**McKenzie Watershed Protective**

**McKenzie River Native Fish Management Proposal**

**2019**

1. Five to seven year plan utilizing Leaburg Hatchery to raise hatchery Trout and Native Trout 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.
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 replenishment).
6. End the State Steelhead Hatchery Program. Direct funds into Native Trout replenishment.
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. Salmon Hatchery to change mission to replenishment of Native Salmon to 1950’s pre-dam numbers. Eventual phase out of Salmon Hatchery as Native Salmon numbers increase to sustainable level. No Salmon fishing above the town of Leaburg.
10. No change to Salmon/Steelhead gear rules. Bait allowed.