

Contact information:				Please comment on the paddlefish regulation proposed change for Intake Bypass Channel.	
Name:	City/Town:	State/Province:	Position	Open-Ended Response	
				Proposed regulation change as drafted is necessary to ensure the safety of field crews monitoring the bypass channel and reduces the chances of paddlefish anglers unintentionally snagging endangered pallid sturgeon as they are utilizing the bypass channel for upstream migration. SEE LETTER FOR MORE DETAILS.	
Bureau of Reclamation	Billings	MT	support		
Hugh Zackheim	Helena	MT	support	I support the Department's proposal to close the Intake bypass channel to snagging of paddlefish to avoid bycatch of migrating pallid sturgeon and other native species.	
Sean Eckert	Townsend	MT	support	I agree with the proposed change.	
CURTIS PICKERING	PLAINS	MT	support	I am for the proposal to prohibit snagging of paddlefish within the intake fish bypass channel.	
			support	Dear Commissioners, Voicing my support for closing the bypass channel to snagging to avoid bycatch and other migrating fish and to reduce potential conflicts between anglers and monitoring crews. Given the high potential of snagging non-target fish, including the endangered pallid sturgeon, this is a common-sense approach. Thank you.	
Mark McKinley	Livingston	MT	support	I am in favor of the Fish and Wildlife Commission prohibiting snagging of paddlefish within the Intake fish bypass FOREVER, not just 8 years. Leave the paddlefish alone. They are special and need protection.	
Matthew Kilsdonk	Butte	MT	oppose	I am not in support of this. Intake fisherman will crowd spots lower down river where the access sites have no room for more anglers. I would be in support if at the bridge and at Richland park, trees be removed to allow more access for anglers with large fishing rods.	
Timothy Mitchell	St. Ignatius	MT	oppose	just more regulations we don't need	
				I am opposed to closing the Bypass channel to snagging. Instead I propose an alternative: "closed to catch and release snagging. Bypass Channel open to catch & keep ONLY. Anyone snagging paddlefish in the bypass channel must have in their possession "keep tag" and must KEEP the first paddle fish they snag" It would significantly reduce the number of people snagging in this location while still leaving it as an option for those of us with "keep" tags	
Brian Dunaetz	Three Forks	MT	oppose		
Jesse Taylor	Helena	MT	oppose	I oppose these changes	