

**From:** [John Babcock](#)  
**To:** [FWP Madison River COM](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Madison River Comments  
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I support the Walk-Wade regulation on the upper river between Reynolds Bridge and Lyons Bridge. I've enjoyed this stretch for many years as a means of escaping the masses of boat fisherman in the lower river. I also support the Rest-rotation rules that provide one short section of river on Saturday and Sunday for the public to recreate on free of commercial use.

John Babcock  
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**To:** [FWP Madison River COM](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Madison River regulation changes for walk wade section  
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Hello,

I have tried to understand the proposed changes – and it is very unclear to me what is being changed.

I would like for the walk wade section of the Madison to remain as a walk wade section with no fishing from boats allowed. I believe that is the current regulation.

I also oppose rest rotation regulations which only have some sections with closures and some without ANY closures. If rest-rotation is to be implemented than **all sections** of the river should be treated **equally** allowing all users of ALL stretches of river to be guide free on certain days. The most heavily used stretch of river – between McAtee and Varney bridge – is outside of the rest/rotation restrictions even though it is most heavily used which makes no sense.

Why not make one bank or the other bank as ‘rest/rotation’? for example – even days you can fish river right, odd days you can fish river left?

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**From:** [Nadia Stadnyk](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Madison River Regulations  
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I am NOT in favor of allowing any boat fishing on the current wade sections of the Madison River. Additionally, I support the rest rotation rules slated for 2022.

**From:** [Chuck](#)  
**To:** [FWP Madison River COM](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Madison River Proposed Regulations  
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Hello, I am not in favor of allowing fishing from boats at any time in the walk-wade sections. I support the proposed rest-rotation rules slated for 2022.

Thank you  
Nadia Stadnyk

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**From:** [Chuck Scott](#)  
**To:** [FWP Madison River COM](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Madison River regulations  
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I sent in a comment earlier this week saying I was in favor of repealing the proposed rules for the walk- wade section not realizing ( as many others ) that in doing so fishing from boats would be allowed every day year around in the present walk-wade sections. Last month the Bozeman Chronicle warned in an editorial that repealing the walk-wade regulation would do just this but in a letter to the editor a few days later Mike Bias said the Chronicle was wrong and that a repeal would keep the walk-wade section as it is now.

My honest opinion is that the walk-wade section should be managed as it is presently.

No fishing from boats at any time.

Also do not repeal the proposed regulation regarding the rest rotation sections.

Thank you  
Chuck Scott

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**From:** [john meyer](#)  
**To:** [FWP Madison River COM](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments in response to PROPOSED REPEAL OF ARM 12.11.6702 AND 12.11.6706  
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I am 100% against the repeal of the rest/rotation provision of ARM 12.11.6706. In fact, I think rest/rotation should be expanded to also include weekdays on some sections of the river. I would be agreeable to repealing the ban on outfitters operating on Sundays if it was replaced with two weekdays (I think having the restrictions on Saturday and two weekdays would be better than the current Saturday and Sunday).

I am for the modification (rather than repeal) of the float fishing restrictions of ARM 12.11.6702. I would propose that float fishing be permitted from inflatable vessels/watercraft but not from non-inflatable/hard bodied vessels. I would also like to see the use of anchors completely banned/outlawed anytime a fisherman/passenger has a fishing line in/on the water (regardless of the type of vessel/watercraft) in all sections of the river upstream of Ennis Reservoir. I am confident that the rotating restrictions on fishing from non-inflatable watercraft combined with the ban on using an anchor while fishing is the best solution to managing potential conflicts between float and wade fisherman. This is because I think wade fisherman are generally more tolerant of float fisherman when passing boats aren't banging off rocks and scaring away fish and they don't anchor their boats and start fishing on the other side of the river or just upstream from wade fisherman.

I can be contacted on 406 203 7511 if you would like further context regarding my comments on the proposed repeals.

Sincerely,

Jake Meyer