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Q2

Please comment on Wargo Amendment #3

Good compromise and keeps spawning grounds upstream under tighter restrictions and more towards the lake it opens up

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Wargo Amendment #3

I.support Wargos proposal on change the boundary to Church slough. Honestly the slow water starts at moth of Brennman slough would be best but Church is a start

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please comment on Wargo Amendment #3

i have been active 36 to 50 day a year i have seen a increase of bull trout in the lake when i started you might hear of 1 or 2 being caught. now it is a common occurrence. i have caught up to 3 in 1 day in 220 feet of water where they are not suppose to live. also if you want to grow bigger fish make all fish over 30 inches to be released. this would never pass by you as the commission wants the money spent on charters to keep flowing. Jack Kirkland 406 370 5734 call if you want to talk to me.

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Q2

Please comment on Wargo Amendment #3

I strongly oppose every single change proposed by Wargo. Native species should be the priority for fisheries management, these amendments are not science based and would be harmful to native fisheries. Instead of expanding the slot limit on lake trout, it should be eliminated.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please comment on Wargo Amendment #3

I support this amendment. I think the previous decision to require single hooks on the entire river was unnecessary. It makes sense to regulate the section from Church down to the lake the same as the lake itself. Keeping the pressure on the predators (pike) in that section will off set any by catch of bull trout. Some anglers, myself included, avoid fishing the river currently due to the restrictive regulations.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please comment on Wargo Amendment #3

Comments from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

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Q2

Please comment on Wargo Amendment #3

I agree with this Amendment #3

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES

Natural Resources Department

Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation and Conservation

October 8, 2026

RE: Public Comment Opposing Wargo Amendment #3 — 2027–2028 Fishing Regulations

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) respectfully recommend that the Commission reject Wargo Amendment #3 and retain the Department's proposed Flathead River regulations. Amendment #3 would remove an important protection for native fish while reversing a previous effort to accommodate angling opportunity and reduce mortality of incidentally caught native trout.

Salish, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai people have depended on the fisheries of the Flathead system for generations. Historical accounts describe abundant trout fisheries and extensive traditional fishing practices around Flathead Lake and its tributaries. CSKTs' own historical materials document the importance of Bull Trout and other native fish to tribal communities. Amendment #3 jeopardizes those values by increasing the potential for injury and mortality of incidentally caught native Bull Trout and Westslope Cutthroat Trout.

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Of particular concern is the manner in which this amendment were brought forward. Meaningful consultation requires disclosure of the actual proposal and sufficient time for the co-manager to evaluate and respond.

Bull Trout are an iconic species, federally protected and exemplified by their migratory life-history in the Flathead drainage, and they are of highest cultural value. Maintaining a stable Bull Trout population in a system where nonnative predators are abundant is an important conservation accomplishment. Protecting migratory Bull Trout and Westslope Cutthroat Trout throughout their river habitat remains essential.

Wargo Amendment #3, to allow double or treble hooks, reverses the Department's previous effort to accommodate angling opportunity while reducing mortality of by-caught native species, especially Bull Trout. We fully support the Department's effort to achieve these two conflicting goals and therefore oppose Wargo Amendment #3. The lower Flathead River provides important habitat for migratory Bull Trout and Westslope Cutthroat Trout, including the lake-influenced reach below Church Slough. These fish may be encountered while anglers target nonnative species. Retaining single-point hooks reduces handling time and stress for incidentally caught native fish while preserving year-round angling opportunity.

Tribal fisheries staff are available to address any questions the Commission may have on this subject. Ben Rich, Barry Hansen, and Craig Barfoot will attend the Commission meeting by Zoom. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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