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Strongly agree

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

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- 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.

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-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.

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

Strongly agree

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The State should take further steps to improve enforcement of current laws regarding illegal movement and introduction of fish species and increase penalties for those people who are caught. Also, once an unwanted fish species is discovered, a catch and kill order should be implemented and the fish should be wasted without allowing angler to harvest and consume.

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

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Re: Proposed Changes to the 2025 Fishing Regulations

To All RAC Members:

Utah Anglers Coalition is a statewide association of varied angling interests dedicated to the protection, enhancement, and enjoyment of Utah's aquatic resources and angling opportunities.

Recently, UAC met with the Division to discuss at length the proposed regulation changes for 2025. UAC supports all of the proposed changes to the 2025 Fishing Regulations except for removal of the current size restriction on ice holes at Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Some of our members are opposed to this regulation change due to their concerns about public safety with unrestricted hole size. Because our organization operates by consensus we are therefore taking no official position on this single regulation change.

Respectfully,

Roger Wilson