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Attention: Entiat Landowner Steering Committee



Dear Committee Members:

I want to thank you for writing to express your excitement for the opportunity to fish for hatchery steelhead this last fall. It certainly was a pleasure to receive the complimentary letter from your group.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) appreciates all the input we receive as it contributes to the constructive dialogue necessary for our agency to be truly responsive to our stakeholders. While it is probably true we hear more from those less satisfied with our decisions, we also need to know when we have struck the right balance in our constituents' view.

The Entiat River is a very important piece of the Columbia River drainage, not only in terms of salmon and steelhead recovery, but also as an integral part of the larger ecosystem. That said, the Department recognizes that the support of local stakeholders is key to our ability to manage all the resources for which we are responsible. The Department is sensitive to and attempts to satisfy the needs of those stakeholders where feasible. Support of local economies is inherent in the Department's mission.

Thank you again for the positive feedback on the fisheries in the Entiat River.

Sincerely,

Philip Anderson  
 Director

cc: Dennis Beich  
 Jeff Korth  
 Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board