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August/September 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback  
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**Which best describes your position**      Neither agree nor disagree  
**regarding the proposed changes to the**  
**Utah Fishing Guidebook?**

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

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**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

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

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**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 More specifically, we feel that the current rule is cumbersome, difficult to read, and outdated and support the restructuring and simplification of the rule as proposed by the Division.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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