

Kamloops Fly Fishers' Association

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2016 December 25th

Subject: Thompson River Steelhead (TRS)

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Our most recent meeting with the Thompson Steelhead Assembly was held by the Thompson Steelhead Working Group (TSWG) on 2016 December 2nd. The TSWG provided us with a document called a Thompson Steelhead Recovery and Management Plan. The document isn't a plan but a discussion document aimed at bringing a plan together for the TRS. The TSWG will be providing a plan for the recovery in the spring of 2017.

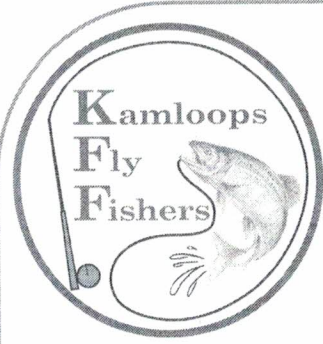
The TSWG is a unique collaborative initiative involving three orders of government. This group aims to address the jurisdictional challenges around TRS. Their plan is to look at all opportunities that may improve outcomes for TRS regardless of the current policy/practise.

Let me bring you up to speed with the current situation regarding TRS. In 2016 380 TRS are expected to reach the Thompson River (TR). In 2015 430 TRS made it to the TR. Two years in a row of Extreme Conservation Level. Yet nothing has been done by DFO or MFLNRO to affect a recovery of TRS by either party.

The first thing you need to ask yourself is "Do I want to be the Politician that presides over the extirpation of TRS". Another question you need to ask yourself is "Do I want another species added to the Endangered Species list". The KFF has sent a request to COSEWIC to have TRS added as an endangered Species.

I hope the answer to both questions is NO.

The KFF have given our commitment on the attached pledge form.



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I request that each one of you provide me with your pledge regarding TRS this can be done through your 2017 Mandate letters.

A plan will be forthcoming from the TSWG in the spring of 2017 I need you to commit to seeing that effective changes are brought about once you have had the chance to review the recommendations.

The first thing you can do to help is to ensure that this group has funding for 2017 to complete the plan. In the email that I received on 2016 December 23rd the TSWG is out of funds. Please make this your first commitment for 2017.

The Status Quo is no more.

My Christmas present from you will be a commitment that effective changes will be brought about in 2017.

My Christmas present to you is our Pledge.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. P. Piggitt', written over a light blue horizontal line.

L. P. Piggitt
President KFF

Attachments to the email:

The documents below will be attached to the email.

Thompson Steelhead Recovery and Management Plan

Our Pledge

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