

The salmon and steelhead runs have diminished greatly over the past decade. This year has been the worst steelhead season I can ever recall. We need to get more fish in the river before it's too late and hatch boxes are in my opinion the best way if the hatchery is not going to do it. I personally know several people who said they would put them on their property if this passed. It's time to start thinking about the future and the impacts to the ecosystem that would be caused by the loss of salmon and steelhead. It would affect not only wildlife by losing a food source but people's livelihood. Whether that be from commercial fishing or guiding, or just the impact to communities that rely on fishing to bring in revenue. Fisherman bring a lot of money into communities from hotel rooms, restaurants and any other business that supplies everyday needs. I hope we can get this passed so we can get moving in the right direction and get our salmon and steelhead runs back to where they historically have been.