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August/September 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
August 16, 2023 11:14 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 appreciate the changes and thoughtfulness in making them. I do enjoy underwater spear fishing. The thing to think about when when adding new opportunities is that it's not like spear fisherman are shooting boat loads of fish. We don't tend to shoot any more than regular anglers take home. Many time we spend hours in the water, with no success. Thanks

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August 17, 2023 7:45 am

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 support the opening of additional waters to spearfishing for targeted species, as it supports the Utah DWR's efforts for population regulation and also enables the burgeoning group of underwater Utah sportsmen.

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

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

1. 90% of traditional anglers support these proposals
 2. Spear fishermen can help control invasive pike smallmouth and other species
 3. These proposals are common sense and clarify current regulations
 4. Spearfishing is gaining in popularity across the nation. Meateater features the pursuit prominently.
 5. It would be nice to have access to all fish types just like rod and reels can.
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Which best describes your position Neither agree nor disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
Utah Fishing Guidebook?

Do you have any additional comments Update spearfishing regulations to limit spearfishing largemouth or
about the proposed changes to the Utah smallmouth bass during the spawning period. Seen multiple fish killed
Fishing Guidebook? while on beds at Deer Creek, Starvation, and Hyrum reservoirs. Bass
fishing in Utah is already a struggle with the quality of fish. Seeing
spawning fish picked off beds only hurts the resource.
Improve overall bass fishing in northern Utah - How? Open to ideas.

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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 We are excited for any additional spear fishing opportunities that are or will
about the proposed changes to the Utah be available in the state.
Fishing Guidebook?

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

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the Utah Fishing Guidebook? We are very excited about these new spearfishing regulations (especially the possibility of spearfishing the Uinta Mountain's) and j know many people who are also very excited.

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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 If it is not already, bowfishing for these same species should be allowed
about the proposed changes to the Utah along with spearfishing in the same waters. Any valid argument to allow
Fishing Guidebook? spearfishing should equally, if not more so, apply to bowfishing.

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

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

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

Roger Wilson
Chairman, Utah Anglers Coalition

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roger Wilson
Chairman, Utah Anglers Coalition

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

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the Utah Fishing Guidebook? There should be a statewide lifetime resident senior (65+ ?) catch-and-release fishing license, with an exception to keep species which UT has declared invasive and which should not be released. The cost for a resident senior should be \$0 to \$10 for the lifetime license (like the lifetime senior national park pass).
