**McKenzie Watershed Protective**

**McKenzie River Native Fish Management Proposal**

**2025**

1. Five-to-seven-year plan utilizing Leaburg Hatchery to raise hatchery Trout and Native Trout broodstock until Native Trout reach natural sustainable levels and then **phase out** hatchery Trout.
2. Goal: Replenish Native Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout to 1950’s pre-dam levels.
3. Catch & Release of all Trout (including hatchery Trout until phased out) on entire river.
4. Trout Season open year around on entire river. Catch and release only.
5. All hatchery Trout to be raised at Leaburg Hatchery. Phase out hatchery Trout over 5 to 7 years or less (based on success of Native Trout broodstock replenishment).
6. End the State Steelhead Hatchery Program. Direct funds into Native Trout wild broodstock.
7. Revise hatchery Trout planting locations until hatchery Trout phase out.
8. Gear restrictions for Trout for entire river: No Bait. Artificial flies, lures barbless only.
9. Close Salmon fishing until native Salmon numbers return to sustainable levels.
10. Salmon Hatchery to change mission to replenishment of **Native** Salmon to sustainable levels with a broodstock program. Eventual phase out of Salmon Hatchery as Native Salmon numbers increase to sustainable level.
11. As of the year 2025 Salmon numbers are at historic lows and should be federally declared “Endangered”.
12. There is hope for Native Salmon and Trout on the McKenzie River: See the YouTube video:

“Wild Broodstock: A Change in the Right Direction”