

Form Name:  
Submission Time:

August/September 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
August 6, 2024 10:19 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed response to the illegal walleye introduction at Strawberry Reservoir?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed response at Strawberry Reservoir?** Any walleye in the state should have no limit

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes?** The Provo River delta should have a no limit on walleye. And there should not be more than two poles while ice fishing with the exception of flaming gorge

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-61?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes?** The division should be willing to work with other groups to purchase land to make into a wma

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes?**

As a lover of bass fishing, I would really love to see Utah care more about their quality largemouth bass. The problem with most Anglers is that when they catch a large fish, they harvest that fish and take its genetics from the lake. Largemouth bass rely heavily upon genetics to grow large. 90% of largemouth bass will never grow larger than 2-3lbs and only a very small percentage get 6+lbs. We bass fisherman chase these large fish for our entire lives, but there in Utah our opportunities are limited because of regulations like the ones set forth here. Please do not open the limit up to 6 bass of any size at any lake. Especially lakes like Gunlock and Quail. We have a good population of large fish here and it will ruin the opportunity to see more of this in the future. Sand hollow is definitely overpopulated with 2-3lb bass and I think harvesting 8 bass is smart, but not of ANY size. I think the slot limit of being able to keep bass under 14"-15" is very beneficial. But being able to keep any size is incredibly harmful for the future size of fish in the lake. A properly managed lake will bring in more dollars than a mismanaged body of water.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes?**

Spearfishing proposed changes

First of all, I am not against those that enjoy the sport of spearfishing. But spearfishing should not be allowed during the walleye spawn. Specifically at Deer Creek and Starvation. During the spawn large female walleye are vulnerable and gathered in specific spots that are used year after year. Adding the ability to spearfish at night with lights in these key locations is absolute none sensical. This would be free for all slaughter! How in world could this even be proposed?! I thought the mission of the DWR is to manage and enhance our game fish populations. Not decimate them. I am absolutely opposed to this change.

Secondly, bass and trout are protected from spearfishing during their respected spawning periods. Why is the same protection not being given to walleye?

My third point - Spearfishing is not fishing. It is hunting and should be regulated as such.

My fourth and final point. The current survey method being used by the DWR is flawed. Not one of the anglers I know received the survey. How can the DWR make proposed changes without getting the opinions of the anglers (your customer group) that use the resource the most? Please change this!

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August 7, 2024 5:53 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed response to the illegal walleye introduction at Strawberry Reservoir?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed response at Strawberry Reservoir?** QUIT MAKING UP BS RULES AND REQUIREMENTS!!!!

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes?** QUIT MAKING UP BS RULES AND REQUIREMENTS!!!!

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-61?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes?** QUIT MAKING UP BS RULES AND REQUIREMENTS!!!!

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes?**

I'm a traditional and spear angler. I support the proposed spear fishing regulations.

As we look to the future, we hope spear anglers will be seen not as a niche group but as peers within the broader angling community.

- Trust us as advocates for pristine water and thriving aquatic ecosystems.
- Recognize our value as dedicated volunteers.
- Consider spearfishing as way to showcase the division's charter to increase public access to Utah's majestic waters.

I challenge you to work with us on a future

-Where spear anglers aren't just called on to help w eradication of invasive species but where we are treated as equals w other anglers and have the opportunity to explore more waters and take home fish to our families and friends.

-Where the division understands our selectivity; a spear angler only shoots when sure, just as an angler releases a fish not meant for home.

-Where expanding access to spearfishing for game fish is seen as a way to distribute spear angling pressure.

-where our activity and travel in the State benefits both the ecosystem and economics of the State.

-Where the angling community understands that we can reliably identify species underwater as accurately as traditional anglers or hunters on land.

We ask the Board to see spearfishing not just as a management tool, but as an integral, equal part of the angling community.

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August 7, 2024 11:18 pm

**Which best describes your position** Strongly agree  
**regarding the recommended changes to**  
**Administrative Rule R657-61?**

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**Do you have any comments about the** Increasing the areas that spearfishing is allowed is always a great thing!  
**recommended changes?**

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August 7, 2024 11:49 pm

**Which best describes your position**      Somewhat agree  
**regarding the proposed response to the**  
**illegal walleye introduction at**  
**Strawberry Reservoir?**

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**Do you have any comments about the**      As long as there is no chemical kill off at strawberry.  
**proposed response at Strawberry**  
**Reservoir?**

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Form Name:  
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August/September 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
August 8, 2024 12:08 am

**Which best describes your position  
regarding the proposed changes to  
Utah's fishing regulations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the  
proposed changes?**

I support giving spear anglers greater access and opportunities

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August 8, 2024 1:35 am

**Which best describes your position  
regarding the proposed changes to  
Utah's fishing regulations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the  
proposed changes?**

I strongly support opening up Spearfishing to more lakes!

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Form Name:  
Submission Time:

August/September 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
August 8, 2024 4:26 am

**Which best describes your position** Strongly agree  
**regarding the recommended changes to**  
**Administrative Rule R657-61?**

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed response to the illegal walleye introduction at Strawberry Reservoir?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed response at Strawberry Reservoir?**

I support this effort. I would love to see spearfishing opened up for the express purpose of targeting any illegally introduced walleye in Strawberry. By allowing spearfishing anglers to assist in this effort could greatly improve the chances of eradicating walleye from the lake. Spearing anglers are already allowed to shoot invasive species such as carp in Strawberry, so why not allow them to shoot walleye.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes?**

I strongly support these changes for spearfishing. I do however have issue with the 20 foot line regulation change for Flaming Gorge. Many spearos have spear guns that have reels on them and according to this regulation would be out of compliance. I'm not sure why the restriction is there. Nothing is really gained by limiting the length of the gun.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-61?** Neither agree nor disagree

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August 8, 2024 9:42 am

**Which best describes your position  
regarding the proposed changes to  
Utah's fishing regulations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the  
proposed changes?**

I support the proposed changes.

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August/September 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
August 8, 2024 2:11 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes?** I strongly support expanded opportunities for Spearfishing in Utah.

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Form Name:  
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August/September 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
August 8, 2024 3:33 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed response to the illegal walleye introduction at Strawberry Reservoir?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-61?** Strongly agree

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August 9, 2024 8:35 am

**Which best describes your position  
regarding the proposed changes to  
Utah's fishing regulations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the  
proposed changes?**

I support proposals opening access and further options for spear anglers in  
Utah

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August/September 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
August 11, 2024 2:19 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes?**

I support opening spear anglers to more opportunities as they can enhance the ecosystem in a very positive way!

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August 13, 2024 6:31 am

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August 13, 2024 6:36 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes?**

I agree with the proposed changes, especially on the limit for Walleye at Echo rather than a kill order being in place. I also like the proposed changes for Flaming Gorge. All other changes also seem fine. I am curious why the new proposed rule of ice fishing with up to 6 rods at Causey.

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Form Name:  
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August 14, 2024 9:00 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes?**

We need more lenient spearfishing regulations. I should be able to spearfish anywhere that rod and reel is legal (within legal limits of course). I pay the same fee as a rod and reel fisherman.

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Form Name:  
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August/September 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
August 15, 2024 8:00 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Utah's fishing regulations?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-61?** Strongly agree

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August 19, 2024 10:40 am

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August 19, 2024 10:54 am