality and integrity of our incredible resources. You are protecting the marine experience for fishermen today as well as in the future. Keep up the good work and thank you for what you do. Ya put out more fish for bigger returns especially small rivers and throw some stealhead in gales creek and tualitun river

Thank you for all u do!

Add 2nd rod tag to your website to purchase online

According to law enforcement and other jurisdictions, when the Oregon State Marine Board creates anti-fishing rules within ANY or AROUND city park, it's considered illegal. All fishing related complaints are taken seriously which shouldn't be true. Karens get taken seriously which will be the downfall of Men in the near future. I promise you 75% of my fishing spots will become "privatized" or an Oregon Marine Board UNVOTED restriction within the next 5 years. Government taking public fishing away from the people to be controlled by the smart phone. Sounds crazy, but fishing will disapear, hunting will, guns, fighting, lifting, the idea of living a healthy lifestyle, family values, proper authority will be completely thrown out the window.

I hardly ever fish because, like the mammals you "manage" you do so for revenue not in the interest of the wildlife. I get it that their are benefits for wildlife to our taking some, but humans are so fucking gluttonous we have destroyed the whole thing. Don't get all defensive, I'm out there, I see, and I'm not happy at all with your results. If you worked for me I would have to fire you. ODFW does a lot of fantastic things for wildlife, just my opinion it is far, far too little given our state of affairs. I have no more hope.

Guides are commercial fisherman and should be regulated as such.

Stop making up new ways for us to pay more money

Yes, the licenses and tags are very expensive. Need drastic reductions on everything.

Also make odfw website more intuitive.

Better fishing tips and report like where crappies are during the calendar day and what dept.

I used to have a drift boat and steelhead fish often. Crowds, competition and reduced number of fish have discouraged me and i have stopped angling. Now if we were discussing eastern oregon archery elk my answers would be complete opposite. Now facing controlled archery elk draws next year and looks like i may not get the hunt i like and may have to quit that too.

No, on offshore wind turbines

Your whole app and e license system is complete nonsense! It could be so much better. When I look for information the my odfw does not ever have what I am looking for! Fishing regulations are a joke and seasons are so hard to understand now I don't even know where to look to know what is open. I could care less about marine reserves and I would like to see more sea lions killed and gill netting banned completely!!!!

The fees are too high. The extra fee to fish the Columbia/Willamette is legislative greed.

I don't like the degree to which ODFW's funds are dependent on fees, and focused on game fish and animals. Would like to see ODFW focus more on non-game wildlife and be more independent from hunters and anglers.

Sled Springs hunt last Thanksgiving ! 9 days not one Elk . All old tracks ! . Two different biologists and suggested we hunt there I spent six points for a area where there was zero elk sorry thank you very much for nothing .60 years old have hunted the Wilson unit for 25 years never even got to taking a shot at an elk wasted six years of saving points .

I am so, so worried about climate change and how it will affect juvenile salmon in rivers. It's going to be bad.

You need to blocking minor tributaries from salmon spawning just because you lack man-power to police them. It's criminal!

Jesus made me a fisher of men; so regular fishing isn't my purpose in life anymore. I quit ocean fishing when catch limits were reduced so drastically

Support brood stock programs

I would really love to have more opportunities to work with an angling mentor. I know how to fish for trout and catch dungeness. I would really love to learn how to catch more things. As a woman angler, it is sometimes intimidating.

Get the Gill nets off the Columbia River system including Native American nets.

Realize "native fish" are often from Native American hatcheries

Keep steelhead wild and protected

I grew up along the Oregon coast and used to fish within the now defined cascade head marine reserve. I view the reserve as a positive impact for our local ecosystem and hope to see more protection designated to our coastlines.

Help our salmon/steelhead runs. Current policies are NOT working.

Bring back salmon breeding in the alsea River if money is the problem I know people who will do it for free just to see salmon in the alsea River again

You are doing a great job. Thank you for all your efforts.

Fish on

I know virtually nothing about fishing.

Great job with conservation, Oregon. We need more of it, and we need to get the invasive/problem species out if they exist.

Overcrowding and access, cuts to hatchery programs ie Chinook in the Wilson and programs in the Kilchis, summer steelhead in the upper Clackamas are moves in the wrong direction. Getting rarer and rarer to see kids fishing for our iconic nw species. Stocked trout are not a viable solution for the coastal communities that need future salmon and steelhead fishermen to stay relevant.

Want more fish in the clackamas system it's a waste of the river not having fish in it you can catch in the upper section PLANT MORE FISH does me no good if only 10 fish come back and I can't keep them what a waste of a beautiful river for political reasons Marine reserves could be important if managed correctly, it seems to me the loudest voice gets heard and the sport fishing gets screwed

With the job being one I would be embarassed to admit I work for them

We need to support our Hatcheries and do something more than we have been to reduce the number of Sea Lions in our fresh water tributaries

Fishing With kids is challenging when lures are required for every damn creek.

Fishing with bait slows the pace of fishing and makes it easier to fish holes on small creeks. I have 3 kids and fishing with lures makes it impossible to manage all 3 lines. Allow bait fishing (e.g. worms) and you will increase access to Oregons youngest fishers.

Everything is over regulated. No fun in the sport anymore and costs are to excessive. I mainly steelhead fish the south Santiam river. The run is basically dead. This is the worse year I have seen for steelhead. If the steelhead run on the south Santiam river dies due to not releasing as many smolt and not rerunning fish, you guys will loose a good Chunk of money. Several people down on the south Santiam only buy a fishing license and salmon/steelhead tag to fish summer steelhead.

I'm concerned with the motives behind this survey. It seems as if you are too concerned with the "fanatics". It almost seems as if this whole questionnaire is a mental health evaluation. Im losing faith in the ODFW leadership of at this point, again. I'm not sure if I should look at this as comical....or outright lunacy. Either way, you have proven to me, once again, that you lack transparency. With all of your resources, funding, and staff.....I expect more. How about some real questions regarding population declines, commercial over-harvest, seal/sea lion predation, management on the fly....stuff like that, not the passion I feel towards angling. I do, however, appreciate the fact that you are trying. I'm not perfect and I don't expect any of you to be. Thank you for your time. I look forward to the future for our state and all of its wildlife.

You need to re open the hatcheries and stock our rivers with Salmon and Steelhead again. It wont be long before you completely destroy the fish runs. There could be millions of fish returning to our rivers. Our economy would thrive. Boat sales would go up. People would come to Oregon to fish our rivers, stay in our lodges and hotels, buy tackle, food and gas, purchase park passes, fishing license sales would increase instead of decrease. You may even be able to keep your job and earn a retirement before the lack of license sales and interest in the sport show there is nothing left to manage and you have to look for new employment. Just saying what everyone I talk to says when we get together. Im 53 yrs old and as I see it there wont be any fish worth fishing for by the time Im 75. My friends and I have quit buying Oregon licenses and now fish in Canada and Alaska. Fishing in Oregon is a complete waste of time

anymore. Thank you for the survey. How about putting out a survey that asks the hard questions that you wont like hearing the answers to? Like. How do you feel about the closing of the hatcheries Should we have more hatcheries Should we release Steelhead that return in October again like they used to Should we release millions of fish instead of the small amount we currently release How do you feel about the job were doing Do you think your grand kids will have any fish to fish for You wont like the answers but maybe they will bring about the needed change to keep our beloved resource from going extinct. Ohhh, by the way, I have purchased a Sports Pac every year for as long as I can remember. I call it the divorce package because if you did all the hunting and fishing you paid for you would definitely be divorced. Bit of humor there. I used to pay that amount of money to help support what I loved to do. Not because I did all those things. I quit buying the Sports Pac last year and will not be purchasing any fishing or hunting licenses from this year forward. Unless you show me some improvement. I think your going to find that you need to the money to make the changes, but people are so fed up that they are not supporting you til the changes are made. I hope you figure out a way to make this happen. Best Wishes..... Thank you for listening

Open the coho for more natives fish. Too unrealistic. Bad management by ODF&W. Stop increasing license fees!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Lower them!!!!!!!!!!

Increase salmon spawns

More open days for retention of sturgeon

Offshore regulations are way too complex to plan fishing trips given weather unpredictability, low limits and travel costs. No one really wants to plan in advance since it's so iffy.

Thank you

Salmon/steelhead management is Terrible. Hatcherys should increase/maximize production for preservation of species and sport fishing

Shoot more sea lions..open hatcheries back up

Spread more awareness

Please get rid of the extra fee for fishing in the Columbia river drainage.

Catching lot more wild coho than hatchery. I think first two salmon and done is better than grinding thru silvers to catch limit.

Please improve the management of kokonee at Suttle Lake

With the new license system I should get a year from when I buy my license. Not a set date January through December. You can do better.

Maintaining sea life

Raising license cost while reducing fishing opportunity and closing/reducing hatchery programs is a sure fire way to get me to stop fishing

All depth Halibut fishing should be open 7 days a week

We need to be carful on all the rules being made and see both side

I used to enjoy fishing when my primary objective was to eat my catch. I cannot, in clear conscience, endanger or inconvenience a fish for my "enjoyment."

Regulations are far to relaxed. Due to the influx of new residents and climate change, fisheries are in serious danger. Please take action to ensure the survival of our natural aquatic treasures.

Oregon is being regulated out of the outdoor sports. Everything is too expensive and complicated.

Restart hatchery programs in the Sandy river

You are making it too complicated to fish

3.2 percent is not enough... I support designation of more marine reserves to protect our ocean ecosystem.

Oceanic preservation is key to our world's survival

Licensing and fees are theft!! It's our right to be able to access fishing where we want

Don't like your online system.

Too many rules and regulations, the same with hunting, you have to be a Jersey Lawyer to put it all together.

Make the Salmon limits easier to understand if fishing different rivers. Halibut regulations too restrictive

you would not like it

Predation on our salmon greatly affects fishing. Any chance of reducing the number of seals roaming our shores and rivers?

Fix our salmon and steelhead there is no such thing as native fish close a hatchery and hatchery and natives spawn together and now there all native good job now we can't even fish the coquille

More land should be allocated for reserves

Maybe put more details on clamming bay vs. razor on website as I had to call your mollusk guy on the central coast to get more details about where to clam and razor closures. Only reason I knew about marine reserves was that I was looking to surf perch fish in one. Would like to see a study on surf perch to make sure the population is stable as the limits are crazy generous and the no size requirement leads to some hauls I've seen that seem way too large.

I typically fish lakes and rivers and the mouth of Rivers.

Having access in a low water year is important..use this low water year to make improvements..turn a negative into a positive

Over regulated

Charter boats fish under 1 mile from shore. So are reserves entire coastline 3 miles from shore or just selected areas?

What an odd survey. First, though I don't angle and haven't angled in the last 54 years in Oregon (I'm 66), I took the survey to register my strong support for native fish conservation. Then I see it is a geography quiz. I was/am aware of marine reserves and strongly support. As for having them tattooed on my brain, no. However Google refreshed my memory, so I think I aced the quiz. You guys need to figure out a way to raise revenues from the likes of me who does not love to fish ("I wouldn't know what to do in life if I could not angle") but love native fish and nature. 'BTW, ODFW should support more land large marine reserves. The scientific literature is conclusive.

Large, well-distributed no-fish areas (<http://www.andykerr.net/kerr-public-lands-blog/2017/7/14/numerous-no-take-marine-protected-areas-are-best-for-commercial-fishing>) result in more fish for commercial, sport, and tribal use. Habitat, habitat, habitat.

I would like to see a draw system for opportunities to fish different rivers. We have too many people and too little fish. I'd sacrifice fishing the Wilson a year if I knew one day I

could go out there and it not be flooded with boats and see more fish. We pay too much to see our fisheries struggle. P.S. More broodstock programs
Addition of a lifetime angling license for residents would be excellent as a purchase option.

Restart the salmon hatchery programs

Fishing limitations have steadily increased over the years. Catch limits put a damper on those who pay to fish. Less fish to catch. License fees have steadily increased. It will reach a point that people will simply find another recreation rather than to pay the increasing prices for fishing licenses.

Fishing regulations should be written so the general public can read and understand the rules. We should not have hire an attorney.

Fisheries are in decline. Mega drought, lack of protection for environment, out dated irrigation laws, extractive industry abuse, poaching, uninformed public, lack of funds for game regulation enforcement. Pay more attention to treaty rights and native Americans

More hatchery fish would be nice.

I have no idea where the reserves are.

RCTID

Keep the hatchery programs going. Slow down the river fishing when the salmon enter the rivers. Limit guide boats to one trip/day. Leave a few salmon.

Licensing is TOO EXPENSIVE! It is exclusionary to regular folks

I have no exposure to salt water fishing- so I'm not really the one to ask. Thanks though.

Commercial fishing is killing fish populations and needs to be handled.

Not in the angling side. But do not agree with opening hunting of spike deer, west of the Cascades!

Should allow for 1 Yelloweye per day as the numbers have jumped and size has increased considerably over the past 10 years.

Sea lions are killing way more salmon than any other predators. You need a sea lion season.

Fishing alone or with friends or family is time well spent. However, unless you are avid about salmon/steelhead fishing, it is hard to justify licensing costs. The cost of licensing has eliminated the casual fisherman.

200pm cut off for coastal streams sucks

It would be nice if we could just go catch fish at the local waters whenever we got the chance instead of only this or that day/week.

Kids should be able to fish for free until they are 18

We have to keep the fish safe if we want to keep fishing!

fees are outrageous, river access is very limited, fisheries are the worst I've ever seen

Where can I take fishing classes?

Would love to see more upriver fishing opportunities for anadromous fish that are being caught in the Columbia and or Snake River before returning to spawn in our local rivers and streams in Eastern Oregon.

Plant more fish and allow the anglers to fish the columbia more

I would like to know why the salmon and steelhead population is so low? I live on the main Umpqua and I've seen a steady decline over the last 40 years.

I think its bullshit that nets are still allowed on the Columbia river.

I do not fish very much. If I have a friend I will go with them. I like to fish, but it's not a priority.

my age

I am very happy to have more protection as long as there is a catch and release program. I want quality fishing to come back to Oregon.

Please halt all retention of wild steelhead in the state of Oregon.

The page where you ask us respondents to match locations to reserves seems kinda pointless and ridiculous.

Yeah, LOWER THE FREAKING FEES ON LICENSES AND TAGS! Accross the board, I have been limited in my ability to hunt and fish because of the ever increasing cost of licenses and the decreasing time for seasons.

ODFW knows less about wildlife than most active hunters and fishermen, and the regulations they impose are a detriment to wildlife. The hunting and fishing opportunities in Oregon should be the best in the United States, but do to the arrogance and ignorance of ODFW executives, it is in dramatic decline in most categories.

Your regulations are too complicated ! Ps... I am a retired fish & game employee.

Any part of the State of Oregon is owned by the people, including the Oregon Coastline. There should be zero restrictions, but enhanced management and enforcement of laws should be used .

Too many regs/closures. Your concentrating angers in areas with closures and wiping out fish populations

You need to stock more Kokanee!!!

I think that you are a great organization

I think commercial fishing depletes my available catch on local river tributaries where I'm able to bank fish, and no handycap access for my children.

Love the experience of taking fish into wilderness lakes! Please continue that program for me and my 20 grandkids. It's a priceless way to teach and give back!!

I really like to fish but it's not my only hobby. I'm finding it harder to catch salmon & steelhead in the Columbia basin which is discouraging.

rising fees and additional fees related to fishing and boating significantly reduce the joy of fishing in Oregon and after 30 years of fishing it is hardly worth it anymore. The rules and always changing conditions and catch limits are also a major concern for new anglers that would otherwise spend time angling.

I just wish there were more year round trout streams in the north Willamette Valley.

There are some with exceptions with similar language to other streams advertised as open year round for trout, but it's not clear if it is (for example Silver Creek).

Price of a basic license is absolutely ridiculous!

I would like to see these big nets that's swoop all our salmon to stop Taking our fish I support responsible fishing/hunting as part of conservation. Sometimes that means "roping off" certain areas.

Get native cutthroat back to native waters. Catch and release only and barbless hooks. I fish more in Idaho than Oregon. Establish trophy fishing and watch more people go fishing and have great economic development

I think marine reserves should allow scuba diving and other angling activities from shore.

Only with out recreational boat money , it will effect your current employment. I have 3 boats and been out on water once this year. ,,simple no docks in the water since spring.

I would like to see the hatchery programs put back in place for summer steelhead! Used to be a great fishery, too bad my kids and grand kids won't get to experience it! A lot of anglers like to eat fish, not just catch/release!

Plant more trout

need more classes for youth and women to learn about fishing.

this was weird!!!

I dont think its fair to have dams that create deep water for riverside residents with no power benefits at the cost of anadromy. I.e. Mirror Pond

They are slowing down our fisheries and charging us more money.

I don't go to the coast so all my fishing is inland lakes and rivers.

I exclusively fish for freshwater species anymore. Mostly warm water game fish.

Probably unrelated, but kayak ramps are needed in areas that have motor boats.

Boaters are becoming quite aggressive towards kayakers using ramps or change "boat ramps" signs to "watercraft ramps."

Stop gillnetting on the Columbia River. We pay a Columbia River Endorsement to address the issue, but the gillnetters rape the river at the expense of the environment, and sport fishermen.

Make the marine reserves bigger please

you screwed a lot of commercial fishermen out of fishing grounds. they actually do know management of resources and wouldn't fish them selfs out of a job

Patrol inland waterways and lakes more for overfishing. Also give out stronger fines to idiots that introduce invasive species to our waters.

I would like to be able to keep a steelhead from the John Day river

I know that the majority of your fisher budgets go to the marine fisheries to include the number of biologists. The disregard for the high lakes and streams is very close to criminal. The fact that a spotted frog, which has survived since prior to mans first intervention, and rafters in Bend can kill several fisheries without a single " SURVEY " opens a huge hole for litigation in my opinion. Please be prepared for the repercussions once we have collected all our data.

Columbia salmon runs are small enough that they don't make it to the Walla Walla River. There Fisht out before they get there.

Posting regulations for a specific water body at access points would be helpful.

Raise and release more Hatchery fish.

I feel blessed to have the angling opportunities we enjoy here in Oregon. Personally, I would like to see more artificial reefs created. Thank you for doing a good job of managing our fisheries!

get rid of selective and non selective seasons so we stop killing fish we are going to throw back! just keep the first 4 and done! salmon are not a catch and reliece fish Allow some harvest of coho in the coast streams, if only 1 or2 fish a year

Put more fish in the waters!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You have really dropped the ball in regards to planting fish!!!!!!!!!! Its criminal whats being done to the rivers!!!!!! Should be criminal charges involved!!!!!!!!!! Shame on you!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you for protecting areas. Now please start protecting the headwaters from large scale logging operations and the chemical spray they are using. No matter what marine reserves you do, if the water flowing into them is not clean and pure, you've missed the boat.

Ya I think having conservation's are good to continue and protect species but what I disagree with is putting so many limits on the anglers that are not commercial I think they need to hammer down on the commercial fisherman and give us little guys a break it's getting ridiculous!

I strongly believe in protecting our ocean's
online resourses are terrible!!!!

Please stock the rivers with hatchery fish. I moved here to fish the Clackamas river that used to produce fish. Winter stealhead and spring Chinook. Numbers are horrible now

You guys do a great job!!! Lots of responsible people seem to always pay the price for the dummies out there, and I wish there would be more policing on belligerent drunks that cause the havoc at campsites and lakes.

Bring back the Salmon! Save the Salmon!

I think it is rediculous that there is so much government intervention when it comes to fishing in Oregon. Corp of Engineers has to let water out of the dams and drain them during the summer months when that is the only time people use them for recreation. Sea Lion population explodes while we then hear that the salmon runs are threatened. When I was a kid there were thousands of salmon that died on the banks of the Mckenzie river. Now, there are none. This whole process has been mismanaged for many many years, and that is why we are in the condition we are in now.

Fishing and crabbing are great, but I don't have the time to actually be good at them... Lower the damn fees for us regular leisure fishing people. It is not fair that we have to pay the same as sports fishermen.

Fisheries are very important but need to consider farming needs as well. Too much cow tow to native Americans. They are residents same as I. Treat them the same.

Keep being the great, progressive program you are! We need more Marine Reserves
Please change regs regarding legal take of wild steelhead

Don't do it right in front of where we fish. Lots of coast line where you can do it by boat access. Let the guy with out a boat fish off the rocks .

I feel the future of fishing is purely based on success with kids. If they aren't catching fish then they aren't having fun. I am very disappointed that the state funding for fish stocking was severely reduced. It makes it very hard to get my kids to go fishing if we aren't having fun.

Stop raising license fees. It is a good, clean healthy hobby that you are pricing people out of. Plus you require a different license or tag for everything. You only care about the money, not the people you are hurting

I strongly support the efforts of ODFW in managing our fish and wildlife resources!
Keep our coasts and beaches open to the public! Thanks

Remember, you asked. Things I dislike about ODFW. Fees are overpriced. Lack of bass fishing representation. Allowing the extreme drawdown of our reservoirs, but still allowing fishermen to fish in low water. (depleting the bass population) Lack of agents to stop overharvesting. And last but not least, non-stocking of bass in reservoirs in Oregon.

It is misleading to use the 3.2% figure above as many of the restrictions are along the shoreline or inside 3 miles and that figure makes it appear that 100% of state waters are equal productive and accessible to fishing - but that isn't true. It might be accurate as percentage of total area compared to total reserves, but nobody that fishes in saltwater would go along with the misleading statement.

I have noticed that the eastern side of Oregon gets stocked a lot less than the western side which is disappointing.

simplify the rules even if reduces amount of fishing able to be done (i.e. more conservative rules are OK if it makes it simpler.

Quit screwing with fishing season on the Columbia river, remove the guide sponsored baroness hook to avoid stressing fish, and one fish a day, clipped or not.

Bring the salmon and steelhead back???

Oregon needs far, far more hatcheries in operation. I've watched over the last 20 years as Oregon's human population grows and aquatic life disappears. I've seen the closure of multiple hatcheries. We need trout, salmon, bass and other species to be raised in hatcheries. Both climate change and a huge increase in fishing have directly lead to our waterways yield less and less fish.

Quit changing the rules for fresh water fishing.

re freshwater fishing, do all that it takes to restore salmon runs. Remove dams. Insist on adequate instream flows. Put structure into streams and restore riparian areas.

Bring back beaver.

Keep taking money and less and less fish and hunting every year

License, tags and everything else required by the state is to damn expensive. I used to fish several times a week, but not anymore. I won't pay those prices.

I feel like I need a lawyer to go fishing and I really limit my new exploration. It is kind of a shame to not feel comfortable fishing more of our beautiful Oregon coast.

I guided full time for 20 years and you as an agency have failed the people paying you I feel sorry for the ODFW staff that have to report to Kate Brown, the worst governor in State history.

Should close Salmon and Steelhead fishing, allow the population to recover.

i wish i knew more about the reason we dont have a run of salmon in the coquill river

Need better salmon / steelhead runs

I don't fish in the ocean.

Is there fish in Oregon waters? I haven't caught anything in 2 years.

Logging in Tillamook Forest has clouded the Trask River more and more each year (I have observed this over the past 25 years at my property on the river at mile post 11). I have recently seen that crayfish fishers discard dead bait fish (suckers, pikeminnow etc) in the river which seems unhealthy.

Make predator management a priority for our salmon and big game management objectives.

we are elderly and primarily cat fish on the snake river at Huntington we can't get around like we used to

ODFW HAS FAILED AT PROTECTING SALMON & STEELHEAD. THE COLUMBIA BASIN PERMIT IS A COMPLETE SHAM.

Weird survey

I want you to get more funding and be able to make more marine reserves if you think it would be good to make more.

License fees are WAY too high for the level of management and ultimately the catch rates of all managed fish species in this state.

To many sea lions they should not be on the protection list

Fishing sucks in Southern Oregon Rogue River

Are there videos that explain where you can surf perch fish around each restricted marine area breaking the info in to zones along the coast.

I'm content with the way ODFW manages sport fishing and enforcement as well as boating facilities. I'm 73 and don't fish as much as I would like and certainly not as much as when I was younger so my answers may skew the survey. My answers would have been different 10 or more years ago.

Sandy River and Clackamas River used to be the best fisheries in the Cascades. I'd like to see more focus on spring chinook, summer steelhead and winter steelhead in the upper zones of those 2 rivers

I bought the expensive license and tags only to have my fishing hole closed due to lack of fish. Gone from full freezer to zero Salmon.

Restrictions on dates, closures, and times have forced crowded fishing conditions. It seems when one fishery is closed for its protection other fisheries become overcrowded. Not sure of a solution!

Summer Steelhead and salmon fishing on South Santiam isn't what it used to be. Need a good hatchery run again.

You ruined angling in Oregon when you cut out the hatchery programs for steelhead and salmon.

Part of the reason we don't go fishing is the lack of stalking of fish, we used to go all the time but when ODFW quit stocking the ponds it wasn't worth the trip. We live in Austin Oregon the restrictions that have been placed on the Middle Fork of the John Day are so restrictive you can't fish there anymore and that is about the only place for us to go. I also hope you are looking at the effects Ron Wydens, Water Democracy Bill is going to have on stream fishing in Eastern Oregon. He is about to lock up thousands of miles of streams for the Federal Government on top of what the State of Oregon has already claimed in its Scenic Waters Bill.

Angling is not something I do often, on the lower end of 5-20 times a year, and because of this I did not understand some of the survey questions.

Really appreciate all your effort in understanding our environment to make it better for hunters and anglers.

Please put a limit back on warm water fish in the Columbia

Although I clicked Support, I'm not sure what 3 miles of coastal waters is Marine Reserve. Without living on the coast I do not know how that affects people's lives who possibly depend on that water. Here on dry land we have Wilderness areas where

your not supposed to pick mushrooms but in 3 months I'm going to kill a Mule Deer and pack it out on a designated trail.

you are pricing us out of fishing certain areas. I pay way to much to compare to Idaho. Why don't you people have private companies (like Davis lumber company out side of Mapleton) build a fish hatchery for the Siuslaw? they could use it as a tax write off. WE NEED MORE HATCHERIES !!!

I am against the fin clipping program. Close the fishery or open it to the first 2 fish caught.

I have not fished in over a year as I had back surgery. I will return to fishing but will not fish "my" river, the Deschutes as it breaks my heart to see what PGE has been allowed to do there. Because of mismanagement of Wild Steelhead they are all but gone and now we have rocks covered in slime making wading dangerous thanks to ridiculous water temps.

cost of steelhead, salmon tags is prohibitive, charge for pioneer license is outrageous CorporateCommercial fishing is killing the planet.

We need more and better access to areas to fish, also better stocking of catfish in ponds and reeraviours, too crowded and over fished in most places

get rid of the bird at mouth of columbia that eat salmon smolt and stop gillnetting

There is so much lead being left in the river, harming habitats. A recycle center similar to the fishing line collection tubes are needed. Awareness of harm to wildlife of tackle left in river and garbage left on shores by fishermen need to be publicized in fishing manuals and on the back of the license or some other place it will be seen by licensed fishermen.

Lower the price if HUNTING/FISHING licenses and tags

I used to think the regs were complicated but they aren't really that bad except on the rogue last i checked.

One thing that would help is to simplify the regulations.

I've been a sports pak purchaser to support ODFW... FOR WHAT??? TO HAVE MY HUNTING GROUNDS (BOW) NOW A DRAW??? WHILE YAKIMA TRIBE MEMBERS COME DOWN AND SLAUGHTER THE ELK HERD IN DECEMBER???? NEVER AGAIN!!!! Maybe I should do it like the rest.... POACH THEM!!! But hey, your biologists have ALL THE ANSWERS.... LOL

Making the Woot Owl requirements everyday until September should be reevaluated. I understand that there are some days where we have higher temps (100+), but there are other days that are only in the 70-90's, yet we still can't fish. Perhaps in the future, if you're going to include this regulation, have a temp requirement for that day.

Odfw has failed sportsman, anf

Educate of the importance of it

Take care of the sealion problem that descimated the spring chinook run in the Willamette, Figure out what streams and creeks dont support wild fish anymore and put in hatcheries, We need more fish in the system. the running joke about bringing a lawyer fishing with you to understand the regs is starting to be a reality. Allow barbed hooks all the time

Seems like specific salmon run windows are becoming very brief. The willamette would offer a few even in january and now it seems a two week window end of april/may is most of the run and then the dams dump and the river backs up.

Oregon is beautiful and has great fishing and camping.

Add more marine reserves

Your regs are confusing and a pain in the ass to figure out for seniors who only can go fishing occasionally.

When I'm too old hunt and it starts getting difficult to get around then I'll start fishing more. When I retire I plan to spend my years on a boat fishing but for now hunting is always the priority

Cost of equipment, boats and licensing is becoming a factor in many young fishermen. As licensing costs increase you lose people. Thus, raising the need to increase fees. It is a vicious circle. One which you will lose in the long run.

Really dislike all the regs on the Columbia system salmon fishing

Your instructional videos online are a great help.

The fees have definitely deterred me from salmon fishing after all the fees you have to purchase it seems really high for the couple times a year I would go salmon/steelhead fishing

I don't think we have the number of fish to encourage our youth to be passionate to be involved with fishing. The cost of licensing is too expensive for the average family.

Too much hype on native vs hatchery fishing. Create an atmosphere where all interested parties are excited to fish!

Oregonians have long figured out government is the problem, not the solution. No personal offense intended.

ODFW Fisheries Dept. is soon to catch up with your Big Game Dept. bad reputation.

Dept. claims of high numbers of fish and game to be taken regardless of actual available numbers of fish and game, higher and higher ridiculous fees to support your program.

too many restrictions and more every year and same with hunting. I seem to be losing my enthusiasm with the whole thing.

Need for consistent water temps and flows where possible. i.e. streams with dams that can control water flows and temperature. Often times it seems as though these powers do not consider stream and fish health in their decision making.

As long as we have on the board anti sportsmen and sportswomen we will never have the fishery that we can. We should be cranking out salmon and steelhead smolts, but some special interest "fishing" groups, who sit on the same side of the isle as the governor's hand picked board opposes it, so it is taken as truth, so once again science is replaced by emotional lies.

don't really fish any more lost interest

The license and tag prices are way too high! As is the hunting fees. For what I have to pay for a hunting/fishing license and tags, I could buy a hell of a lot of fish and beef. If it wasn't recreation, I would not hunt or fish! It should not cost this much to hunt and fish.

Would you stop coming up with new fees!

On page 2 there is a section about ranking items. I doesn't say how to rank them. 1-5?, 1-10? It's not clear at all. Also, I, and I am certain many others are relatively new (less than 10 years) to Oregon so also not clear if I am supposed to fill that section out. This survey wasn't clear and needs to be thought out better next time.

I do not fish near marine reserves, so they do not impact my fishing.

We need better broodstock hatchery programs

To expensive

Get the State out of game management. Like everything else they touch, they have reduced fish and game to virtually nothing.

Get rid of the gillnets in the Columbia river

Shoot the sea lions and push a ban on commercial salmonid fishing federally until fisheries are restored.

I don't think the average recreational fisherman is as concerning as the large fishing vessels that damage the marine environment. I would hope anyone that goes fishing does so respectfully in the environment they are fishing in. Passing the buck to the small time recreational fisherman is not the answer to the bigger problem therefore I will buy less and less licenses because I fish so little that it doesn't make economic sense to do it, even though I love it. I very rarely keep any fish that I pull from the water.

Bring back brookings October bubble fishery. We need hatcheries more than ever, quite cutting back.

Start more hatchery programs or reinstate the ones you had. Get rid of more sea lions.

Why do we pay for sturgeon tag with salmon/ steelhead/ halibut when we can't fish and keep them? I feel ripped off!

Kill more seals and sea lions

Just leave them alone and focus on the real issues. Waste so much time with stuff that doesn't matter. Support the fisherman that pay the bills .

Yes, this survey was a waste of tax payer and license revenue

The salmon management on the rogue River is terrible. There should be a 60,000 fish run in that river every year

You ruined my recreation when I have time off in the summer. I fished below McNary for sturgeon from may to august for the last 15 years and spent thousands of dollars. Not anymore

Get politics out of fish and game management, policy should be driven by stakeholder interests to benefit us poor recreational sportsmen that flip the majority of the bill.

Use our ever increasing fees to enhance harvest opportunities.

I became familiar with Olalla Lake and Smith Reservoir. Both have been closed for years now. I'm anxious to have access to them again soon. Familiarity with where to go, good to decent boat ramps, successful fishing techniques and knowledge of the fishing "holes" are important to having a successful outing. I knew those bodies of water and miss them.

I mostly fish for trout and bass in SW Oregon. I would love to fish on the coast more, but I just can't find time to get out there.....3.5 hours each way.

NO IDEA what marine reserves are, and how they affect me. Just another confusing regulation that makes fishing less pleasurable to me.

Thank you.

I support marine reserves, but am hesitant about expanding them if new ones were to encompass current areas that are easy to access and popular to fish. Access is critical for both fishing and hunting.

I don't support paying to keep the gill netters off of the Columbia River. Sport fishery is obviously a huge economic industry and gill netting needs to be abolished in favor of sport fishing!!!!!!

You need to lower license prices, and open up some of the regulations, for example, closing sturgeon fishing on Willamette and Columbia, saying quota was already filled, when I have fished all of my life, or sturgeon especially, and have only caught a few legal ones, but have caught very very many !!!

I am 50 and I am completely pissed about all the crap changes so damn politicians can make more money. And please don't tell me that the money has been going to enhance my fishing and hunting I am not that stupid.

Close Fall River for angling due to over fishing and destroying habitat and native fish populations

The out of state license fees are ridiculous. This includes the year long and the short term licenses. My friends no longer go trout fishing with me in OR and I no longer fish with them in WA.

preserve the beach at Oceanside from harvesting damage

I hope more marine reserves can be made, especially ones where the kelp forests can be restored.

The last few years, fishing regulations required the periodic closing of the area of the Columbia River, from Tongue Point to Warrior Rock. I fish the area from Rainier, to Batchelor Island. The season is getting shorter and shorter, in order to benefit the Gillnetters. Get the Gillnetters off the river!. Every year, as they are finishing their overnight catch, in the St. Helens area, we have watch numerous steelhead, sturgeon floating down the river, dead as a result of their bycatch. Its sickening. We have gone from a daily limit of 4 fish, 2 chinook, 2 coho in 20 years to 1 chinook per day. the resource has been severely mismanaged for the decline to be that significant. close it completely for 4 years if you have to. Before all the fish are gone

Appears there are some pike in Coffenbury Lake in Clatsop County, which should not be there!!!

Fishing and hunting in Oregon is only for the rich people ODFW has proven that.

Please don't worry about increasing fee's or inventing new endorsements and validations. The people who are still left hunting and fishing can afford it. How is that system for raffling of our states wildlife working out for you? Fucking grifters.

take the nets out

Lower fees for parents wanting to teach their kids how to fish. My daughter and son really like it but I don't want to pay for a license every year when I might not even go one time in a year.

experienced anglers I know complain of lack of fish. Salmon Steelhead tag not worth the money.

More needs to be done to protect the ocean and it's inhabitants

The fewer salmon and steelhead there are in the rivers, the less I fish. I've been fly fishing for trout more lately, but access is poor in my area and the rivers aren't managed for trout. Btw, I can't fish from a boat.

Extended cab pickup and a 20 ft boat/trailer makes it hard to park in many boat launch areas

salt water fisher people should be given priority over commercial especially when it comes to bottom fish. bottom fish with closure of sturgeon and salmon it is the last of salt for the private fisherman that do not want to travel 20 miles or more out into the pacific. Also open up the other rivers to sturgeon fishing the columbia regs. have no business for the rest of the state!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

How to get my disabled fishing license I have a bad back

Steelhead runs are terrible. I fished more when the runs were better.

I don't fish.

Please open more hatcheries.

Thanks for all you do.

Hire more wildlife officers

I fish for pleasure and something to do. I'm not interested in a lot of this. Ask my husband. He is the one I go with every once in a while.

Do a better job. The steelhead numbers absolutely suck.

No salmon in coos bay area anymore...esp. silver finn clipped...catch 20-30 natives and NO finn clipped..have basically quit fishing for them anymore..WE NEED A HATCHERY HERE IN COOS BAY

Need more disability access for both bank and boat fishing.

From what I understand there is just enough Marine Reserves and Preserves for them to marginally succeed in sustaining the species. With Climate Change we need more or need to expand those already established.

no gill nets

Let us kill five wild salmon a year like the old days. Sick of throwing back wild fish. Or flood rivers with clipped fish.

Gill nets, and Native American overfishing should be banned. Gill nets are indiscriminate killers of marine life. If Native Americans want to fish to "preserve their heritage," then they should fish the way their ancestors did - from a canoe carved or burned out of a tree log.

I know the reserves are out there somewhere but they are not where I typically go fishing.

Stopped fishing for salmon on the Rogue river due to lack of returns. Spawning boxes would be great so many of us would volunteer for this across the state. If we don't there is no point in enjoying it. If something is in place email me at qtyrel@gmail.com I think the reserves are a look to the future of fish populations. Stuck with it.

Kill more sea lions !

Thank you for conducting outreach to determine interests and attitudes of those ODF&W serves!

Get rid of the snake river dams already and make the deschutes cool again.

Need more catch and release, wild trout management. Get rid of bait entirely, kills too many fish. More catch and release, or strict limits, means more angling success Stop closing hatcheries, open closed hatcheries, plant more hatchery salmon and steelhead.

Costs are getting to high for my family to enjoy the outdoors. Sorry

Put more teeth into poaching penalties. Hire more fish & game personnel.

need to remove dams for safe fish passage.

More work on willamette slough neat minto brown if possible. Running out of places to fish.

As an avid angler, I appreciate all the work you do to serve the public. If I can ever be helpful, I teach the science of happiness & employee engagement at work:

www.HappyBrainScience.com. :]

Deer hunting seasons are deliberately set to discourage hunting. License and tag costs are deliberately high to discourage hunting and fishing. Restricting the number of tags on draws only benefit the old, fat, white guys who have the money to indulge themselves. Young hunters and families have no equity in the draws or the affordability of putting meat in their freezers.

It's expensive to buy a license I use only for one trip a year.

The cost of license fees, tags, has risen to the point that it makes little sense for me to purchase them to fish a few times a year.

ODFW is shit..

Plant more fish in the rivers, the salmon and steelhead were very plentiful in this region (hatchery fish)

As an avid steelhead fisherman, I feel the hatchery program is a joke. When I talk to the hatchery guys and hear how many fish they can release it seems like the state has no intent on improving fishing. It seems more like you are trying to phase us fishermen out. A more robust hatchery program and a stronger push to control pinniped populations would go a long way. The only reason I didn't know and said Marine Reserves didn't affect me is because I don't have a boat. If I did, I am sure my answer would change.

Reference fishing trout in central and eastern Oregon 1 Blocking river access to fishing by land owners is a sad state of affairs. 2. Irrigating without fish screens has to end. They own the water not the fish! These two issues remain the single most offensive to me as a sportsman.

Get a permit system on coastal rivers for Guide Boats, Siuslaw River has more every year

Oregon has the highest cost for fishing licenses in the US if you want to fish for salmon or steelhead. My lack of success, and lack of available fish, prevents me from purchasing a license to fish which prevents me from enjoying an activity I've always loved. There must be some way to reduce the cost of licenses. Thank you.

I feel protecting our waters is very important, and I feel that the sport of fishing brings food and other health benefits to people, bringing the community together. We need to keep our waters cleaner and I think groups can be created to do so. I also think the youth of today could greatly benefit from fishing, the skills you learn, the care you give to the earth, and aiding in programs like the Sport Reward program for Northern Pikeminnow.

The cost of a fishing license is too high. Need to reduce the seal and sea lion population. Need to put more money in to hatchery's

Oregon needs to spend more dollars/resources to enhance salmon/steelhead counts through greater support of hatcheries and brood stock programs, otherwise mother nature, poor ocean conditions, warmer waters and lack of snow pack/rainfall will permanently reduce/destroy our salmon and steelhead runs.....

Do you jobs and promote species population growth so that the sport doesn't lose so many people due to lack of success.

i think whoever cleaned up and stocked lake selmac this year did ab outstanding job. Fix the fishery regs. Too man native fish die due to your fin clip rules. If you allowed fisherman to keep the first two fish that they catch for example like Coho. The mortality rate would be much less, and there would be many more fish to return the next year. No matter how careful you are when you catch and release those native fish Age & physical ability were my biggest reasons

Need to do better science l'm between the mouth of the rogue river and the mouth of the Smith River in California home to the chetco River ocean salmon fishing should be far better then it is in this area. Not to mention the chetco has less water in it every fall, river conditions get worse and worse every fall l'm not sure if the estuarie fisherie is a good idea but l'm no scientist

I think its incredibly unfair that gill netters and native have a large allocation of salmon and sports anglers are last place in the allocation every year.

I also support protecting other sea creatures and birds and oppose structures or anything that will interfere with marine life in these protected areas

The over abundance of sea lions has been devastating for salmon and steelhead. Their numbers should be significantly! Keep them out of fresh water and particularly the fish ladders.

Take out the four Lower Snake River dams. Leave a positive legacy instead of trying to manage the low returns. Also, work with PGE on lowering the temperature of the Lower Deschutes. It is an artificial system, lets manage it as such and make it as good as we can. It is unacceptable to have 70+ degree temperatures at the mouth this time of year. Especially when it is controllable.

Get the gill net interest's off the board and protect the Columbia River Salmon and Prohibit commercial crabbing in Waldport

GILL/ Kill nets on the Columbia are wrong and make NO sense this day and age with the salmon runs declining and the protection of Sturgeon a priority. Why do you take money to fish on those waters and nothing is being done about the nets as proposed, with the proceeds from the Columbia fee ?

The amount of increasing fees for every little usage is getting old...tired of getting nickel and dimed to death. Things are getting worse, not better, especially when all the fees are supposed to be improving entities, fish counts, etc. Gill netting in the Columbia was supposed to cease and then it was changed back even though we are still paying for it. Where is the money going? Oregon used to be a flourishing beautiful state. As a native born and raised, our political BS has made our state a complete embarrassment. Do the right thing and do what you're supposed to do. Hire people that actually know what they are talking about instead of hiring people that learned only from books. Hands on and in the field visual is the best way to manage. On a positive note, hiring a third party to revamp your website has been one of the best things you've done in a long time. Perhaps mirroring a successful fish/wildlife state like South Dakota, Montana, etc would be beneficial.

Are there any markers or signage out to indicate limited area. Our Governor does understand that for some of us during this pandemic fishing for 1day after working 21

days of 12-16 hrs a day was much needed and she closes the dock.. I'm not alone in stating my frustration I'm sure, thank you for your time.

Your fish checkers in newport can't tell the difference between chinook and coho.

Doesn't give me a lot of faith when talking about harvest quotas.

Below bonneville dam needs more seal/sea lion prevention. Daily I watch 6ft + sturgeon getting their head ripped off and devoured by seals and sea lions. We will lose these prehistoric fish and our salmon and steelhead if we continue to let them destroy our ecosystem through apex predation.

You are doing a great job with the updates, and managing the resource. Thanks.

TO MANY RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT CAN'T BE UNDER STOOD? THEY SEEM TO BE MADE TO KEEP FISHING GUIDES WORKING.. THEY MUST HAVE A SCHOOL FOR GUIDES TO LEARN HOW TO UNDERSTAND THEM AND KEEP THE AVERAGE PERSON FROM FISHING BY THEM SELVES.

The cost of an annual angling license is unfair. My retired friends pay \$6.00, yet I have to pay over \$100.00 because I lived out of state (while serving the US Gov't in various capacities) for much of my working career.

Publications are misleading. Are we allowed to fish or not.

Simplify the regulations so I don't require a law degree to understand them.

The question with the map on my Android phone was impossible to answer

Stop closing remote roads.

The fish and animals belong to the people not the state and the state is becoming too communist in its programs. Biologist are paid by the citizens and should serve the public not pursue their own selfish belief systems such as evolution in their management approach. When the basis of their approach to science is based off the theory of evolution then the rest of their research is limited and often flawed.

I'm very disappointed for the way that the state isn't taking better care of Lake Owyhee. It used to be a beautiful body of water and always enjoyed going there, but it is being destroyed from the lack of care and upkeep.

Grace's husband Steve Christensen 87cad@comcast.net (change of email address.) answered this email. I use to be able to catch from one to three steel-head per day on the South Santiam but in the last two years I have not caught a single Steel-head and only one three years ago. I am a senior and don't have many years left to fish and it is so sad for me.

Like to see better management for steelhead and salmon population.

Brood stock brood stock brood stock

Buy out the gill netters. It would be an investment

Some of these questions were really dumb and irrelevant. Especially the ones regarding losing friends over fishing. Come up with a better more scientific survey.

This one was more about social behavior.....quite frankly I don't give a shit about people's social habits in regards to fishing and ODFW shouldn't either

Higher fees each year and more regulations and restrictions are causing anger statewide. The more you restrict the people the more tension you are going to build and the more people are going to stop paying and following regulations because they are at a point of ridiculousness.

i dont fish

Yeah stop raising the prices on my hunting and fishing licenses this is getting ridiculous

You are doing great!

To many guides fishing bottom fish and pink fin.

Keep the hatchery fish away from the native fish populations. Also, we fishermen do not trust that ODFW really knows what it is doing. Thank you for your work, and I hope this criticism is welcome and not seen as derogatory. I just want what's best for the land here, and we all need to be more critical of how we respond to what it needs.

Commercial fishing for salmon should be limited to the ocean. We need more hatcheries not less. The seal lion population needs to be strongly discouraged from getting over a few miles up the Columbia River. The 1-3 day license is too expensive. Need a small reg book to be able to look up regs for each stream like we used to have. Less cops

Something really needs to be considered about controlling predators to our fish. Sturgeon angling should be revitalized in the Coos River as a keep fishery. So missed here.

Let me know how I can help.

Gill netting should be eliminated on the Columbia as was promised when we started paying the Columbia River basin fee.

Please keep the hatchery programs strong. I want my children to be able to angle for salmonids also

I quit fishing for Sturgeon, Salmon and Steelhead because the seasons are closed more than they are open, I won't waste money on a closed season and neither will my fishing buddies!!

You have had excellent results with the Fall River fishery

Fished a lot as a child. Have my fished much as an adult.

Create more reserves. Close all seasons on steelhead.

I fish the Sandy nearly exclusively for three years. The river is in terrible decline, 50+ trips from December-July, zero hookups this year. Zero. It's time to outlaw motors on lower Sandy river, I've seen 200 hp motors blow out salmon spawning shallows in low water conditions, from the fucking famous guides on that river. You know who! Outlaw motors on the Sandy please! It's killing the river even faster than climate change and sea oxygen levels

I love to fish with my kids, that is my main reason for going out

Most of my fishing is done on lakes. Occasionally fish for crabs and rockfish in coastal bays. I may not know much about these reserves, but strongly support all wildlife and fishery conservation measures

Please! Take care of our small bait fish and salmon. We lose these fish, we lose our fishing.

Kill the fucking sea lions they don't belong in the rivers period! Hate spending money on all these licenses and tags and ODFW don't do shit to eliminate those pests. I'm moving to Idaho fuck Oregon!

Lots of people are fishing as of this year and last year. Seems like double or triple on the water. Some see this as a good thing, MOST see it as a bad thing.

Thank you for helping to protect our oceans and coastline.

I'm all for regulations, but let's simplify and make things very clear

If you wanted to protect salmon allow fisherman to keep the first two they catch so they are done for the day. Every fish hooked is stressed and many are injured (gill nick, net/plier trauma, jaw injury, etc.) or are too tired to escape seals. I'm sure the department knows this. One day we caught 28 silvers, tagged none, saw 6 die with gill injury, and 7 eaten by seals. Because the limit is not reached, fisherman keep fishing. Not a good way to protect this resource.

Angling has become too difficult due to regulations and fees. Success is down too so why trouble with all the red tape? Most people will stay on the couch rather than pay for everything and then be afraid of enforcement of some obscure regulation.

These are public lands and public waters this is Government overreach and I believe the Government has better use of their resources than to take away fishing areas from Tribal members Tribal lands and what were once Tribal waterways. There are too many regulations that are unnecessary that the Government imposes in the people in Oregon. I don't agree with all of the rules that have been out in place and that change almost daily!

I fly fish small streams in southeast Ore. I see very few people where I go, if I would see others fishing I would go somewhere else to fish.

Seniors and Veterans should angle for FREE.....NO COSTS at all! Free license, tags etc!

Stop just collecting a pay check and do something to improve are fishery's and hunting

Hunting & fishing licenses are way too expensive and restrictive. Especially when I don't draw a tag. Feel like I pay a lot of money for no reason.

LOVE TO FISH

ODFW is a Failed Agency throughout my lifetime.

Yes. Reduce the number of sea lions and seals.

Why are these jet boats allowed to destroy the spawning beds and erode our riverbanks?

I would like to see a change in the salmon regulations. Most salmon fishermen are old men who's eyes aren't what they used to be or weekend warriors who don't get enough time on the water, so they net every fish and bring them on board to identify. In the process killing half the kings and even more silvers. Could/ should the rules be "keep the first two salmon you catch"? Full disclosure i'm not a biologist so take my suggestion with a big grain of salt... but it just seems silly to hook /handle 20-30 wild silvers looking for 2 clipped or kings.

It is difficult to determine where the Marine reserves are located. It is hard to figure out from the web site. And when you are there they are not marked effectively.

I am an avid Fly Angler I am in support of any, and all measures to help our native steelhead populations. I fear we are losing the fishery to meet financial, and consumer needs (harvesting needs). I hope that one day soon the ODFW, and other agencies will place our anadromous fish at the top of their priorities, instead of appeasing people's wants.

Carp are not a invasive species do some research fish and wildlife please

I love fishing and my life revolves around it but if there are not significant improvements in returns and REAL opportunities to catch fish, I will be forced to hang up my rods and stop paying fees into ODFW. We are YOUR customer and you're doing

a terrible job of providing services. If a private business were run in the same way as ODFW they would be out of business in no time.

Seems like the whole ecosystem is in danger of failing and we need to do something to protect the future of our environment so our children have something to enjoy Oregon Department of Fish and wildlife need to support the Indian tribes fish hatchery programs to increase the fish they're available to the every day blue collar fisherman or woman. You guys are doing a terrible job at the Oregon Department of Fish and wildlife Upper management all need to be fired and replaced with lower hourly employees who know WTF They are doing to preserve the fisheries for the middle class in Indian tribes of the Pacific Northwest stop gillnetting offer codes you've destroyed the halibut fishery the salmon fishery

Marine reserves are important to the future of marine species and fishing, even if they create an inconvenience to current fishermen.

We need more hatchery fish to keep the public interested and people out fishing Lower the fee's simplify the regs. make a hiring rule: if you don't fish, you can't make the rules!

I would like to see the Siletz steelhead run where it was 5 years ago. Don't understand why it's necessary to kill hatchery fish when they make it above the falls.

Prices continue to go up and it's disheartening because fish numbers continue to decline. It isn't from bank fishermen, but we feel it the most.

If not already available. I would like to see a projected forecast based on past years evidence that the state uses to help make decisions for river closures or what is need to secure a healthy marine wildlife. It really is not about the money and yet. I spend a ton of money and find myself having to fish other area's or species due to #'s and decisions I don't understand

I would like to see more officials Out checking for licenses. I appreciate presence of law enforcement.

If fishing licenses continue to increase in price, it will be difficult to justify getting one. This includes boat license and kayak/waterway license.

i appreciate all of you that work for odfw, thank you for making my hunting and fishing experiences great.

Grow more fish It's pretty darn simple

Fix the salmon/steelhead problem.

Thank you for protecting our public lands, waters & wildlife!

Open more fish hatcheries

for the past 3 years its been a waste of money to purchase a salmon tag. you give us no time to fish in the lower river for spring salmon. This year is much better. but which is the norm ? I know a fair amount of 60, plus in age, people that didnt buy a license 3 years running because of the lack of fishing time. Like myself they dont want to drive up river to deal with the private fishery Portland has created for itself

I do have a boat, however, the lack of docks on reservoirs cause many problems on launching my boat. Say as I want to fish alone. Even then it is difficult to get into the water. There is water though it be low there should be enough dock space for those conditions. This frustrates me and causes me to not fish in certain reservoirs. This is marine board problem I know but it does effect my fishing habits. My boater fees should be paying for more dock space in reservoirs that lower for salmon.

Why is the "temporary" columbia river endorsement extortion license still even in effect? That is a huge barrier to my angling in areas i have gone since i was a child. Interestingly enough that wasnt a choice on the barriers to angling question. When you add fees under the guise that they are for a certain period of time and then make it permanent for no reason other than to extort more money from the fishermen, it makes your agency look bad and lose trust. Especially when your agency is not accountable to the voters. If we don't like the fee, we have no recourse other than to no longer angle in those areas as i have done for the last 7 or 8 years. Cheaper to buy salmon at the store than to buy the license, salmon tag and columbia river rip off endorsement.

You have ruined fishing!! Need more hatchery programs. There are no native fish to worry about anymore so let's get some fish in the water and the kill nets out. \$10 Columbia river fee is robbery and ODFW should be held accountable!!!! Get your heads out.

We need to increase out of state license fees

Licensing fees are way to high.

yes you are making to many laws reminds me of stupid californians

Why on earth do you require kayaks to have an invasive species permit? Seems like the State of Oregon is just trying to get cash from a boat that isn't in the water long enough to pick up any invasive species. I feel all you are doing is robbing me of something that makes no problems. Typical state program to generate dollars with no justification.

I miss anadromous fish in the Snake River and tribs above Hells Canyon Dam, where I grew up fishing for salmon and steelhead.

You need to plant more hatchy fish, stop caving in to the NFS

increase the amount of food fish for game fish in the marine habitat

Need more fly only water

I appreciate conservation science and I appreciate the ODFW Biologists. I believe the ocean animal populations need marine reserves. On a side note: I think Much More needs to be done to protect Salmon - Both world-wide and close to home. * I especially believe that the Republican Political Party is purposely denying man-made climate change for the purpose of pandering to oil and coal companies, and that is DESTROYING the possibility of continued salmon existence - And of course, Most life as we know it on the planet in general. Sincerely, Steven Paul Smith

simplefy all odf and w reggulations

Fishing in this state is too regulated, when ever you want to fish you cannot understand the rules and regulations,easily....and now instead of a game officer that can help or guide a person , you have a fu—g state cop that just wants to give tickets doesn't care about much and cannot explain anything except you don't have the right paper work

I don't oppose reserves per say but shutting sections completely down for all marine harvesting is ridiculous. The other issue is law makers have little to no vested interest in hunting or fishing. Purely bureaucratic. Focus on the sea lion population. The cormorant population. These have become major factors in the small fisheries. You aren't promoting the out doors you're discouraging it by making it hard to track (regs)

and costly. Your tagging system sucks too. Paper or digital. So many things promote poaching.

Allow fishing year round in all rivers and lakes, with no strict rules on use of bait or lures.

I have moved from Oregon for health reasons. I will miss Oregon greatly.

Given the mortality rate of catch and release salmon, I think the fishery would be better served and number of salmon improved if with did away with releasing "native" fish. Especially considering that native salmon don't just mate with native fish.

The online system is challenging for my teenagers. I have gotten stuck trying to buy them fishing licenses. It would be nice if minors could be under my profile.

I hate that the native salmon that we catch and release in late May (on the lower Rogue) get caught and kept a few days later in the Grants Pass area....I honestly don't have a solution though. Keep doing your best, thank you

I'd like to hear more about access to streams from the shore that get salmon runs. I don't own a boat and so most of my fishing is from the shore.

Thanks for your passion to angling.

We need a different more open minded local marine biologist in the Newport office
We need to do better with our hatchery programs. With so many predators in the waters we need to take an active approach to get rid of some of them. If we want a good fishery we to take care of the problems we can so the ones we can't don't effect the fish as much.

Again way too many guides. Maybe a permit system to fish certain areas. And absolutely not be allowed to go out two times in the same day with different clients. (double dipping). Once you limit the boat your done for the day.

More people fishing. Fewer fish to catch. Anyway to stock an area without letting the people know? Give the fish an opportunity to acclimate and grow.

I moved to Texas last year.

The trout fishery on the Deschutes River has been ruined by increasing water temperature and nitrogen from the Crooked River. The great fishery is lost.

was a resident of Hillsboro, Oregon in 2019 & 2020

You didn't do enough research before establishing these reserves. You got your foot in the door and now you want to keep taking more.

Simplification of the fishing regulations would be greatly helpful.

ODFW can manage our oceans well being. No need for PEW foundation monies to dictate our life style!

Can the State of Oregon due anything to allow access to the west side of the Deschutes River currently closed by the railroad?

It would save a lot more fish if you got rid of seals than the marine reserves. It is so discouraging to set up a trip, pay the costs, then sit in a boat and watch the seals eat the hell out of the fish or take one off your line and go home and not want to come back.

I am disabled and would like to have more info on where to fish or events for people with disabilities

The wave power project south of Newport will greatly negatively effect marine life.

The construction alone will be very traumatic to them. Is there anything odfw can do to stop it? Also, remove the dams and start effective hatchery programs please

ODFW has destroyed my pleasure of fishing.

Establish more marine reserve systems. We should have more of our state/national waters dedicated to conservation, scientific research, or eco-tourism.

Check more for poaching and license

Regulations to hard to understand ,salmon rules and bottom fish changing during season needs to be sent in an email to all people with fishing licenses

O.d.f.w. has gone downhill since it is now run by bureaucrats and politicians, instead of people who are actual outdoors men and women.

Get the sea lions out of the rivers please...

Eliminate the Columbia River basin endorsement that you have been stealing from us for years and refund the money

With increasing water temperatures weed growth in freshwater lakes is expanding faster than ever. Please don't overlook warm water fisheries. Start treating water weeds in the spring to reduce the overall growth and keep areas to fish open. Diquat is a very safe weed treatment chemical that can easily be put to use at low cost with very little negative impact.

to Many Regulation , Just To Fish .

I wish the regulations were easier to understand. For example, if I want to go to the coast to fish, the regulations are written in a way that assume I know the area, names of places and terminology. There are no clear maps showing the places. There is nobody to ask in the area. I don't want to break the law, but sometimes don't know if I am in the correct area.

open the hatcheries...produce more fish in the rivers and more people will start to fish again...its that easy...no need for surveys... more fish=more fisherman=more \$...which seems to be the main objective of ODFW

Increase hatchery fish releases

Thanks for asking me....

Low water levels in reservoirs should not happen.

Sealions are still affecting freshwater fishing greatly. Too many detailed regulations. Might be better to allow un-clipped salmon retention. Would prefer less catch and release on sturgeon and slightly higher retention days (with only up to two seasonal retention).

Quit raising fees!

Your map wasn't great on being able to pick where the reserves are so I did the best I could with it.

Wish there was a way to display teens licenses with your license on the same page on the phone.

The protection of seals is wrong. Too short of Salmon season to keep me interested.

It is time to bring the steelhead hatchery programs back to the Clackamas river.

Reducing the number of hatchery fish has not helped the nber of "native" fish. The number of fish have declined so much on this river the state is loosing peoples interest and money. My brothers and I and friends have been fishing this river our whole life and have seen the dramatic change in fish numbers. Fees go up less fish getting hard to want to buy a license anymore. The Clackamas has been getting more and more crowded with kids in the summer on floating tubes you can't launch your

boat in Barton Park without everyone yelling at you need special spot for all these kids to launch to not tie up "boat launch".

I believe ODFW mismanages the game in this state. I've lived in Oregon 55 years and opportunities for success continue to decline. ODFW's mismanagement is mainly due to politics and agenda of the liberals in the willamette valley.

Once I'm retired I will fish more.

Odfw mis-management, the continued allowance to gill net by rich white folks, and natural problems (el nino/nina), have all contributed to really minimal fishing. I have a 30' Tolleycraft that I bought 6 years ago for fun and fishing and have boated a single 16 lb Chinook.. Very ,very sad, License fees continue to climb, and catches continue to decline. Odfw predicts a 2 million fish run, and we see 400K...The bureaucracy no longer allows true management.. Too many cooks.....

Please consider allowing the take of the first two Coho salmon vs. only fin clipped. I probably release 40 to 50 native salmon a year that are already bleeding from their gills and are going to die. If I could keep my first two fish I would be releasing none. Most anglers who salmon fish the ocean feel the same way. Thankyou.

I'm a freshwater, bankside fisherman. I like angling for trout, bass, and catfish. I am not someone who enjoys the ocean or coast.

I thank lower number of fish are results of jet boats personal watercraft in becoming more powerful with more boaters on the river blowing out spawning beds , I support Marine Reserves, I do not support Oregon State Marine Board wasting taxpayer money on "educating" all us stupid people about Marine Reserves. It is quite obvious this survey is geared toward someones idea that all the stupid people need to be "educated" about marine reserves. We do not need another "awareness campaign", "informative kiosk or sign", "educational outreach campaign", or a "new app" What people need is for the Oregon State Marine Board to actually enforce actual laws instead of wasting all the taxpayer money on signs and apps then claiming there is no money for law enforcement. Please do your actual job and stop trying to come up with new ways to waste our taxpayer money, people are not stupid and we do not need Government education.

Very confusing and daily changes regulations Make me loose faith on how ODFW IS MANAGED

rules regarding seniors are ridiculous in terms of licenses

There is a lack of handicap fishing access along the inland rivers and lakes.

If kate brown has her way, you won't have a job.

It's difficult to take my grandsons out for a fun time of fishing when the stocking schedule is difficult to follow and the fish are stocked so far away from Salem.

concentrate more on rivers and hatcheries

You do a very poor job!

Just thank you from a disabled veteran with his free license.

electronic salmon tagging system does not work efficiently for apple products, based on two days in July used out of Newport

Make the rules easier, show better and interactive maps with boundaries, it's to hard to understand the reg book and I have a fear of accidentally messing up and losing my fishing rights. I also absolutely hate how I have to carry a charged and updated phone

or full sheet of printer paper both easily damaged while fishing or get in serious trouble. Why not a card that fits into my wallet that can be scanned...

Since we have not been getting normal rainfall for the past several years, it would seem prudent that the reservoirs could perhaps be allowed to retain more water when we do have rain in the Fall/Early Winter and still maintain a safe margin for flood control. Seems like the reservoir managers let everything through until after the first week of February, maintaining Winter pool. Too late in recent years. I know it's not your bailiwick, but you do have clout.

Like to see North Umpqua river open to trout fishing some day.

Looking for more ways to cut fishing

Manage the sea lions and predatory birds that dwindle the smolts and returning fish. I can't believe the decline in Oregon rivers, I was raised here and watched every year get worse and worse, and we have one of the biggest hatcheries in the northwest (Cole River, aka Rogue River), and it's run very poorly in my opinion. Needs to be least out to a private party that actually cares about bringing up the numbers and producing a bunch of Get gill nets out of River

I think Oregon should shut sections of the rivers down for salmonids for four year stretches to see if the runs will increase from less fishing pressure. I believe we should have barbless hooks and smaller catch limits but keep native and non-native fish. The fish get eaten or die when we release them.

I have a problem with sending fish to the ocean to be caught by the Chinese and Russians, or subsidize the sea lions hanging on the rivers

I only go fishing a couple times each year because it doesn't seem worth the effort for what I'm allowed to catch and eat. I always enjoy it when I go, but it's easy to find something better for me to do.

I wish the state put more attention towards bass health and population even though they are not "native species"

Stop closing the steelhead run on the east side of the state

stop with the generic rainbow trout hatchery fish. I try to only target trophy or Brown/cutthroat/brook trout but 70% of what I catch are moronic pellet feed rainbow trout.

Redbands please

GET RID OF SO CALLED WILD FISH....THERE'S NO SUCH THING PRODUCE MORE HATCHERY SALMON AND STEELHEAD FOR US TO CATCH !!

I would like to see ODFW actually manage both fish and wildlife based on actual science. It is ALL managed from a political agenda currently. There are many Oregonians that care deeply about our wildlife and fish that NO longer have ANY faith in ODFW. ODFW will NOT stand up to those with a political agenda and defend sound science. The most recent example of this is the Marlette listing. You can only kick those of us that fund ODFW from buying licenses and tags for so long!!!! Keep doing so and we will STOP buying from you!!!

Thanks for stocking Lakes - I would like to see more Trophy Browns and/or Dolly Varden placed in central Oregon freshwater lakes - 90 minutes from La Pine Also someone needs to deal with the water quality at Big & Little Lava lakes - those used to be beautiful places to fish...

ODFW rules are overly complex and are written in such a way that discourages minorities, ESL individuals, & lower educated individuals from participating in fishing

& hunting. Licenses should be good for 1 year from the date of purchase, not from date of purchase until Dec 31st.

As a freshwater angler, I would like to see more areas open to recreation, especially in national and state forests. More people are out than ever before, but the number of sites keeps dropping. It sucks.

Please maintain the reserves!! They are great for Oregon fish populations

Please consider allowing for permits to be valid for 12 months from date of purchase, rather than for a calendar year.

Lots of parasites on the trout this year.

It is now over priced and not worth fishing in this state. I now fish in other states. Out of state license in a lot of states are much cheaper. And the regulations do not change by the day like salmon regs.

Get the Gill nets off the Rivers.

Get rid of the gill nets of

as I get older it is more difficult to walk in the rivers while fishing, as I have to be much more careful, and since I tend to fish alone, I am slowly reducing the times I go fishing, just to be safe.

Do not expand near shore fishing restrictions.

Please improve and protect our steelhead populations. (Both native and non-native strains). They are an icon of the Pacific Northwest, and even in my short 30 years of life, have seen the quality and quantity deteriorate.

I love fishing fishing is wonderful whatever you can do to put more fish out there would be greatly appreciated we need more salmon runs and we need to do something about the sea lions there's just too many.

Upgrade Hagg Lake

I believe you should be able to use up to 3-4 rods when fishing for warm water fish or non game fish on any body of water

Conservation is key for the future.

I've become a bigger angler over the last few years as I've become more of a steelhead and salmon angler than just trout.

It's too bad more people can't see what's in our local rivers. (On the bottom). It's a mess.

ODFW is the worst.

ODFW has taken the fun out of sport fishing. Rules and regulations are constantly changing. Fishing quality has declined. I travel to Idaho and Montana to fish and hunt anymore. ODFW doesn't manage for healthy fish and game animal populations. They manage for tag and license sales. Oregon fishing and hunting just isn't what it used to be. I've lived in Oregon for 55 years. My observations are legit.

Need to start stocking the local river with trout. Hasn't been done in years. Sad, I was told it was stopped to protect the salmon. But I don't believe it.

Would be nice to have a website that is not so difficult to understand for us Navas anglers. This would apply to what areas are open and closed and what could be caught or released

Strongly considering doing all my hunting and fishing in other states, or leaving this state entirely.

Is this a survey about angling or about reserves? Just be honest and please do a better job at managing our fish and wildlife

I'm not a die hard fisherman but enjoy getting out on the various lakes of our state. I enjoy fishing for German Browns early and late in the season and Kokanee in between. My wife and I just returned from a week long trip over to Lemolo Lake. No Browns but fun nonetheless.

The Columbia River Basin Endorsement is a sham. Paying extra money for what? Tired of paying more and more money for mismanagement.

Mostly trout fish in lakes. No idea about ocean fishing

Also strongly support ODFW and do not feel that fees are too high.

before the dam was (so called) repaired at Howard prairie lake the lake held water most of the year.,with trout fishing. now it is just a small pond with no fish. it was one of the few lakes that you could fish from the bank. most other lakes require a boat. my wish is that you can get some water and fish in it.

Remove the mixing tower on the deschutes and destroying the aquatic life on the lower river

You guys need to better a cross the board

Kill sea lions. Stop Indians from raping our fisheries. Improve hatcheries. Put money into fish instead of bullshit.

I find marine reserves in places where I would be interested in fishing since I'm hanging out there but don't because it's not allowed. Therefore i don't fish much at all in the ocean from shore

open up the salmon-steelhead hatcheries. There needs to be more hatchery fish to harvest. We have the systems use them. I know this will never be read. I have 2 small boys i would love to be able to show them what the rivers can have for fish. Not just empty pools with hardly any fish around. It is said to see

Commercial fishermen need to be monitored more closely and fined heavily for polluting, breaking laws and destroying species for entertainment. We need more enforcement of the laws to protect and use the money collected from fines to keep heavy patrol.

KILL those damn Seals and Sea Lions, they have RUINED the salmon runs.

People want to catch fish! Very expensive, license, tags,travel,food,gear. Need to improve opportunities to succeed.

We need more hatchery fish for all steelhead and salmon runs in the umpqua river system.

Limit commercial salmon boats in the Columbia. You always cut the anglers short and let the commercial boats run wild. Think about the people of Oregon, not your pocketbooks.

There are not enough Boat launches

Significant measures for reducing depredation needs to be implemented. Pinnipeds, cormorants. Foreign , and commercial netting is negating hatchery benefits.

I feel the cost of a combined angling license is outrageous. I also disagree on the columbia river endorsment!!!

Change the way you approach salmon and steelhead management before we lose our fish forever.

Thank you

I love fishing, just not very good at it.

ODF&W is doing a horrible job running hatcheries for successful returns and harvest for sportsmen. This is especially true with Steelhead. The runs are so poor or so many hours have to be put in for one fish, it isn't worth it unless you can spend nearly ALL of your time fishing.

More dam removal, less hatcheries, more wild fish support, anything we can do to prevent big fires and climate change impacts on our rivers is supported. Also, close Cedar Creek to fishing on the Sandy

Fix the boat ramps

Anything to save the fish. All wild steelhead should be catch and release. Treble hooks should be banned. The entire Deschutes should be fly fishing, barbless hooks and all catch and release. More attention needs to be paid to migratory fish poaching. Thank you for your efforts!

I'm always very confused about where I can fish and I wish it were easier. Give me a map in my app I can click to tell me the requirements

Lower the license fees. Oregon taxes you for everything and it's very upsetting. I grew up poor here and fishing ment dinner.

I shouldn't have to buy multiple license, punch cards salt water license shell fish license warm water enhancement fee Columbia river endorsement etc etc to go fishing they're should be one fishing license that covers it all. the fees to fish in Oregon are outrageous and the salmon regulations are so ridiculous no one except a lawyer can understand them. It's actually cheaper for my family to go to Washington and buy out of state licenses and fish there than it is to buy in state licenses in Oregon.

Open hatcheries back up put fish in rivers that will never sustain wild fish. People don't like to fish when theres no fish. Pretty simple.

I am a stream and lake fisherman. You need to increase the bag limits. It cost a lot of money to go fishing outside your local area, it is not worth it!

Quit raising fishing permits. People are sick of it and just saying, forget it. I'll fish without it. And why the increase in permits for a silly Kayak! It's a kayak!, ot now costs me a fortune to take the family and friends out, so we dont go anymore. It's stupid to pay that much for a permit you only use for extra kayaks once. Money grubbing. It's a freaking kayak! No motor, oil, noise, its always clean and stored..poor excuse to tax us even more. That last jump really pissed us all off. All the club members from 7 groups are mad as hell.

Steelhead runs are declining

Stop keeping us from fishing, and spend more money and learn from the Indians how to get more salmon and steelhead in the rivers!!!!!!!!!!

Several of the places we go lose water early in the year so we don't go like we used to. Also, Philips Res used to be good for perch and they were killed off so we quit going there.

Keep water in Wickiup

I do not fish in the ocean

Keep up the good work.

Sold my place in Florence, Oregon last year because hatchery coho programs discontinued. Not much to fish for anymore.

Make Oswego Lake public and not private please.

The \$50 green tags on trout were a good way to get people really excited about fishing. I'd like to see more of those tags or similar ideas in the future!

Complex rules per locates are a pain in the rear. Please update your app to outline regulations based on GPS location.

Reduce seals in the rivers

The fees here are ridiculous compared to other states. You guys need to figure out wildlife management better in general. Our Idaho neighbors have it down. Follow their lead.

Salmon fishing needs to be open from sunrise to sunset one or before and one after.

Effective immediately

I small river trout fish. I appreciate stocking of trout. Oregon is beautiful. Just wish it was all less complicated and restrictive. Like needing boaters permits For paddle boards or day permits to just float down a river.

This survey was a bit ridiculous

I fish with my husband because he loves to fish and I love my husband. Not my favorite thing to do

Bodies of water need to be catch and release if they can reproduce salmon, steelhead and trout on their own. Put the hatcheries on water that can't reproduce enough fish to catch and keep.

ODFW is doing a very poor job. And the cost keeps going up .I feel you need different people running the department that understand how to properly run ODFW!

Lowering reServoir levels in Central Oregon below fish sustainability levels and boat launch levels are leading me to abandon all fishing and sell my 22ft boat after 14 wonderful years.

Make the regulations easier to understand and follow. I get so confused about what I can catch and where I can fish, can I use live bate or is the area I'm in strictly fly fishing, etc. here is a suggestion, have a interactive map of all the waterways and when you touch the area you are in it brings up all the regulations for that spot! That would make fishing much more enjoyable and wouldn't be as stressing. Thanks I feel like marine reserves are a very good thing as long as it is not over reaching with angler opportunities. It Needs to be a healty balance between the two. But with that said I think odfw needs to focus less on marine reserves and put more money into fish hatcherys this state could have a much higher revenue with out of state tags and licenses. The rivers have been neglected due to piss poor hatchery funding. These rivers should be loaded with fish.

I only crab from docks.

The biggest issues I see at the boat ramps throughout the state is the growing ramp space between boats and kayakers/paddleboarders. Both groups have different needs and it can be difficult for boaters when kayakers are plugging up the ramp during their final preparations to paddle off and equally frustrating for the paddlers to feel rushed by the boat trailer backing up toward them. This affects nearly all rivers, lakes and bays that I frequent. No one group is to blame.. Just that more parking and ideally a dedicated launch point for kayaks and paddleboards would be truly beneficial.

I appreciate the my odfw website.

All programs that protect the fish are appreciated and approved by this angler.
End the Columbia River basin permit. That was supposed to get the gill netters out but instead became a tax on Oregon sportsman. When that's done open up a season to harvest the sea lions in the Columbia.

Bring back hatcheries before there is nothing left!

I want to fish more and am gaining knowledge and equipment to fish lakes, rivers and the surf.

Providing more info on where to fish from shore (marine waters) on ODFW website would be useful.

You need to stop the natives from fishing sturgeon commercially. Never was a part of the food source originally.

It is unfortunate that one River I know permits a type of salmon that is fin clipped and there are no salmon that go up that river that are fin clipped. It seems ridiculous especially when anglers still fish with the idea of catch and release but occasionally a salmon that is caught will die when returned to the river. Possibly the limit could be different on certain bodies of water.

I would LOVE to start a large mouth bass education and program like in Texas. Large mouth bass fishing is the most fun anyone can have. I believe Oregon needs to take it a lot more seriously. It's growing bigger and bigger all the time and people need to know how to treat the fish. Like the guy taking the 10 out of Kirk to "eat" and the guy I saw taking the 6 out of L&R to "eat". People should learn how to be stewards of the fishery.

I totally support the ODFW's efforts to preserve our fish habitat. Releasing native salmon during regular season kills a lot of fish that could go against the quota.

Your trout stocking program is biased. Stock Diamond again and again. When water returns to Central Oregon lakes and res. please restock them frequently. Start paying attention to Central Oregon waters.

I stopped fishing years ago because of your poorly managed fisheries. The famous Rogue river salmon is a fine example of why people stopped fishing. Where are all the fish at Cole Rivers hatchery? It's empty. Why?

Only saltwater activity is shellfish by land, no angling. Mostly river & lake fish inland, but anything beyond trout is beyond bother with regulation comprehension.

I no longer fish due to the high cost of licensing paired with the low number of fish to be caught

It's such a shame to see Mann Lake ruined. So many great memories of huge Lahontan cuts!

I'm in the wrong part of the state for marine fishing issues. What I want to know is why the base of Brownlee dam has been sectioned off and we can no longer fish there?

Your app sucks not user friendly at all and we pay you a lot of money.

Quit messing up the spring salmon run on the lower Columbia

Sold my boat this year

Senior rates should be lower.

It is hardly worth dealing with all your closures, fees and bs the same with hunting regs ready to give up the whole thing and let the wildlife and fish come back and not

be oregon money pit including having me do a survey that is your job you are getting paid for please post this for public to see and call me 541 670 4379 thanks
Start planting on the south santiam and re running fish again. It used to be one of the best rivers to fish and it has become one of the worst fish runs in the last 5 years.

ODFW WEBSITE SUCKS

We need more hatchery fish!

Yes give me a call Paul 5035864060

Statistics are misleading, not the entire coast is fishable. Name one Marine Reserve that was de-listed, that's right NONE!

the Clackamas River Hatchery is a joke- not managed properly, should be removed, no knowledge of the River etc that is why we no longer have fish runs in it. - To late to save it now so don't waste the money - learn from the "screw=up"

Having to register a inflatable 9 ft pontoon boat that has an electric trolling motor is ridiculous! Stop raising anglers prices! It shouldn't cost over a hundred dollars to fish rivers or tributaries.

The regulations book needs to be simplified, it is way too difficult to determine specific water regulations.

The inclusion of other species in the Halibut all depth weekends has improved our opportunities. I am not a fan of the metric used to measure the catch of the quotas. It seems there are days when nobody was able to get out to all depth locations due to weather and we still see the overall catch #'s increasing on those days.

Would like to see or hear about more research done for bass fishing inland waters in Oregon

ODF&W are a bunch of dumb shits and screw up by closing fish hatcheries.

The cost of licensing is so high for those that have retired, it will soon be out of reach for me & my wife.

Of all the inept agencies in the state of Oregon, and that is most of them, ODFW has got to be on top. I believe more and more each day that your agency is controlled by non sportsmen and women and your goal is to eliminate sport hunting and fishing.

Professionally speaking I don't know how you cash your paycheck.

What is the point you never listen to the public. ODFW has done more to destroy hunting and fishing than anything else. You milk us for money and then do everything you can to restrict our enjoyment of the sports we love. I will never again buy a tag that the ODFW has anything to do with. It is actually cheaper for me to fish in California and I can catch more and bigger fish. My hunting dollars now go to Idaho, Montana, and Arizona. Screw you

Get the commercial gill nets off the Columbia river it's your guys responsibility to fight hard to protect our struggling endangered species.

Given the increase in allowable impact to yellow eye rockfish, it is past time to revisit the YRCA angling restrictions

Start hatchery back up so we can have some fish....

Too much invasive stuff to be polite on my line and lures

I don't do any ocean fishing to speak of - but may venture out in the future.

one of the things that has kept us from going fishing is the lack of water and access to the water in the Green Peter Reservoir

Angling is a strong second to the future of fisheries for me.

I believe there should be NO harvesting of native steelhead on the Rogue River. I would love to see the hatchery programs on the Applegate and Rogue rivers enhanced.

You guys need to manage the fish and not the money, there are no fish left in the Willamette river because of over fishing and sea lions mainly speaking. As usual, Human greed has depleted another species. It's all about the money!!! Greed will leave you wanting in the end every time!

Low water level at reservoirs is the worst thing to do to bass fishing.

Not at this time just that we hope Howard Prairie, Hyatt Lake and Emigrant Lake see some water within the next year. Those 3 are our favorites.

I support what you do. Keep it up!

It is appropriate to create more marine reserves off the Oregon Coast, especially now that there is the largest ever dead zone occurring off of the Pacific Northwest coast! I'm concerned about overcrowding. I'd like more access points to our mountain rivers Did I win a Prize?

Stop with the dam restrictions.

Disappointed in our salmon and steelhead runs. Do not believe wild fish only is the answer. we need good hatchery and brood stock programs

There should be more effort directed toward hatchery salmon/steelhead. Very disappointing to continually be paying more and more every year for less and less chances of being successful. My son won't even go with me anymore. It used to be good father/ son bonding

Licenses are to expensive for the little Angling I do
get rid of the sea lions

Let river anglers keep sole coho in the central Oregon rivers. The siletz summer steelhead run has been very poor and needs work.

The columbia river basin endorsement is unfair to Oregon anglers. How can WA residents not have to pay but Oregon residents are still required to. The purpose of this endorsement is misleading and serves very little purpose.

I live inland so I wouldn't be using the marine areas as we rarely visit the coast areas
I love being able to fish in oregon

Water levels would be #1 problem @ Green Peter and Foster
Stop raising prices!!!

Please start listening and respecting Oregonians. ODFW has pushed several friends to leave this state, stop fishing or hunt in other states. Prices always increase, regulations get stricter, game is harder to find and now with increased temperatures people just expect more closures. These resources are poorly managed. ODFW listens to the people that don't purchase tags too much. Last, allow people to hunt wolves. They are all over Eastern Oregon. If Portland wants them Portland can have them in Portland.

I wish that there were more areas with rocky shorelines that could be fished. It seems like all rocky shorelines have been closed to angling.

Stop requiring the purchase of the Columbia Basin Endorsement if the gill netters continue violating the agreement!

Columbia River Endorsement needs to be retired. Was never meant to be permanent.
Wish there were easier access for disabled Angler's

Fish population in Columbia River is declining.

make fishing like it was in the 60's and 70's

Simplify all regulations

Please put in an effort to return the clackamas river salmon and steelhead fishery to what it once was.

Stop the gillnetting!! Sport anglers pay the most money and always get the shaft...and kill all sea lions.

This isn't a survey, it's a questionnaire to support political interests. This has nothing to do with ensuring our youth enjoy fishing because your leadership has absolutely destroyed their hooked experiences. These questions are pretty offensive but I'll continue to pay the fees to fish in hopes my children can enjoy it as much as I do.

Shame on you.

Disabled people should get free licenses linked to their handicapped parking permits
More hatcheries please. Thanks for all the work you all do!

Sport fisherman need more time on the water than gill nets. GET RID OF THE SEA LIONS THATS THE MANI ISSUE WITH OUR FISHERIES!!!!!!

I believe the fishing regulations are set to prevent anglers from being too successful also I believe its a Law in Oregon that the public has access to any body of water up to the HIGH water spot. So why does ODFW prevent access to an area with a fence out into the Columbia river, I am surprised no one has not claimed boat damage from hitting metal fence posts I mean they are 25 feet out in the river stopping any access to a productive area near social security beach on the Columbia river. please remove this crime you have done and restore access to that point of the Columbia
Stop allowing the killing of wild steelhead! It's shameful and should not be allowed anywhere in the world. Oregon is an embarrassment for not protecting these fish.
Fuck the sport and commercial fishing lobby and fuck you too for allowing steelhead "harvest". Clowns.

Consider allowing recreational angling but prohibit commercial fishing and offshore development.

Maybe spend less time on surveys and actually work on making fishing better in the State.

Need to sustain ecosystems to maintain good fishing along the whole coast.

I mainly catch and release so the regulations don't effect me unless it is fly fishing only or barbless hook.

The fishing fees are too high.

This is the first year that I will not be buying either a hunting or fishing license in over 30 years partially due to lack of time but also lack of opportunity and restrictions

I live over here on the east coast and I believe that there should be a limit on crappie.

Too many times have I been down on the snake river and seeing people keeping all the fish they can catch big and small so now I believe that there are fewer crappie in the snake river. When I say snake river I mean Oxbow and Brownlee and Hells canyon reservoirs.

It is extremely disappointing that the trout and steelhead stocking programs in Oregon have been so greatly diminished. With the growing amount of pressure pressure, our river systems will not support a successful fisheries while stocking programs are cut. This is especially unfortunate considering how much is paid in

licenses and endorsements. It has become necessary to drive several hours to reach good locations. Would love to see a quality trout and winter steelhead stocking program in the nearby Molalla River and Eagle Creek.

Way to many rules and restrictions. You need to be a genius to know, remember and figure them out. I fish behind my house. No where else as I don't understand all the restrictions.

Need more fish stocking

Need to get the homeless people off the River because they are poisoning it

Please remove some dams so salmon will have a chance to live thanks

I support keeping rockfish numbers healthy

I've been an Oregon resident for 2 years. Huntington. I don't like the water level fluctuations. Too drastic.

Stopping sport fishing and bag limits and continuing to charge more for tags is silly

You guys suck at management and I am tired of paying the stupid Columbia access fee for you to lie and steal our money. You are failures and you need to figure it out.

There should be no gillnets in the main stem of the Columbia. Period.

Please bring an end to the killing of wild steelhead! SW Oregon is one of the only places this is still allowed to happen; it's unacceptable and unnecessary.

The regs are so complicated that I'm afraid to severely limit for what and where I angle

I'd love to see a fixed license cost and many more free fishing days for those that would like to fish on occasion that can't rationalize the license expenses for family or financial responsibility

regulations are too complex ODFW is an over ridden bureaucratic entity and need to be weeded out and made functional to the people that use the the game and wilderness. Not the "concrete living" special interest organizations

Bring back the catfish fishery, they're not at all a danger to salmon

Make the regs more simple

I strongly believe in the validity of marine reserves. They offer us the best chance of establishing sustainable fish populations. Frankly, I think there should be more so that they are better linked but realize the economic impact of establishing other reserves hurts coastal communities.

Let the hatcheries release more hatchery fish. Control the sea lions. And maybe change the laws for coho fishing on the Columbia instead of only keeping 2

hatcheries, how about keeping the first 2 fish you catch regardless of wild or not.

Releasing wild fish will likely end up dying anyways.

It's too complicated to figure out what equipment is legal to fish with in different areas.

Too much shit to figure out.

Well for one the Gill netters can stop taking so much salmon and steelhead closing the rivers and ocean because the numbers are down is a joke

The ODFW app for my tags and licenses is still not very user friendly!

I thought we were paying to get gill nets out of water?? They are still there!! Do I get a refund?? Why does angling have to be so complicated? Close today open tomorrow

and I don't read anything other than the regulations book! If it says it's open I FISH!!

That's what I base my license purchase on so that's what I fish by.

Id like more ability to fish for invasive species. In places like tributaries. Such as little butte creek which is full of northwest pike minnows.

Why are you closing off sports recreation when we all know that it's not the problem? yes, I am a life time Oregonian. Please send me a link or url to see where my invasive species tax goes. 10\$ up to \$20 is a lot, what's the ticket for non - compliance?

I'm thinking it's time do something about all the paddle boards, kayaks and canoes that have over run our lakes and water ways. I even encountered them on the Metolius. They don't have much respect for fishermen.

ODFW is a crock. They are a government bureaucracy that doesn't do any good.

Charge ever increasing fees for rights the citizens should HAVE. They over regulate and mismanage the fisheries.

I would like to see public service messages by fisherman supporting catch and release of all salmon steelhead and trout so we could get fish populations back up Congratulations!! Your programs of both reducing the size and numbers of salmon and steelhead are working! Thank you: from the boards of irrigators, power producers and river transport companies

We need more than 3.2% protected, that is ridiculous.

I think this survey is a self-serving crock of shit on your part.

It's terrible the extremely poor water management in Brownlee Reservoir. It has destroyed world class Bass and Crappie fishing

Everyone at fish and game I talk to says fewer people are fishing ang hunting. The people I talk to who have quit say it costs too much and the rules are too complicated. Both of which I agree with. The pandemic has kept me away from crowded fishing areas.

Y'all need to rethink the way you manage the fisheries around the state. Your lack of size limits and bag limits on bass are destroying the salmon fry that are already being destroyed by the seal population.

I would like to see seal and sea lion populations reduced. I don't care who does it. The tribes , veterans, normal everyday people. While I don't believe they are solely responsible I do believe their population is not managed and there's way too much focus on public opinion then science

doesn't make sense to me that a parking permit for ODFW land is included as part of the hunting license fee but not the angling license fee.

Very hard for me to figure out the rules and where to fish and when

I hate the MPA's. I am a marine biologist and angler and I represented the sports fishing alliance in California for the entirety of the process and watched them blame my industry for every thing from climate change, over-fishing by the commercial trawlers and the worst science perpetrated by the assholes at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the despicable pseudo scientists at UCSB. I am a UCSB graduate and have repudiated my degree. I'm still so angry that I will not fish off the west coast. I

liberally spend my thousands of dollars in Costa Rica, Florida and the Gulf Coast. What a bunch of bullshit shoved down our throats. You should all be ashamed to have fallen for California's crap.

A high percentage of poorly released non-fin clipped ocean coho die during the selective season. Allow 2 total per season non-fin clipped coho to be kept per angler during the selective coho fishing in ocean and eliminate the non-select season. This

could help reduce mortality and allow anglers to harvest coho when their opportunity to fish is limited. Win win.

Allow bottom fish to be retained on halibut days! What a waste even with descending devices!!

Bring back the old south boat launch at south beach Newport...there was two? Keep your staff Off the boat launch...not a good place or time to check fish. Boat launch areas are DANGEROUS. Your field staff need training there Oblivious! And often abuse their authority...saving the planet one victim at a time.

There needs to be better defined places you are able to fish and not able to fish, example is sections of closures, not everybody understands what 2 miles south of marker 250 means! Additionally 1 section will say you can catch trout, Section will say no, with an exception that says yes but read section 2. Your guidelines are worse than a book written by a dyslexic. Thank you though for everything you guys do! We enjoy what you built every week.

Have not been fishing at all for the last 3 years!

ODFW need to reduce sea lions population.

The salmon catch rate has seen a steady and huge drop over the past 12ish years that I've fished (slaw in florance, umpqua in Winchester). Something needs to change!!

When over 50 boats report 2-3 fish in a day something is wrong! I think all hatchery fish should be available to keep and the 2 wilds a year/ 1 per day is reasonable. WE NEED MORE FUNCTIONING FISH HATCHERIES! The hatcheries keep closing and the numbers keep dropping.... The habitat for wild reproduction just isn't there anymore. Triple the hatcheries and ban keeping all wild fish? If Things don't improve I see that us all losing the right to fish.....

You close fishing when fish are running and open it when there are no fish unless your a gill netter

Why still have gill net in Columbia. Still charged for colombia informant.

Get OSP out there doing their jobs. Need more game wardens checking on harvesting. Shore fishing (while maintaining catch limits) should not be a factor in fish counts in reserves. Shore fishing should be the last thing restricted. If it's still an issue reduce harvest counts or make it a tag

It is costing so much to fish anymore with license fees and cost of equipment state needs to scale back a bit as a lot of people have quit fishing I see it in the want ads selling all of their gear

Would fish salt water more but because of distance, cost, over fishing on the coast, and complex regulations fishing once or twice a year without hours of education on what is legal, discourages me from even trying.

Why are we not able to vote people into office in ODFW.

Why is the combination fees keep going up

This will probably be my last year of angling. In between closing half the day to river fishing, and the ridiculous fees for licensing. I have had enough.

Too many nets in the water

I'd like to see the regulations simplified, barbed hooks on the Columbia and we should be able to keep any Chinook hatchery or wildthat way I dont have to catch three wild fish and risk killing them to get to the hatchery fish. It should be catch one (or

two) and be done. No stress to the wild fish that anglers have to sift through to find their hatchery fish.

I like fishing

Put the fish and wildlife money's taken in back into fish and wildlife not in to Kate brown's pockets

ODFW needs to do better outreach to explain to people what all their fees are being used for. Otherwise your budgets will continue to be challenged. Hate the big game charges for not reporting every year. Where can I find the data that is being collected and the analysis done every year?

You have complex regulations. Your stocking support has been terrible and advised poorly and accurately. License fees don't match ODFW value to us. Fishing has been terrible for salmon and steelhead over the years. Fisherman passing horror stories over high fines for over regulated fishing that's inconsistent from area to area. Lakes in central Oregon drawn down so far poor fishing. More free fishing dates at holidays so visiting family can have an Oregon fishing experience.

open season on Columbia river sea lions. Do just like big game, issue a license and have a canary harvest the sea lion into usable items, like gloves, animal feed, candlestick and what ever else you could make out of the sea lion. They are getting to dangerous for boaters and small children who may fall into the water. Safety of people first.

Make fishing regulations easier to read

I would like to know why if I buy the 2 Poles license why I can't fish for Salmon with 2 Poles even tho im still limited to 2 fish a day? And why nobody is doing anything about the seals ive lost more gear and fish to them

While most anglers I know are conservationists, I fail to see the correlation between knowing the names and locations of these reserves and angling behaviour.

you need to save the Salmon by working on the excess of seal and sea lions!

In my opinion Oregon manages its fisheries very well in general, however most anglers i know would like to see stronger salmon and steelhead runs and more anadromous fish habitat enhancement in central and eastern Oregon.

Quit wasting our tax money on these needless departments.

I understand areas closed to commercial fishing and possibly bot angling in these reserves; however, question if prohibiting angling from shore in these areas actually results in a biological gain that is even detectable.

Fish department should offer classes and events to get people together for growth of industry.

My biggest disappointment in ODFW fish management is the inconsistent treatment of sport vs commercial anglers. Specifically the policy allowing gill nets to take fish indiscriminately while sport fishers would receive a massive ticket for keeping some of the same fish. Seems like more like mismanagement than management.

I feel as though recently odfw is actually our enemy instead of the way it should be .

Working together to conserve yet make fishing simple not so complex. I have many times decided not to fish somewhere because I could not figure out all the rules.

Bring back hatcheries or privatize them. Too many people and not enough fish stock more trout, kids like it

Opportunities go down, costs go up.

Climate change will not kill the spotted frog. Odfw's mismanagement of the upper Deschutes basin is the reason.

Too little, too late in the management of this resource. We neglected the history of error from the beginnings of the times of fishing/ hunting, and managed to repeat most of them , time and again. I have the monetary means of travel for my beloved sport- no longer fish in Oregon, salt or fresh.

I would like information on volunteer opportunities specifically related to fishing. If possible please email information to don.bain@gmail. Thanks!

Keep jet boats off of the McKenzie river

The fees have me on the fence regarding getting a license, and they keep going up every year. All the add on fees for a standard fishing license, for salmon, steelhead, halibut,, Columbia River Basin, shellfish, etc. runs close to \$100 a year. That's a lot for a casual fisherman to pay.

THIS SURVEY is bad use of ODFW time and resources WHY DO YOU NOT STOP RESERVOIRS FROM BEING DRAINED DRY???

Put more bull trout in odell lake

We need more fish on the rogue.

Stop catch and release enforcement in lakes and rivers that allow tribal limits if 10 fish a day in the basin. Agency lake, surrounding rivers. Limits people's desire to fish in the areas when fish can only be caught for sport purposes.

ODFW does a Poor job at fish and wildlife management .. Letting our fish die in Hatcheries (completely disgraceful). I asked a young man that works for ODFW in the fish department about the fish that had died in the Hatchery. He became very angry and would even talk to me about it.. Literally turned his back to me after several thousand fish had died at rock fish hatchery. We got no answers !! Little to no Deer left on the west side of the mountains. Taking away private hatch boxes from schools and reliable fishing clubs is wrong. Continued price increase for licenses for less is wrong.. Thank you for reading this.

Odfw needs to stock more salmon and steelhead. I speak for ALL salmon and steelhead fisherman when I say we want to see bigger runs and more effort put forth into making these runs bigger with more stocking of hatchery salmon and steelhead. Stop raising fees every year. It's only a matter of time before you price the average sportsman out of wildlife sporting. You can't possibly think that your never ending greed has no limits on our wallets. I know you'll always find a way to justify your new annual cost increase. The sportsmen I know, don't believe in your justifications. I hear complaints about the fees more than anything. I bet you can't or won't hear it though. It would help a lot if the Hatcheries would produce more fish! And discount for Seniors & Vets!

used to take time off work to salmon fish in middle of week with pops when rivers not so crowded, Dads quit salmon fishing so no one to go with in middle of week and not dealing with week end crowds. like Odel but parking issue as wll and fish too small. Personally I think german brown need to be planted in the lake to help reduce the kokone population giving the more feed. I remember back in the late 70's early 80's it was common to catch 16-18 inch fish. not into 10 to 12 inchers.

Would you please plant more salmon/steelhead on other rivers than the Columbia.

Thank you

We feel that there is a better way to manage the amount of times Guides can be on the water. Alternating days or weekdays/weekends off. They are very skillful and fish 7 days a week with up to 8 clients in their boats. I have lived here and fished all my life (over 50 years) in the 1990's there were three guides on the river and bay system I fish. I have counted over 70 in a single day repeatedly during the peak of the season. I know that they are making a living too, but what are they going to do when the last fish is caught or ODFW shuts everything down. Catch and release is not the answer, especially when ODFW continues to allow barbed hooks where catch and release of wild fish is killing fish both by bleeding, and trauma/weakening them so they are easy targets for the predators

Please stop commercial crabbing in Netarts Bay.

We need more fin clipped salmon/steelhead. More trout would help also.

license fees are to high and the increases are too frequent

I would like more designated wild, catch and release only steelhead rivers.

Fishing is fun but not with a million rules

We need more hatcheries and should be using hatch boxes on private lands.

Angling in stocked rivers & lakes is a thing of the past, in my estimation!

Wish more time and money was spent in warm water fisheries.

Thank you for all that you do!

regulation works about 30% of the time. Listen to the fishermen and others vs listening to people who have the complete different opinion as outdoors people. We dont tell them to stop hiking ... which i do all the time too. But you mention to granola's that you harvest fish (which they eat weekly) and they have a fit and want to save the world from shit that in not real.

inability to walk/hike interferes with my fishing

I think your overall regulations limit sport fishermen and help commercial fishermen and have caused me to almost stop fishing altogether.

You let Californians push you around, where is the data??Who pays for it,

Please don't take away hunting and fishing from us Oregonians!

Fly fishing is what I'm passionate and the protection of Oregon's Andranamous species is what I pay attention to.

Will be nice when the woods are open again.

Yes plant bigger fish

Preserve all that we can, think to the future!

There are enough marine reserves

I don't entirely understand the Columbia river basin endorsement. No one likes paying extra fees. Just bury whatever conservation funding in the license cost. Having a separate fee drives people away from buying licenses in the effected areas.

Find a different consultant to craft a coherent survey instrument.

Please stop making me pay for the Columbia River endorsement. I'm looking forward to a lawsuit because funds are not going where they were supposed to. And please help the hatcheries! I predict that I will stop buying a license for both fish and hunting after I burn my hunting points, less than five years. Good luck!

we use updated g p s for reserve boundaries.

You respond when I email you and I might reciprocate. It's call common courtesy. Just a thought. It way past time for ODFW to be bridge builders, you have burn a lot them.

It's so frustrating to go fishing in Oregon. The regulations are absurd and confusing. It takes all the fun out of it.

Go back to the way it was 30 years ago and reopen all of the hatchery's that you people have shut down and put more fish back in the river's like you use to do. Not fair for natives to gill net when #'s are so low and sportsman aren't allowed to fish. No native fish left you've limited my fair chances while letting the gill netters a free for all.

I believe that ODFW should consider a permit system for certain, popular lakes. Over the last decade, I have seen an unsustainable increase in boat dock usage at many popular lakes in Central Oregon.

WE NEED HATCHERIES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!QUIT CAVING TO ENVIROMENTAL GROUPS FROM PORTLAND AND OUT OF STATER'S. I WAS CAUGHT UP IN THE WILDFIRES LAST FALL , AROUND THE SAME TIME I LOST ALL THE HATCHERY SHD. OPPORTUNITIES CLOSE TO MY HOME. THAT WAS MY PASSION, MY WAY OF COPING. WHERE IS MY "MENTAL THERAPY PUPPY" ? I THINK I KNOW....PEOPLE ON THIS SIDE OF THE STATE DON'T MATTER. THAT IS THE REAL ANSWER.

It's unfortunate that we let PGE break the laws on keeping the deschutes river cold and clean! It's not worth the 500 sockeye that have returned over the last ten years to wreck the lower river!

I appreciate the emails when special restrictions take effect

Start stock streams and lakes all around Klamath county. You stopped stocking fish in areas people enjoyed fishing and having fun with kids.

It is a bit tragic and unwarranted that a "Kill all you like" position was adopted by ODFW specific to Smallmouth Bass and Walleye in the Columbia Zone. I have fished on the Columbia River for Smallmouth many days each year for since 2006 and over that time caught literally several thousand Smallmouth. Of the 100's of fish I have dressed over that stretch not ONE Salmon smolt has appeared in their stomachs. Their diet is highly dominated by crayfish intake. Fin fish are relatively infrequent and have been shad, sculpin, and perch, without exception. Please apply science and don't make scapegoats of Smallmouth. We have a thriving, world-class fishery that is declining since those slot and retention limits were removed. The issues for Salmon are habitat and predation (sea lions), so please focus on the real root causes. You should not be required to purchase all ocean or other fishing species license when you only sturgeon fish. And why do you start sturgeon fishing so early? Which takes up so many of the few day's aloud, when you know the fish aren't even in the rivers yet??

Manage fish predators and there would be a lot more fish. I fished a four mile stretch of the Coquille River during the summer and only caught one trout. I saw groups of 20+ diving ducks, several mink and caught god only knows how many small mouth. Reconsider protected species that appear to be in abundance.

the organization of the regulation is all over the place. i'd like to see things online be completely redone and organized instead of bandaid on top of bandaid to fix things. i know it costs money but i don't even look on your site for regulation because they are too hard to find and understand. use la-mans terms as well make it simple to use... please!

Don't limit opportunities, expand fishing opportunities as much as you can for everyone.

This survey has nothing to do with the real issues facing our fisheries. Get it together down there!

License fees are going up but fish returns aren't I stopped fishing 6 yrs ago due to bad state management!!

Stop the harvest of Wild Steelhead in Southern Oregon rivers. It makes absolutely no sense. I'd go one step further and recommend that all Winter steelheading be regulated to wade fishing with the exception for those with mobility issues. I would also recommend that any river containing a surviving wild steelhead population and its tributaries should be receive protection from logging and development. This is our last chance to save these fish. Future generations depend on us making the hard but necessary decisions in order to protect the remaining wild runs.

Lower water levels make it hard to launch the boats unlock a boat ramps usable boat ramps

I more or less only fish in mountain lakes.

I moved to Oregon because I love to fish, and am excited that I will be getting a boat in September so I can fish more!

While limited salmon/stealhead success may have slowed down fishing desire. It has not stopped me from fishing completely. Zen fishing is still an excellent experience, though I do wish you would crank the hatcheries up.

Protected reserves will give fisheries biologists an area to perform research without commercial activity interference. Hopefully give them some good baseline data.

Neex more access to fish from shore.

Don't prohibit outboard boats on rivers. Even though we kayak and drift boat outboards should be allowed

I have fished the East coast from NC, SC and Georgia down to Florida, the Gulf coast in south Texas and also Hawaii. Every areas had their rules and regulations. What was mostly interesting - one never knew what was going to hook on. There were piers when surf or boat fishing wasn't needed. Here in Oregon, my interest in fishing has wained due to the lack of fish varieties and the cold weather. I love pier fishing but none available except those made for crabbing.

Many of the questions allude to the social behavior of anglers- I enjoy angling with friends or alone equally, really.

Please plant the middle fork of the willamette River above hills creek Reservoir.

I live in SE Oregon. Drought is becoming very common which has a negative effect on out local fisheries. Chickahominy is almost dry, why doesn't ODF&W consider drilling deep wells to supplement water in these fisheries that are not irrigation reservoirs.

Some reservoirs like Chickahominy only receive runoff in average or better winters, and we are seeing fewer of these types of winters with global warming.

Love to fish, love to catch more, but love to relax,

ODFW is always helpful when I have questions about regulations

You have done nothing for fish or wildlife for years, you turds.

There are just too many rules and regulations. The angler who fishes for enjoyment and as a small part of their food resource has to constantly worry about whether or not they are complying with all of the little rules. So many times the "weekend" angler

is stopped but yet commercial fishermen can take whatever they want. Conservation is a must, I know. But, come on, get real about all of those stupid little rules. Greatly supportive of ODFW and appreciate everything it does!

A good boat and truck to pull the boat cost a lot of money now as compared to the past.. Shore fishing is not as fun.

Seals should be confined to marine reserves

Fish are neat! The gooseneck barnacle limit seems too low to be able to enjoy at a family meal.

There is so much pressure from so many special interest groups that it is impossible to manage our fish and wildlife. when there is money involved all common sense is lost and at some point there will be no fish at all. Please know I think ODFW is doing the best they can with the tools available .

It would be great to see more data from marine reserves in ODFW literature/website, even if not peer-reviewed publications. The publishing of stats, habitat, and behavior of local waters/fish are very helpful for anglers.

Entities which make their living from forests and fishing should pay for extracting publicly held resources, and the profits in excess of needs for Oregon. ODFW license and fees are extremely high for seniors on fixed incomes, hence, we fish less or give it up altogether. Oregon also discriminates among its senior citizens, granting seniors living in Oregon for 50+ years, a cheap license, whereas seniors who have lived here for 49 years or less must pay a high rate, not only for the license, but for all the endorsements. Time to end this discriminatory policy, and bring fees down to an amount seniors can afford.

I have done a lot of fishing in Or. and enjoyed it a lot. Thank you.

The money's raised by fishing and hunting licenses should be used for the fish and animals not for the general fund, fish and wildlife services are not getting the funds needed for the continuation of harvest.

Rebuild the rock creek hatchery, please! not really any wild trout in the floating sections since burning down. Use to catch 25 plus trout on floats for 4hr, now only 1 cutthroat trout per 4hr float. Its totally effected my families river time, as well as increased our thoughts on moving. Please bring back Rock Creek hatrchery!

New to fishing in the last couple years. I fish for a chance to just get my feet wet and spend a relaxing day at the ocean. I fish for surf perch in fair weather and go crabbing in Netarts bay in poor weather. I'd like to do more angling for rockfish, but the regulations seem more complicated than I want to deal with. Same with considering freshwater angling in the Columbia/ Willamette. I just don't bother.

Look at the numbers of return fish why did the willamette river go from 125k fish to 25k fish in about 10 years ????

I live far from the coast and fish mostly freshwater.

I think that closing certain season because California is ignorant and shows the public that Oregon's department of fish an wild life doesn't want to put the leg work in to do studies for our own state. (abalone).

We can get reed of some of the sea lions. That would help with the Salmon Run.

Suggest a broader range of questions to determine someone's connection to fishing.

Most of the options in that section were "all or nothing" i.e. "my only friends are people I fish with". Seriously?

I would be all for reserves if I knew it wasn't infinite. For example rotate every 15-20 years. I do not believe it provides valid research unless it is rotated.

Ocean Coho regs are hurting the Coho. You catch and release about 5 natives for every clipped fish you keep. Most of the released fish die. You should just keep the first two fish you catch and stop, tagged out!

I really don't like the fact that the angling prices continue to increase & the amount of tags & hunting window are decreasing.

The fishing regulations are hard to decipher for someone who just likes to fish every now and then.

Make option to renew license every two years or annually. Perhaps pay slightly cheaper cost to purchase a 2yr license as an incentive to get more people obtain one and people who choose to fish illegally without one.

I am very close to not buying lisc anymore due to poor management of the SW zone rivers. I have attended numerous odfw meetings and find it interesting that odfw can't answer questions or lie about fish numbers from past. 1500 springers and 1000 winter steelhead is disgusting but Dan Vandyke says its fine and a "successful" run then denied we used to have 25k springers and 15k winter steel. He should be fired and forget his pension for claiming to be a biologist. Disgrace of a human. ODFW should demand action to control hatchery and water flows. As an Oregon tax payer it makes me sick that you have let all this happen in last 6-8 years. Tell Dan that him saying coho were never a viable fishery in rogue is pathetic and stupid. You need to concentrate on rivers and leave ocean alone

Yes I think halibut should be a tag 7 days a week only 4 fish per year And you can get it all throughout the year for halibut!

Fees continue to increase and more hatcheries closing so the fees are used for what purpose?

Outdoors fishing and hunting is important, fees are getting really steep. I think a program should be available to help receive the burden. Examples such as litter patrol, volunteer, ect.

When are you going to fix the road so I can fish at North Fork?

I think the offer does a crummy job managing the state both in hunting and fishing. You fall victim to too many special interest groups that for the most part spend very little time in the field but seem to have a strong opinion on management of the animals of the state... reinstate the hunting of cats with dogs and thin the cougars down so we will get some game animals again...quit charging me for angling tags-sturgeon...hatibut etc tha I don't fish for...if I'm going to go for one of them I'll but a daily license...quit charging so much for a draw...it's a racket...I've said enough Please stop all these rules of when we can catch or not catch ! Releasing a fish that is just going to die (dying) because it just a wild fish is wrong ! Find a better way ! Also fish hatchery should put out more fish - for what we pay to fish !

Would love angling events for BIPOC women. Super interested in fishing but don't really know how to get started and YouTube can only help so much.

look at the sockeye runs from the hatcheries of lake wenatchee. we need hatchery fish it works screw the wild fish propaganda

Not sure why they stopped stocking Freeway Lake but My guess is because it hasn't been kpet up!

Remove all fees for Oregon Residents over 65 years, bring back the pioneer lic. Make it valid for life. Lived in Oregon for 72 years, should have ok to hunt/fish without any fees.

I would like to have more access to fish in a wheelchair

Up the Cabazon limits

You let these stupid biologists and idiot politicians make stupid as regs and laws...like no lead for fishing, or can't keep brown trout, or can't fish from this bridge to that stream, the license fees have become so bad I gave up hunting altogether because who the hell makes these stupid hard to follow restrictive regs? Only frigging idiots. Alaska is managing their fisheries in a sustainable way. I believe that Oregon could learn much from their example.

I feel your regulations on fin clipped or non-fin clipped is damaging too many salmon that get returned to the ocean to only die...Make a limit two (or whatever it could be) and stop returning hooked salmon back to the ocean....

Free hard copy regulations were nice. Many fishing areas are out of cell phone range. Please bring them back.

Water management of the Deschutes River stemming all the way up from Wickiup is poorly managed and worsening drought. The same issue applies to the management of the Crooked River as well.

Your lack of actual data on rivers where native steelhead can be harvested is embarrassing! I support catch and release until you guys can get it together and have data to back up your pathetic regulations.

I wish Odell lake/ shelter cove still had lots of Kokanee. It used to be fun to fish there. Stock more in fall river

Due to fires and water levels of lakes not been able to fish

This keeping hatchery fish is not good you need to open coho season back up to first 2 salmon you catch you keep. I person have caught 40 coho a day on the ocean to get 2 or 3 fin clip fish. I know out of the other 100 boats they catch the same . We try and release them unharmed but out of that many boats you know a percentage of them die. This needs to change

I believe I read recently that rock fish numbers have rebounded much faster than anticipated.

The fishing license costs in Oregon are ridiculous!

stop fin clip program restore all natural runs, Columbia, willamette ect if you can't put in a ladder take out the damn California can figure out another way to get power. put a bounty on anything that eats smolt and adult fish.

Shut down gill netters on the Columbia, not sport anglers!!!

I use my license primarily for crabbing.

Less regulation and more enforcement of existing rules. Fewer closures and reopenings

Management of the Hatchery on the Rogue River is inexcusable. It must be corrected. Also TouVelle boat ramp in Medford is too dangerous to use most of the year, but nobody will allow it to be dredged as promised when it was rebuilt in its current location.

I've bought a license every year for the last four years since I moved to Oregon and have yet to catch a fish. :)

I have a bachelor's degree in engineering and have read your regulations a dozens of time over. They are so confusing on when, where and how you can fish its makes me not to want to fish ever. I always feel like i am breaking some law or rule evertime i go fishing and i hate that! The state has completely ruined fishing for me. After recently talking to an off duty game warden, he told me you do that on purpose so he has the ability to ticket a person at anytime for whatever he feels like.

When I'm out on charter for rock fish there is a species that must be thrown back what really makes me angry is throwing these fish back and see a line of dead fish floating on surface dead .Ur law of throwing fish back is not only a waste it makes no sense and such a total waste .I dunno who made that idiotic rule but it needs to change .Throwing fish back that didn't survive is obsurd

population explosion is ruining oregon

I am very concerned about the future of trout fishing in Oregon. I believe you manage it well. There are so many fisherman.

The price for a fishing license and a salmon steelhead tag is ridiculously overpriced I'm not really a fish guy. I usually just get the combo license in case I feel like fishing, other want me to go, or to give money to ODFW for conservation. Hunting is my main focus.

i wish your focus was more on hatchery's and the brud stock program!!

Your electronic licensing and tagging program and app is absolute garbage, and is such a pain to use that I honestly really don't have any real current interest in angling and am considering quitting it entirely.

Cost of daily fishing license is very high and discourages people from trying fishing. This in addition to the very complex fishing regulations.

I don't understand why the one day fishing permit is so expensive and fees in general seem pretty high. I am retiring soon and will be on a tight budget.

Since resources are so limited and fish stocks are so low, please cancel commercial fishing

ODFW has done nothing to improve angling on the North Umpqua to improve a fisherman's chances of retaining a fish. ODFW has killed more fish in their own hatcheries.

Nothing else I say would change the way our legislators ruine our hunting and fishing heritage

Would like to have walleye and yellow perch in central Oregon lakes like Prineville and Ochoco.

These marine reserves stopped a family tradition that was in our family for many years. My children did not get to enjoy the same opertunity as me ,because of beurocratic stupidity.

Steelhead lives matter

Cost of a oregon license an tags is Ridiculous. Keep adding special endorsements an crap. For me one of the most important things is getting the youth outdoors but ppl at poverty level can hardly afford it to get there kids out there legally an teach them the correct way. I understand the money goes to help with cost to maintain our fishery but the cost is constantly rising.

Increase hatchery programs for salmon and steelhead.

ODFW needs better communication and engagement with the general public. Their website is difficult to find topics and often the posting of public meetings comes out in a weekly digest AFTER the meeting has occurred. I get the feeling if you don't hunt or fish or you seek funds for a special interest / conservation group you really aren't a constituent of ODFW. Try finding the email of a staff person...not available!

Open up the dams. The water is too warm for trout.

The more complicated regulations are the harder it is for people to understand them. If the rules are in several locations and always changing, yet people don't know where to look or its hard to find.....then we know we are in Oregon.

You need to abandon your wild fish policy and start planting fish in all streams and rivers. Operate your hatcheries at capacity and reintroduce the STEP programs from the 80's and 90's.

Cost of fishing license is way too high. Combined with hunting license really makes me want to stop fishing/hunting

A longer trout season in the western part of the state would be wonderful. I know steelhead and salmon need protection but I'm used to trout fishing year round. Can any rivers/streams be open longer?

The willamette river fishery from the McKenzie river to dexter dam should be changed back to any fish being able to be kept. Not just fin clipped. Those are all hatchery fish. Also at dexter dam, once the hatchery gets the fish they need the ladder should be closed at tge river and not the holding pond. Fish go up the ladder and do not return back to the river. Hatchery production needs to increase on most all rivers for salmon and steelhead.

Wondering if it would be benefit to close some river systems for a 2 year period, and eliminate more predators (sea lions)?

This was a horrifically worded survey. The survey section about angling and my lifestyle was absurd. Am I going to lose friends if I stop fishing?... get outta here with this stuff, focus on conservation and opportunity.

I grew up in Alaska so when I came here as an adult I have had trouble knowing fishing zones and fear fishing in a closed area. Therefore, I don't go much to the coast to fish. I was taken by a friend last year for beach perch and was successful but that was it.

Your pet projects like marine reserves are not critical.

Control the netting on the Columbia River, and remove the emergency hoot owl and reduced catch limits restrictions. This is a yearly emergency regardless of numbers or weather, it's almost more difficult and costly to fish than it's worth with all the emergency restrictions. Surprise us, skip a year of the constant emergency restrictions.

Fishing costs too much and is too complicated to just go on my free time. I want to be able to catch some fish to bring home and eat with my family.

I appreciate the state setting aside no-harvest areas where conservation and protection of our marine resources and species is paramount. I believe this strategy will help sustain and maintain sensitive species as well as increase the health and numbers of harvestable populations. Thank you for having the foresight to be proactive and help us limit our negative impacts.

There's not enough room in this for me to see what I have to say but if you continue to drive the cost up hunting and angling licenses and continue to cut seasons and change regulations for whatever reason you're going to find yourself with the system unused and you're going to see the rise of illegal harvesting activities. I know for a fact that the Oregon State Police game management system is funded by the Oregon lottery lottery I have a family member that is one. Just imagine defunding the police at every level even this one what's going to happen I fear for my family's life because what's going on in this world and country and State and the mismanagement of funding there's more of this where this comes from if you need to know just ask I would be happy to fill you in. I'm not even going to get off on the sea lion kick cuz that's going to make me talk like a sailor have a good day .

yes guide boats sit out on water 7 days a week until quotas are met then they pack up and head back to where they came from and now local fishermen cant fish as it is now closed as we all generally have to work 5 days a week. a lot of locals that I have spoke to agree with me that guides should not be allowed to fish on weekends so locals can get out and have there chance to catch tag fish.

I have been fishing in Oregon for 11 years. In that time I have seen the mid-management of fish by closing and reducing the funding to hatcheries. Our money for our tags are supposed to cover this and instead it's not being used for that purpose. When salmon fishing you limit to only fin clipped, yet if you were fishing you would know that we kill even more wild fish to get those 2 fin-clipped silvers. That is horrible as an angler to know I have killed a fish for no reason. Some make it yes but many do not. Who ever is making the laws for the limits and the mismanagement of funds to help the fish population thrive needs to change for a positive to the fish and than the anglers will have a better outcome for generations

Live every week like it's Shark Week!

Your fees and hook policies are ridiculous. Once you catch and release a fish the it has a lower chance of survival. Also a fish swallows a hook you know it will die yet you must release it. Seems like a big waste of our resources

I haven't caught a fish in many years... mostly I still fish because I enjoy it. I have been retired for just over 3 years. I hope that prices of licensing stays the same or I may have to find another hobby.

The huge decrease in the salmon return in the Rogue River has greatly decreased the amount of time I spend on the river. I wish you guys could figure out why the returns are so low and then remedy that.

Reduce seal population to help the salmon/steelhead

I strongly support the idea of marine reserves. I would like to see the results of adult and juvenile recruitment and dispersal to see if they are actually effective. Side note, ask your software engineers to put the fishing and hunting regulations in the offline license app. It's a simple and easy way for fishermen and hunters to know what catch is allowable while in locations that don't have cell service. Also, please hire me to work on the marine reserve project.

If you would worry more about about the fish and game instead of money, you would have more money than you need

ODFW is poorly managed, by apparently anti hunters and antifishing people. There needs to be a major change in the management of ODFW, starting with management,

legislature, and enforcement. It is apparently run with a political agenda in mind, which is not acceptable in this state. Why is this happening? Why does it appear that the same persons managing downtown Portland are managing ODFW?

To help with the salmon and still had run. We should allow the natives Indians to be able to harvest the sea lions at the mouth of the ocean to the river during peak spawning seasons of salmon and steelhead

Commercial fishing is allowed too much take. Hatchery programs need to sustain fish populations for use.

I don't mind catch and release of fish however for kids under 16 years of age we should reconsider! Odfw has made our water shed here catch and release which caters to the guides and tribal members and not our youth. If you want fish counts up cut out fishing for a few years on trout. Next time you have a community meeting here local, send me and every license purchaser an invite. Until then I'm done supporting our fisheries. I grew up fishing and love it but your lack of and over regulating has given me a sour taste to support Odfw!

Stop killing the seals and sea lions because they're eating fish. Instead, restrict fishing by those that are fishing just for fun versus commercial fishing for food.

When the state proposed getting the nets out of the main stem the state should followed through with that promise . Money was collected to that end, and should have been used accordingly to make it so . I grew up when there were fish to catch and it was GREAT. I am 67 . Thankyou

We need our hatcheries back in full force.. Since hatchery fish came from Wild fish they are the same except hatchery fish get fed for the first part of life and Wild fish fight for life from birth..So they have the same genetics but aren't as aggressive because they got lazy as youths

I strongly feel that our salmon, steelhead and trout are becoming increasingly endangered. There is too much pressure from anglers, the waters are being ruined by dams and a number of other factors, hatchery placements are destroying wild populations. We are reaching a critical point where these runs may never recover. Despite my love of fishing, I would be willing to put a moratorium on all angling for a full year or two - just to let the fish recover from all that humans are doing to kill them off. Besides that, I strongly support dam removal to allow fish to travel through rivers as they used to do.

Open coho retention in the rivers!!

I'm mainly a freshwater angler, female with a lot of experience.

Your fees are much too high for the number of animals that are available. Other states offer more for the money do too much better game management!!!

You're killing fish

Fund salmon and steelhead hatcheries and you'll solve most complaints by anglers. Marine reserves for on shore fishing are ridiculous. For commercial boats, yes, but for shore angling... that's the worst decision you've ever made.

Do a better job of raising and releasing fish.

Stop gillnetting the columbia river. Simplify columbia river salmon regulations. Raise more hatchery salmon deemphise wild fish concerns only in columbia. Thanks

Stop making it harder to fish and hunt

There's total mismanagement in all areas. Start raising Fish. Stop letting foreign fishing boats rape our waters. The Depletion of our fish is in your hands
Yes!! Silvers DIE when netted. Keep the first 2 salmon caught regardless of native or hatchery.

Public access and overcrowding are the two biggest issues for anglers these days. Especially non navigable rivers that have so much private shoreline.

Letting the Clackamas and Sandy die as fisheries because of political pressure from anti-science groups like the NFS and Wild Steelhead Coalition has put unbearable pressure on the until now healthy wild stocks on the north coast. The success of the Wilson and Nestucca broodstock programs should be leveraged to save the Portland area rivers and distribute winter angling pressure more evenly.

Bring back waterproof, retailer issued licenses

Disabled vets should not have to pay for a fishing license. And access to fishing areas are impossible to get too.

Ocean coho fishing should be the first 2 fish you catch!!!! Too many coho are being killed by being mishandled by people who do not know how to properly release fish. We as a sporting group would save THOUSANDS of fish if we kept the first 2 you catch. The biggest impact on my fishing problems is the closure of the access to Big Cliff Res. I realize its a Corp of Engineers issue. I contacted the head of the Oregon Corp of Engineers some years ago and was lied to, treated with disinterest and concern, and he was non empathetic and unconcerned with my issues. Im 74 and have fished Big Cliff for 65 years. I have in the majority of years used a 14' aluminum boat to fish the waters and know them well. When I retired my goal was to fish one day a week for at least half the year maybe more with my family and that was my life long goal. Then they gated Big Cliff. I was told I was welcome to carry my boat to the water. I told them that at that time I was in my late 60s and that I was unable to do that, Im old. Why is it they allow all the beer drinkers, hell raisers, and others who throw their garbage all over the area to access it since they were young but they cut off all the old timers, retirees, and senior citizens who are unable to launch a boat by hand. It was obvious he didnt care. I told him that for the rest of my life, he cut off my favorite fishing and I would never ever, ever, ever, ever, be able to use it again. He showed no concern or empathy whatsoever. When I asked him why in the world they would cut off the fishing for old folks, he himmed and hawed around grasping for a rational answer and finally told me, well, they couldnt afford to keep up the ramp anymore. I was shocked. I told him I had been fishing there for over 60 years, and they never, ever, ever, kept up the ramp. It wasnt even a ramp, it was an old road and that the fishermen, we ourselves had kept it up and cleared the area of wood debris several times a year and in 60 years no one ever was paid to keep it up. I even have asked dam folks, and fish and game and they all said no one cleans it out, ever. I told the man he wasnt being honest with me, thats a phony excuse and that they should reconsider giving access to our seniors even at a fee, we would be glad to contribute. He wasnt even interested in discussing it. Simply, he just didnt care about us old folks. I should have written a letter to the Oregonian or the New York Post, or somewhere, and I may some day but time is running out for us old folks. Does anyone ever care anymore, nah, let the old folks die and that will shut them up. Its difficult to fish off the bank and very unproductive and we used to catch rainbows, and whitefish

in excess of 18-20 inches. Now its all gone. And people and officials wonder why we dont trust them or like them. Its simply.....they just dont care about us.I havent had my boat in Big Cliff since before they worked on the dam, what a sad ending to a lifetime of hunting and fishing in Oregon. Thankfully I was able to go to Alaska for fishing and South Dakota for hunting in my earlier years, but now I just look at my pioneer license and hope that before I die I might be able to revisit those local opportunities once again. Even my hunting area has burned up. Youre taking care of the marine reserves but nothing but a dock here or there for the old folks. Am I bitter, yes. Im a long life Oregonian and other than token areas for the old and disabled which only placate some but they are basically non productive. How sad, for the old folks who built this state...its all gone. Alan Priller ahppnw@gmail.com 74 years old sitting in my recliner and taking care of my wife with Alzheimers who still would love to sit in the boat at Big Cliff but never will again.

Biggest reason my fishing has been reduced, is lack of plantings for trout in fresh water streams. That alone changed everything for giving young and old fisherman, fishing fishing memories and opportunities to learn to fish.

Stop increasing license fees

Encourage independent steelhead and salmon breeding/release programs!

I want to state again that we used to love to sturgeon fish (for keepers) and now that this board uses restrictive methods where when they do allow us to keep sturgeon, they cram everyone into two or three days. This is totally idiotic! It swamps the rivers, boat launches, and creates a very tense situation because of the very few days you are allowed. We don't even bother any more - just because of this stupid idea. Do you people realize that we pay good money to fish and you cause nothing but tension with rules like this.

I was ODFW's Staff Economist from 1978 to 2003.

All the many obstacles have taken the fun out of fishing.

Put hatchery steelhead back in the molalla river.

ODFW's mismanagement of the hatchery system on coastal rivers is, at best, severely negligent and at worst, criminal. It should be overhauled immediately. There is NO reason Oregon can't have an abundant supply of Salmon and Steelhead in every stream if ODFW and would get out of the way! If a normal person killed and threw away fish like ODFW employees they would go to jail!

Halibut regs for openers and closers are not easy to follow and are quite confusing There are way to many regulations thruout the state to go fishing on a given day with out feeling your about to break the law

Thanks for killing all the fish and frogs at Wickiup. Used to be the best Kokanee fishery around the NW.

i fish in other states due to the available fish to catch. seems like our state has a POOR hatchery program and limits recreational angling in Oregon specifically for Salmon

someone please remind the powers to be that we all don't want to catch pellet head stocked rainbows. please start managing for kokanee.

Follow the rules!!!!

We believe in science and the data ODFW collects is important information to preserving our ecosystems and wildlife

Return summer steelhead To Clackamas River Run hatchery system at full capacity
quit playing with us Ban all Gill nets.

I think a core value should be sportsman's first. I don't mean throw all common sense
and reason out the window but it seems so many regulations have political motives. I
understand I don't see what biologists see but anglers and hunters want to support
sustainable wildlife while increasing opportunities. It feels to us that odfw is doing the
opposite. When you can show the group that supports you that your doing everything
to support us qere willing to dump more money in if that's the only element odfw is
looking at. Support anglers and hunters and well return the favor

Lack of consistent seasons, in-season rule changes, lack of success are the biggest
inhibitors for all anglers. Consistency and productivity will sell more licenses and
allow for greater tourism to the state.

You have taken the enjoyment out of the outdoors. Too expensive and too complex to
just go fishing. Regulations are too complex Catch limits are too low Fees are too
complex Fees are too high

You need to simplify the fishing rules. I can't tell you where I can fish and when and
where do I need extra licenses (ie the Willamette in downtown Portland)

Fishing/angling should be encouraged in every way possible, including reducing costs
and limits if at all possible while preserving natural habitat.

Odfw is a shit show

I support the conservation of our fish species, but I do not agree with the the
limitations placed on the average person who is sport fishing. I believe more
restrictions should be placed on commercial and charter fishing.

Oregon allows for the retention of non fin clipped Coho at times. they bulk this into a
number state wide. they should distribute the limit to the waterways where those fish
migrate. too many times the limits are caught and filled in the northern half of the
Oregon coast leaving us in the southern sections unable to keep these fish.

there needs to be Pike Minnow Reward removal set up like Columbia River system on
Rogue River and Tributaries. I've caught them here on every bait I've fished with.
some in the 4 to 5 lb range. I've talked to alot of local anglers that would partisipate.
they are out of control with large appitites for our Salmon and Steelhead smolts. have
caught as many as 100 in one day. thank you Please save our fishery
put a size limit on halibit.i see alot of small fish being taken,does not give them to
grow into big fish

Please help build up our salmon and steelhead runs again.

Although many anglers throughout the state and many that I know strongly oppose
stricter regulations for salmon and steelhead, it is imperative that we find a way to
bring our counts up. Getting the community or more private clubs involved in habitat
restoration as well as better explanations to the public as to why certain restrictions
on the species are in place will help bridge the gap to understanding the importance
of preserving these incredible species.

Any responsible angler wants to protect the future of fishing, I think the biggest
concern all ocean anglers seam to have is coho fin clip only season in that you catch
so many non to get a clipped fish and the stress on the non is so great... Almost every
angler I speak with feels it would be a better system to just catch a limit and be done
and quit feeding the seals with tired fish.

My biggest gripe: Terms such as "non-selective" and "selective" drive me nuts. Meaning is not clear. Why not just say "wild" and "hatchery" or "wild" and "fin-clipped"?

Release more salmon and steelhead smolts. More fish equals more opportunity. Don't focus and spend so much of our \$\$\$ on native strains. Don't just focus on salmon, steelhead and trout. Warmwater species can be stocked too.

would be nice to see fishing like when i was a kid. need to up fish numbers in hatcherys. bring back hatch boxes something. because the current rate with low fish numbers. And raised fee's alot of angulars are about to give it up!!

Yes, we should have more marine reserves and wardens to patrol them to ensure less poaching

I lied on my zip code because I don't trust you. Try cutting costs for anglers licensing if you want to increase the use of fishing.

If I lived near the ocean I would take the opportunity to fish in the marine environment stop gill netting in the Columbia River and running nets on the bottom of the ocean for halibut. the by-catch is horrible and it strips our oceans. You come down hard on an angler for one little mistake and then let commercial boats strip our fisheries. It's appalling!!!

I have seen the fisheries on the Willamette and Columbia rivers in a steady decline of returning fish and constant closures of the Columbia. In the case of the Willamette fishery it looks like 26K fish went over the falls this year? There is no reason that fishery shouldn't have 100K fish a year returning!! With the costs of licenses, boats, gas, gear so high now the return investment of returning keeper fish is pretty pathetic.

We could use a better return on steelhead in Clackamas, and willamette Government regulations, licenses and taxes has made fishing a rich man's sport. salmon retention should be first 2 landed, not limited to fin clipped. I have seen the release process kill more fish than it saves.

NON FIN CLIPPED COHO TO OFTEN ARE IN BAD SHAPE BY THE TIME WE GET THEM RELEASED.THE CHANCES OF SURVIVAL ARE SLIM. WHAT A WAIST! (EVEN WITH BARBLESS HOOKS).

Put more priority on warmwater species including walleye and bass. These species form the backbone of angling in eastern Oregon and they should be promoted rather than eradicated as you seem intent on doing. Oregon should have a walleye hatchery. Reduction of license fees might result in more people buying them and produce as much or more income in the process. Cost of 1-3 day license fees for out-of-state visitors should cost next to nothing to promote tourism. Prior to becoming an Oregon resident those fees stopped me from buying a license on many occasions, especially when I was just stopping briefly and had only a few hours to fish.

You are doing a great job! Balancing the wants and desires of a mixed bag of residents can't be easy. Just be honest and forthright in all your proposals and actions and responses. Err on the side of the environment and the animals you are charged with protecting and us true outdoor enthusiasts (fishermen/women, hunters, hikers, birdwatchers, clam diggers etc..) will have your back. One lie sows a generation of mistrust.

Any regulation that over extends the locking-up of public lands to public use becomes an over reach of government. Since I do so little salt water fishing it hasn't effected me personally but probably has many others, especially those who make their living in the fisheries. I believe in conservation but not lock-down preservation.

Too much commercial fishing activity. Commercial crabbing in the Bays is an insult to sport anglers. They already get the lion's share of the crab catch offshore, so why let them also take crabs in the Bays. This needs to stop.

Please stop raising the costs of licenses so much, adding extra charges for different rivers, ie columbia basin...

It's getting harder to justify buying licenses and tags when the quantity and quality of fish continue to be reduced each and every year

Thank you for advocating for us Oregon & PNW anglers!

In the past I fished 20-30 days a year. Now days, having to research closures, special reg.'s, etc. every time I want to go has got to be to much. If something doesn't work out you don't try something or somewhere else. you have to research again.

Spontaneity was the main ingredient. If I had free time, I could throw my gear in the rig and go. Life is no longer so simple.

Oregon Liberal minded policy makers are out of touch with what the common citizen wants and live in a make believe world far removed from most Oregonians

Kill some sealions

Fishing isn't what it used to be 20-25 years ago. Lost interest when I had to release poor fish that were bleeding, because they were not hatchery. The regs on salmon are ridiculous!

I do not like all the license you need to go by boat Fishing on the Columbia River/

Poor management of predators for hunting is a huge concern

many years ago I was a Coast Guard auxiliary member

Regulations are a double edge sword and unfortunately decisions and bills are passed with no, or little regard to the facts.

Your survey was most confusing to me.

I think ODFW does a good job. As much as I like to fish I am for marine conservation.

Thank you.

I appreciate anything you can do to reduce game poaching.

I believe they are working.

Change the rule disallowing bottomfish and halibut to be on the same boat. Pwoplw catch a ling, then later catch a halibut. Guess what happens to the ling.

you put restrictions on native trout , in lets say crane prairie for instance. i have been there and no one checks fish caught, also some anglers have no idea how to remove deep hooks and they rip it out killing the fish and throwing back a fish that will not live. wasteful and irresponsible on both sides of the coin..

its up to the individual to make an effort to protect and conserve our fishing industry and i always follow the rules when fishing. i always clean my area and leave the location litter free. 90% of fisherman are like me but the other 10% lake integrity and ruin it for everyone else. Also, we need to stop the netting done by big trawlers because they are wiping whole species for the sake of a dollar

You should stop some of the local lakes so that more pain fishing can be done between Portland and Gretchen and the Estacada.

I believe ODFW is doing a poor job with our natural resources, use common sense when making regulations, quit using textbook knowledge and listen to the people who are out in the field

I fish in Eastern Oregon

Regarding Salmon. You should keep the first two you catch, period!

Sport fishing opinions are heavily influenced by nonsense rumors and facebook bull. We NEED reserves if there are to be fish in the future. Were it left to angler opinion, there would shortly be no fish.

You need a college degree to understand the Oregon fishing regulations, with all of the exception to the rules part.. simplify things.

Manage the fish and not the people. ODFW should be more concerned with the fish than what people are doing.

Do away with the two rod fee for Pioneer licence holders

Make your WEB-site and online license purchase more user-friendly. Simplify your regulations Publish HONEST and truthful creel reports for the most popular fishing areas.

the off and on salmon season as it relates to catch numbers. Can't always make the time frames. Have arrived to fish only to find it closed

Oregon needs to increase angling opportunities to catch and keep the catch. Not decrease opportunities as it is doing now. This is the first year in over 50 years that I have not bought a fishing license.

keep the kill nets out of the main stem of the Columbia River forever. how do you let people net an endangered species. the Columbia is the only place in america where that is permitted.

I would like to take it up again but I understand that you are not stocking as much because of the virus? Those who can fish say that catch rates are way down.

If you EVER get around to opening the offices, like the one 5 miles from me, I just might get another license to hunt and fish. As a 30% disabled veteran, I cannot get into the office close to me to show them my paperwork. I blame the Governator.

I plan to fish every year, buy a license and then don't get to it. I have the equipment, fished a lot in younger years. Want to find places to catch flounder, like when I was a kid

We NEED fish in our system. The hatcheries should be going full bore so that we can benefit from the tax dollars and license fees we have to pay. In addition, limiting the Tillamook area to 5 fish per year is absurd. It should be 2/20 like it was before.

The problem is over fishing in the ocean by multiple international commercial fisheries, climate change, dams, political interference by multiple parties and inappropriate attempts to regulate water quality, allocations (in drought years and before) and the natural resources in the midst of all that based on political interference by regulatory agencies. Figure it out get your shit together and do the right think against all that for the private angler. Think amongst friends have fished last 40+ years that is likely over for a generation, if not more. The ones behind me seems to be satisfied with just rafting on the Deschutes, One of Oregon's only Blue Ribbon Rivers. Friends were up there last weekend and dead fish floating. Wish you the best in the name of the FISH!

I've taken up surf fishing and learned that Gulp worms are preferred bait. Problem I see is that they seem to be made of a plastic material and therefore not biodegradable. If I am correct, should these baits be allowed to be used in our environment? I have found these baits along the beaches and worry that they are harmful to wildlife. I am careful not to discard them except in the trash. I know we already have too many regulations, but if these are long lasting plastics, then we need to do something about keeping them out of the system.

We desperately need more game wardens in the field. There is sooooo much illegal activity taking place in our rivers and streams.

I don't think it is proportionate for me to have to license a little 9 ft pontoon inflatable just because I put a 30lb thrust electric motor on it instead of using oars. From zero fees to about \$70 every 2 years. This little inflatable only costs \$250 and the electric motor creates no more impact than oars.

Your survey is hard to take with varying screen widths

The leadership at ODFW starting with the Commission Chairperson Wahl and including the Director have lost touch with the hunting and fishing community in Oregon. Until the leadership changes there will be no respect for or trust in ODFW actions. This survey is an excellent example of how ODFW has moved beyond it's core mission and into pure politics.

Thanks

LIMIT TO KEEP ONE YELLOW EYE ROCK SENDING THEM BACK DOWN SEAMS
QUESTIONABLE IF IT WORKS

Oregon department of Fish & Wildlife is a group of Liberal morons!

Why the Columbia Fee? Last I heard Gillnets were still allowed in the Columbia. Why so late in dealing with the sealion predation? Waited til the absolute last minute to keep several runs from extinction. Why are the number of professional fishing guides quitting_ because there is no fish in the rivers anymore and don't talk about global warming threats, The fish have been thru it before. The state doesn't give a dam about fish otherwise the the snake river dams would be gone and all reservoirs would be providing cooler water in the summer and fall. The Willamette is to warm to support native runs. I know your not the one pulling the purse string. While our governments is concern over global warming and and whatever measures and taxes they load us with, it wont have any meaningful impact to the climate now or in 20 years from now. Yet they stand by and cut funding to newly built fish hatcheries, cut hatchery production and we are continuing to witness the declining number of salmon & steelhead! Go figure! What about changing the hatcheries practices into utilizing the largest native male/female instead of contaminating the gene pool with runts. Nature selects the strongest to survive why doesn't the hatchery system do the same?

I do not captain the boat, my friend does...he knows where we can and cannot go.

I pretty much quit Salmon/steelhead fishing..Way to many rules for a normal person to comprehend.why do you make us throw back salmon that will most likely die.Change to first two fish caught no matter what..

If possible, make it free for anyone under 18 years of age to go fishing in Oregon. Also charge the same licencing fee for residents and non-residents. This would encourage more Non-resident to vacation in Oregon and help our smaller, local economies of rural Oregon.

ODFW has done a remarkably poor job of managing fish and game during my lifetime. I wish you would start managing mosquitos and yellow jackets so they would disappear as well. I'm particularly unhappy about the CRBE!

Anadromous fishing resources have seriously dwindled over my lifetime and it not due entirely to environmental or over fishing influences. I guarantee you that 100% of the fishing conversations ultimately lead to the question "what can we do"? One hundred percent of these conversations in my fishing community place the blame on poor management and arbitrary regulatory restrictions affecting our fisheries. It is readily apparent that we've learned very little from our past. But then I/we generally fished to provide the best food for our family and not solely for recreational pleasure. There are simple solutions as occam's razor would postulate, but it's too simple for government to embrace.

licensing and tagging thru the internet not easy

Should reduce more of the cost for seniors.

The cost of licensing the famley for a casual weekend of fishing has stopped me from fishing

Absolutely! The taking of only fin clipped salmon for most of the salmon season is one of the most harmful things that has happened to the salmon population along with no control measures for California Sea Lions! If a person was allowed to keep their first two salmon there would be a lot less damage to the species!

You have become more focused on collecting fees than providing opportunity.

Yep I am headed out the door to go fishing right now,have a good day, fish on.....

I don't oppose the marine reserves but I oppose how they are managed and the ability of politics to override an equatable scientific plan for management.

Thank you for protecting wild fish. While I am sad that I won't be able to fish as much with the hoot owl regs I am ultimately very happy that ODFW is protecting wild trout on the Deschutes and other rivers. I fish catch and release on barbless flies, so my top priority is protecting wild fish populations, whether I catch em or not.

remove sea lion protections

It is very discouraging to lose fish with barbless hooks on the Columbia while the gill netting continues. Nothing seems to change, I strongly support conservation measures and the gill netting issues continue to cast a dark cloud on the total fishing experience. Last year I did not salmon fish due to gill netting and barbless hook issues. That was the first time in 30 years I did not fish, which is a shame considering all the money I have spent for the boat and gear. As an avid fisherman, I never thought I would consider selling my boat and am considering it now. I completely support conservation efforts such as the current sturgeon regulations and fin clipped salmon regulations. When we are out there following the rules, it makes little sense to see the gillnetters setting up.

My biggest issue is the lack of Salmon and steelhead and the apparent closures of the hatchers as well as the lack of " freshwater trophy fishing opportunities.

As a kid I would cut a Willow Branch take a piece of string put a hook on it and go fish. Can't do that anymore. Between the cost of the licensing and the equipment and many times the poor return on the angling time I just don't do it anymore.

Your website is very hard to navigate.

Marine Reserves currently developed and implemented primarily on an emotional basis by many that don't angle. Its a "feel good" solution that in many cases has no problem or issue. Marine Reserves need to be support by very strong science for that specific area and a specific species. That science data after the fact needs to be analyzed to determine whether it worked. Reducing any additional angling opportunity is a slippery slope to the future of sport angling, the supporting businesses and ODFW its self. One big issue that needs to be addressed is the non discriminant commercial drag nets that work the reefs and extract multi species.

Most of my fishing in the past 10 years have been fresh water fishing.

I'm still on the lookout for individuals within the department that advocated removing logs from streams. Lots of Salmon were lost in OR and CA because of dumb assed employees, not to mention cost of removal and returning logs to streams. Another huge loss is due to poor forest management. The Indians knew what they were doing, and still do. BLM=Bad Land Management. My wish would be for boycotting fishing/hunting licenses for a year to expose how little is accomplished by these agencies, other than driving around parks emptying garbage cans with no provisions for recycling. How many employees does it take to empty a garbage can - at least 2! However, we can't let this happen because all the little mom and pop businesses would go belly up.

Licences are getting too expensive

I don't really fish much. If my kids want to, I'll do more.

The fish checkers have become much more helpful and easier to work with since the start.

Please do something about sea lions ASAP!!!! Need more hatcheries and to support and increase hatchery funding

Primary fishing interest: Fly Fishing, Fly Tying.

Salmon and steelhead fishing is difficult at best without a boat if you really want to catch a fish on one of the River systems in the Portland Area. Also way to many rules and changes on the Columbia system making it less desireable to even try to fish, even if you have access to a boat. We need more hatcheries and more hatchery fish and a lot less emphasis on the so called wild fish. A barbed hook does not do as much harm to a salmon as a Sea Lion.!

I BELIEVE IT IS WRONG TO BE ABLE TO JUST CROSS INTO OUR BORDER AND INSTANTLY YOU GET ALL KINDS OF PROTECTIONS AND BENIFITS AND ARE NOT ARRESTED AND RETURNED TO YOUR COUNTRY BUT I CANT FISH WITHOUT A LICENSE WITHOUT GETTING A TICKET, OR MISS IDENTIFY A COHO FOR A CHINNOOK WITH OUT RUNNIG THE RISK OF LOOSING EVERYTHING. WHAT YOU ARE DOING LEGALLY TO FISHING IS A CRIME!

ODFW regs are way too complex. It's ridiculous the regs run to more than 100 pp.

Also, the fee for boats over 10' is too high. Kayaks and canoes should not be charged \$19 per boat. Boats without engines should be exempt.

Biggest problem I see is how much Eastern Oregon reservoirs are drawn down making them unfishable oftentimes killing fish. This happens even on good water years. Examples Warm Springs and Moon Reservoirs.

I feel like fish and game numbers continue to decline in Oregon, as does opportunity. Yet fees continue to increase and expand. I'm not getting much return on investment.

Let's use some money and get some hatcheries going again! We need fish in the system. My kids have lost interest in fishing, sad to see. But little success doesn't hold their interest long. Maybe that's the goal??!!

I looked up on internet to name and locate marine reserves, without doing that I would have been clueless

You have no credibility after you took away my Free Lifetime Pioneer License. Your agents broke a promise to a very old man. LH

Increase hatchery production!

Keep the charters off the reserves and let the average Joe fish there. It's the charters that have the biggest impact on the resources.

The first questions on this survey demonstrate that you are not even serious about the impact of these to fisherman. What a bunch of foolishness! The main problem in Oregon is that we continue down a path that we think native fisheries can be preserved. Get the hatcheries pumping out fish and we will have a great salmon fishery again soon. Keep pursuing the "native" fisheries and pretty soon you will not even have fisherman to protect these rivers and ocean. It will fall prey to Government oversight and Corporate Greed. Only you can prevent the failure of fisheries.....

Unbelievable complexity in the regulations, which assume a huge amount of geographic knowledge when MAPS and more graphics would be easier to understand. I also find it absolutely criminal that licenses are not pro-rated for the year! What the f*ck!

Please improve the fishing. I'd like to start catching more fish. Something is wrong. Get rid of the sea lions in the Columbia River

It's been bad fishing for about 3 years in Oregon.

Too many people, too few fish (or birds, deer, elk, etc.). Born in Oregon, it is a lot different now than when I got my first license in the late 70's. Not sure what we can do about the people population. But I can say this, every year when I buy a sportsman's license, I wonder why I am spending so much money on fewer opportunities. Got spoiled when I had to go to SE Idaho for work in the mid 90's. They had "trophy" reservoirs where you could only keep fish over 21 inches, so of course most fish were 20.5". That was fine by me as I usually release fish anyway. Last time I went steelhead fishing on the Deschutes (live in Central Oregon), I literally spent the night on the side of the road and got up at 3 AM to get my spot on the river. So different than when I could just walk down the river after school and fish for an hour or so and have hook ups (grew-up in the Valley).

I support nearshore reserves, three miles out is too far, 1 mile out would be plenty. The department is doing a great job!!

PLEASE LEAVE HENRY HAAG LAKE RESERVOIR FULL YEAR AROUND.

I appreciate the hunting regulations being simplified

Hopefully you will do everything you can to preserve the Oregon fishery.

2 trout limit in streams is a waste of my time

Keep the cost of licenses and tags lower. Young adults and those turning 18 cannot afford to take up a sport that not only costs a lot just to license but cannot afford to go much because of all the other expenses. Plus, far too many regulations, almost impossible to understand and keep up with them all.

Oh more trout stocking please. Lakes get fished out so fast
In the Lane county area, I feel there has been very few trout in recent years. Possibly this is due to low water levels and heat. Anything that could be done to mitigate this would be great.

Keep it up, I'm proud of my Oregon ODFW stewardship results - we have spectacular gifts each day in natural resources as you do your jobs so well! Big Thanks! Steven GOTHRO, Gresham, OR

I think you should reduce the age of the pioneer hunting/fishing license to 62 and living in the state for 50 years. Most establishments that give a senior discount do so at age 62.

We need to do a better job with our current management processes to ensure our fish are they 30-40 yrs from now.

Enforce the laws

get rid of the sea lions in the Columbia river tributaries

Lack of fishing success and the loss of desire to fish! Trying to find a good seafood outlet to buy fish, since I still enjoy eating them. Have gone to Sitka Alaska a couple of times in the past 3 years and enjoyed the experience there fishing!

Instead of only fin clapped salmon it should be First two fish caught and marked on your tag , too many are being released that are bleeding and dying .

Keep killing sea lions or sell tags for the public to kill them!!! While you are at it, kill other predators too. All the things I like to do are getting worse because the predators are not managed well.

Yes, I am very upset with the lack of enforcement against the Indians who have and continue to net and sell fish caught on the Columbia to wholesalers in Seattle. Their nets have destroyed my salmon and steel head trips. Paying them off with that fee is pure Bull Shit.

This is more related to hunting, however relates to fishing also. All the changing rules, regs and limited opportunities are driving the younger folks away. They have way more things to do that are readily available without requiring so much effort and money. Gonna loose the next generations and their money that supports the outdoors
Biotoxin research seems appropriate now...as razor clamming in the north coast has been prohibited for a year now. What is causing this? How long will it last? Why do the numbers fluctuate so much?

Fishing regs are OK, but your hunting tag regulations in eastern Oregon make it so that you can't hunt on public lands with any reasonable chance at seeing big game (elk) because of how late the season is for each unit, even if you are lucky enough to win a tag. The only guys who have a reasonable chance at seeing big game are the bow hunting boys; but there is this new invention: it's called a rifle.

Ore. beaches are mostly sand, which limits fish species to perch, etc. I like rocky areas, but they are sometimes protected, and I am unsure of the boundaries. This year we're making more of an effort and, with the help of a GPS, hope to fish the MPA north of Florence without getting busted! Thanks.

I just love to go fishing when I can.

Fishing regulations are too complicated and too confusing (eg: can't retain your catch on Tuesdays in months that have an 'R', except if you're standing one one leg and only

have 1 pole... in a boat ... on a clear day... that's not a holiday... or is a holiday in Area XYZ...and, if you're over 2 years old, except on Wednesdays)

I didn't buy hunting Licenses this year and probably won't since I have to pay to maybe get a tag and if I don't get a tag you keep my money the state of Oregon has become a money hungry place. You pay special people to hunt cats but I have to buy a tag to kill one and I think all cats and wolves need taken out they are killing to many deer and elk and that is the best meat any one can eat and healthiest for people and not cheap to get anymore so poor families go poach it and I don't blame them.

ODFW Should quit worrying so much about just salmon and steelhead. They should worry about all fisheries and promote fishing.

My main reason for not fishing like I did as a child is trying to keep up with all of the regulations, when I did fish I did it for the food not for the sport and I hate the catch-and-release program and how they preach to us that there saving the species, but I think there doing more harm this way.

Costs of licensing is a absolute joke anymore. A hatchery tag is ridiculously overpriced. Need to close areas of tidewater to allow fish to make it up river to successfully spawn. Guys just pound on these Grey bellie hens and is definitely not helping with our future that is already struggling. We absolutely must do something about the Merganser population and Cormorants in Tillamook Bay it is OUT OF CONTROL. You guys need to step up and get some stuff fixed or we won't have much fish left!

Well done

end the steelhead hatch program only wild fish

Making sure you realize that you are all public servants and you work for the registered people in Oregon.

You really screwed up how people/visitors can get licenses to Fish.

The Oregon State Fishing Rules and Laws need to be simplified. They are hard to understand and read like Greek to most people. The Fishing Regulations put out by the state, 'As Is', many people I have talked to are afraid to go fishing for fear of violating the rules, being fined and confiscation of their fishing gear due to misunderstandings of these Rules. You should not have to hire a lawyer to interpret the the fishing Regulations.

Less restrictions are better.

start up some of the old hatchery programs in the state and cancel out the guide services for a couple of years!

Born in Oregon 74+ years ago - it REALLY pissed me off when the decision was made to charge Pioneers.

I do believe a stronger hatchery program would be a huge benefit to sport fishing. your rules and book are to complicated and written so you need a lawyer to decipher them.

Stop raising the cost of licenses and tags!!! More people might buy hunting and fishing licenses if it was more affordable..

It is very intimidating to try to read the regs. It almost feels like you need to be a lawyer to understand where you can go and what you are allowed to use for bait/lures.

fishing for me is a social activity, I keep a license to be ready for the occasion if it is there.

Please maintain our rights to fish

ODFW has done a poor job managing the fish and wildlife resources in this state. Start stocking fish again so my kids can catch some fish. Remember who funds your paychecks.

Cost is too much to for me to enjoy. I hate fish but like to fish. Their for I don't fish as mush as I would like to do.

I;m 85 and sometimes fish on the creek by my house but not often...usually unproductive...Bentella Creek

You are doing a great job ! Thank you !

I was born in Oregon, and am approaching 70. Even with the discounts I am allowed, it is expensive to buy licenses when I don't know if I will be able to fish for salmon, halibut, and tuna. Last year I bought everything I thought I might need and caught 5 crab. I haven't purchased ANY license this year, and don't know if I will ever fish again.

Reduce your license fees especially for seniors and veterans
get fish in the systems!!! cause im done and not buying a license any more, my wife also.

The ODFW license app is better, but still difficult to use. The salmon regulations are very confusing still. I lose a lot of fish to Sea Lions in Astoria. Are you certain that barbless hooks reduce the mortality rate? The Columbia River Basin fee is s THEFT. Eliminate non-selective gill nets or give all our money back.

I love trout fishing in streams with natural bait. Why have you picked that out to outlaw?

I disagree with permanently locking up an area; it think it makes sense to put in temporary reserves. Say, a reserve that incrementally moves north each year, or a few 5 and/or 10 yr reserves that rotate with different areas. For reference, my saltwater time is about equally split between fishing and scuba diving

You take the money for licenses then close the season for spring chinook you also start the spring chinook season on the Columbia 2 months ahead of when the fish actually arrive in the river. Then when the fish arrive you close the season. But you already have my money so who cares

keep up the good work and proceed using common sense thank you

You don't want to know

I would like angling licenses to be valid for twelve months from purchase.

Find a way to restore fishing in central Oregon The coast is five hours away or more. My boat has not moved in four years.

The salmon and steelhead in the coastal rivers are a fraction of what they were 20 years ago. Hard for me to recruit my 8 and 10 year olds with the current situation.

JUS THAT US OLDER AND YOUNG GUYS DO NEED HELP AT THE DOCKS

More Hatcheries for Chinook

Just please think of the folks that do rely on fishing for a living like guides. Oregon dose not need to be like Washington. Also focus on big game management. And allowing for better predator control. It's not the hunters it's the folks that make laws that need to rethink things. Thanks

Develop more broodstock programs again and bring back hatchery steelhead to the Willamette valley.

Moratoriums on areas in need of repopulations of all species.

hunting in oregon is going downhill in terms of opportunities. Far fewer animals and far fewer fish. Your lack of points for bighorn sheep is really hurtful. I've been applying for bighorn for over 40 years.but a 12 year old can get a tag. Your hurting older hunters

I tend to stick to upper rogue river area. Many lakes are tough without a boat. Overly complex regulations keep me from fishing the lower rogue or other rivers, just too much to worry about. Some areas read like a legal manual, just too much to deal with especially if you are not familiar with one landmark or another Fishing the Rogue or other rivers would be most convenient to access and would greatly increase my fishing time, but again too many regs. I'd rather not fish than risk a citation for a mistake or misunderstanding local rules for that section or location and it pains me to say that because I love fishing and miss the rivers.

You need to up the salmon production. More hatcherys.

I only buy a fishing license in case I should go with husband or Grandkids to a high lake fishing/camping trip. Being a pioneer senior made it affordable to have it in hand now. I may go fishing once in 3 years???

You need to make sure foreign trawlers stay much further out to sea than what is currently required.

Single anglers should be allowed 2 rods particular Winchester bay