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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** August 18, 2021

**To:** Regional Advisory Council Members and Wildlife Board

**From:** Chris Penne, Regional Aquatics Manager, Northern Region,  
Randy Oplinger, Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator, and  
Craig Walker, Assistant Fisheries Chief, Sport Fisheries Program

### **SUBJECT: 2022 Fishing Regulation Proposals**

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) normally makes changes to fishing regulations during odd numbered editions of the fishing guidebook (i.e., 2021, 2023, etc.). There are special circumstances in the Northern Region that is prompting the UDWR to recommend guidebook changes in 2022. The first recommended change is at Bear Lake. The UDWR's recommendation was developed in collaboration with Idaho Fish and Game. The intention is to simultaneously enact the same regulation change in both states so there can be consistency in regulations in both states. This simplifies regulations for anglers. The second recommended change is at the Pond at Willard Bay. This is a new fishery and there is a need to institute an opening date and harvest regulations at this pond.

The UDWR is recommending the following changes to the 2022 fishing guidebook:

#### Bear Lake (Rich County):

Remove: "Cutthroat trout or trout with cutthroat markings with all fins intact must be immediately released. Only cutthroat trout that have had one or more healed fins clipped may be kept. To learn how to identify cutthroat



trout in this water, see the description of Bear Lake cutthroat trout on page 50.”

The Pond at Willard Bay (Box Elder County):

Add: “Closed to fishing until 6 a.m. on Sept. 1, 2022.”

Add: “Limit 5 bluegill.”

Add: “Limit 1 channel catfish.”

Add: “Limit 1 largemouth bass.”

