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August/September 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
August 16, 2023 10:39 pm

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

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the Utah Fishing Guidebook? I strongly agree with and support the rule changes around spearfishing. As an avid sportsman, I can appreciate the help spearfishing provides in keeping non-game and invasive species populations down in order to help game fish populations thrive.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the Utah Fishing Guidebook?

While I agree spearfishing shouldn't be allowed in Provo river, delta. I see the northern pike population to be irreversible, as an angler who targets this species for sport, the numbers I've found in the Utah lake system is very high, increasing yearly, some getting to a size that some would consider a trophy size. I'm I believe accepting the pike as a member of the Utah lake fishing system and getting rid of the kill order, to at least just a "no limit" would be exciting for anglers.

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

Do you have any additional comments It's great to see that our voices are being heard. Very cool that you guys
about the proposed changes to the Utah are actively looking for ways to include spear fisherman more going
Fishing Guidebook? forward. Thank you!

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

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the Utah Fishing Guidebook? I support the regulation changes regarding spearfishing by the DWR. Spearfishing is a great way to control invasive species and selectively harvest without polluting the waters with fishing gear.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the private pond rule? I support the regulation changes regarding spearfishing by the DWR. Spearfishing is a great way to control invasive species and selectively harvest without polluting the waters with fishing gear.

Which best describes your position regarding the Big Sand Wash Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about this management plan? I support the regulation changes regarding spearfishing by the DWR. Spearfishing is a great way to control invasive species and selectively harvest without polluting the waters with fishing gear.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the Flaming Gorge Reservoir fishery? I support the regulation changes regarding spearfishing by the DWR. Spearfishing is a great way to control invasive species and selectively harvest without polluting the waters with fishing gear.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the Utah Fishing Guidebook? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the private pond rule? Neither agree nor disagree

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

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

I feel that Kokanee have been gaining in popularity more and more in recent years. Especially with guided fishing in Utah. I personally feel that Kokanee have been getting over fished throughout the state especially by guided anglers. I would like to see the Kokanee season closed August 15 rather than in September. The pictures posted by fishing guides on social media show the majority of the fish they catch after July are fish that are changing to their spawning appearances. I have eaten Kokanee that have just started changing to a pinkish color and they are not worth eating when they are starting to change color in my opinion. I understand that the guides are trying to make a living guiding anglers for Kokanee but they are keeping daily limits for multiple anglers everyday throughout the season and even though the limit is only 4 per person the multiple people and multiple days they are fishing it adds up to I can only imagine to several hundred fish being caught for each guide every season. I feel a 2 fish limit statewide for guided anglers on Kokanee would help with natural recruitment and overall size of mature fish.

Thank you
Justin
