



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

McKenzie River Angler Survey 2009

Date: _____ Home Zip Code: _____

Survey #

ODFW is evaluating trout management options for the upper McKenzie River (between Leaburg Dam and Trail Bridge Dam, including tributaries). This survey will provide information from McKenzie River anglers about their trout angling preferences. Currently, trout stocking and trout angling regulations are as follows:

Leaburg Dam to Forest Glen Boat Ramp:
Fish stocking: 95,000 rainbow at about 1/3 lb each and 7,700 rainbow at about 2/3 lb each
Regulations: 4th Saturday in April to December 31, five adipose fin-marked trout per day, bait allowed
January 1 until 4th Saturday in April, catch and release only, flies and lures only

Forest Glen Boat Ramp to Trail Bridge Dam (including tributaries):
Fish stocking: None
Regulations: 4th Saturday in April to October 31, catch and release only, flies and lures only. Closed to angling during other seasons.

1. What are you primarily fishing for today? (check one)

- Hatchery trout
- Native (wild) trout
- Both of the above
- Steelhead
- Anything

2. What is the primary method you used today? (check one)

- Bait
- Flies
- Lures
- Combination of methods

3. Approximately how many times do you fish the upper McKenzie River each year? (check one)

- 1-5
- 6-25
- 25+

4. Which of the following statements best describes the purpose of your outing today? (check all that apply)

- To be close to nature
- To catch wild fish only
- For relaxation / to get away
- To catch fresh fish to eat
- To be with family / friends
- To catch a large fish
- For the sport / competition / to test skills
- To catch lots of fish
- None of the above
- Other _____

5. Which section of upper McKenzie River do you fish most often? (check one)

- All sections about equally
- Leaburg Lake to Goodpasture Bridge
- Goodpasture Bridge to Forest Glen Boat Ramp
- Forest Glen Boat Ramp to Trail Bridge Dam
- Other (list) _____

6. How would you rate the fishing in the upper McKenzie River? (check one response for each fish type)

- Hatchery trout:**
- Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
 - No Opinion
 - Do not fish for hatchery trout

- Native (wild) trout:**
- Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
 - No Opinion
 - Do not fish for native (wild) trout

7. The quality of trout fishing in the upper McKenzie River is: (check one)

- Increasing significantly
- Increasing moderately
- Neither increasing nor decreasing
- Decreasing moderately
- Decreasing significantly
- Don't know

8. The number of rainbow trout stocked annually in the upper McKenzie River should: (check one)

- Be increased
- Be decreased
- Remain similar
- Be discontinued
- No opinion / don't know

9. The following sections of the upper McKenzie River, should be stocked with rainbow trout (check all that apply)

- Leaburg Lake to Goodpasture Bridge
- Goodpasture Bridge to Helfrich Landing
- Helfrich Landing to Silver Creek
- Silver Creek to Forest Glen Boat Ramp
- Forest Glen BR to Trail Bridge Dam
- No sections
- No opinion or don't know

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following four statements about the upper McKenzie River:

10a. I would like to catch more native (wild) trout in the upper McKenzie River. (check one)

- Strongly agree
- Moderately agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

10b. I would like to catch more hatchery trout in the upper McKenzie River. (check one)

- Strongly agree
- Moderately agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

10c. I prefer catching native (wild) trout rather than hatchery trout in the upper McKenzie River. (check one)

- Strongly agree
- Moderately agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

10d. I would prefer to catch fewer, but larger hatchery trout in the upper McKenzie River. (check one)

- Strongly agree
- Moderately Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Moderately disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

11a. What is your opinion about fishing for trout with bait on the upper McKenzie River regarding section? (check all that apply)

- Bait fishing for trout should be allowed from Leaburg Dam to Forest Glen Boat Ramp during all open seasons
- Bait fishing for trout should be prohibited from Leaburg Dam to Forest Glen Boat Ramp during all open seasons
- Bait fishing for trout should be allowed only in the following sections of river:
 - Leaburg Lake to Goodpasture Bridge
 - Goodpasture Bridge to Helfrich Landing
 - Helfrich Landing to Silver Creek
 - Silver Creek to Forest Glen Boat Ramp
- Other (please specify) _____
- No opinion or don't know

11b. What is your opinion about fishing for trout with bait on the upper McKenzie River regarding time of year? (check all that apply)

- Bait fishing for trout should be allowed during General Trout Season (~Apr. 25 – Oct. 31)
- Bait fishing for trout should be allowed from Nov. 1 – Dec. 31
- Bait fishing for trout should be allowed from Jan. 1 – Apr. 24
- Bait fishing for trout should be prohibited all year
- Other (please specify) _____
- No opinion or don't know

12. Do you have any other comments or suggestions about angling regulations or fish stocking for the upper McKenzie River?

Thank you for your participation!