

Appendix B  
Red Fleet Reservoir Public Scoping Meeting  
1/16/2013

**Comments written on large post-its during the meeting:**

Future fishery? Plans for Red Fleet?  
Wait until bass population crashes; then decide what to stock.  
Leave it alone (x3)  
Money concerns re: a rotenone treatment  
Won't people just put walleye back after a treatment?  
I support a walleye fishery. That's why I fish Red Fleet.  
More and more people are excited about learning how to fish for walleye.  
Manage it for a walleye fishery and annually stock forage.  
Concerns about chemical/contamination from SIMPLOT.  
Provide the best variety possible, then let people know (advertise).  
Give it time, see how it fishes, then make a management decision.  
Bass angler says doesn't want us to treat – period.  
If we don't put bass back in, someone will.  
One angler likes diversity.  
Drinking water concerns (water treatment plant)  
Treatment timing (water treatment plant)  
Have not got enough walleye fisheries  
More variety: tiger musky, wipers, keep LMB, likes meeting format  
Stock gizzard shad for forage.  
Stock sterile walleye.  
LM bass back in.  
Likes diversity to fish, but tends to prefer warmwater fishes.  
Likes the idea of a warm water fishery close to Vernal.  
We have many trout fisheries in the area.  
Introduce some forage fish so walleye can survive. Crappie or perch.  
Don't kill off waste of a good opportunity.  
Potential for increased tourism.  
Don't waste taxpayer dollars.  
Against treatment – likes walleye. From Colorado bass club member.

**Comments submitted via postcards:**

Ron Reynolds states: “Since there in there I like the walleye in a lake in this area. We have plenty of trout waters. I also understand that they could cause the fishing to collapse. However it seems to me that a watch and wait approach would be better and poison after a collapse than before. Also if it is to keep the walleye out of the Green River, they are already there. My son caught on by the bridge going to the powerplant last spring. Thanks.

Keep walleye, introduce perch. Let lake be like Starvation.

I like trout. I like them in Red Fleet. Thad Beal

We need to keep the walleye in Red Fleet, it is close to town where senior citizens can go for an evening fishing. We like to eat the walleye and some other places are hard for us to get into. Thanks, C. Holmes

I think they need to keep walleye in the lake. It's close to Vernal and we enjoy fishing for them and eating them. Thank you, Kenneth Holmes

Like the diversity walleye offer but only if quality fish can be maintained (13-18"+). Would love to see other warm water species legally introduced (crappie, perch, musky, wiper, etc.) here or in other area waters. Would also like to see forage species introduced (shad, others) if possible. I really enjoy all the great cold and warmwater fisheries here in Basin. Thanks DWR!

Fished Red Fleet several times this year because of the addition of walleye to the fish population. On numerous occasions caught walleye, large and smallmouth bass, bluegill and trout in the same location. All seemed to be doing quite well. Would suggest you do your thing with trout and leave the rest along. Tom Schulz.

Jamie Sperger made two comments – one at the meeting and one afterwards via postcard. Really enjoy the walleye and largemouth. Have no use for and will not fish a trout (rainbow) only fishery. If reservoir is doomed to crash, then the walleyes must go. Largemouth should be restocked as they've done well there for many years. Use variety of forage types. Don't just use rainbows that provide no variety. Perhaps establish a quality pan fishery—not just stunted bluegill. Bonus (manageable) fish like tiger musky might work – don't know. Thanks.

After the meeting, Jamie brought in another card... Plan A – Keep the walleyes, I enjoy fishing for them. However, if the reservoir is certain to crash, then Plan B. Two tier fishery for trout and largemouth bass with suitable forage. Use some trout that will be interesting (browns, cutts, tigers, etc.), not just more of the same old average sized rainbows. Boring! Would love a crappie fishery in the Basin if the forage would support it. I enjoy variety and challenge but not at expense of quality.

I feel like it is important to remove species that harm the natural ecosystem so if the data supports this rotenone treatment, I support it. Dan Roper (sp?)

Thank for the meeting in Vernal. Everyone I talked to was very polite and very pleasant to talk to. If at all possible manage Red Fleet as a warm water fishery. Have you ever considered putting walleye in Flaming Gorge. We have enough trout fisherys. If you do treat Red Fleet. I have 19' boat. I would like to help. Shiflettray@stratanet.com

1. Let's take the wait and see approach.
2. Collect more data; walleye are (to me) hit & miss.

Why kill of the walleye? Look at the overall cost when the lake is down look at the cost of planting larger trout as 10" Starvation Lake. Don't plant hundreds of small trout, that's what you

have done before get in the real world. What would a young fisherman rather have 8 small trout or 1 large trout???? I am 71 years of age, and have watched you people ruin our deer herds, now the elk hunts pheasant hunts and now the fisheries see what the sportsman want? You can arrive at any conclusion on your own studies. You people put tiger trout, muskey and splake???

Bart Murray stopped by on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and I talked with him extensively. He enjoys bass fishing there and is happy to see such big bass in there right now. He also fishes brown trout and hates rainbows. I will add his contact info to the sheet as I did get his email address.

I also received the following comments on postcards on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – one via mail, the other turned in to the front counter:

1. Leave it alone
2. We have trout everywhere walleye not so much
3. You can't get rid of them anyways- chem.. are only semi successful.

And: 1-more studies needed; leave it as is

On 2/8, I received two more postcards:

1. I want trout. I don't want walleye. Thank you. Ben Beal of Roosevelt, UT 435-722-2944
2. Trout rule. No walleye. 435-823-8029. Gabe Beal

CUWCD and Mike Weyland submitted separate comments.

There was also an editorial in the paper that last week of comments – week of Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. That is included in the file and basically asks us to wait until the fishery crashes.

Unrelated comments:

Need to change the season on spearfishing so they can't spear a bass on a spawning bed.  
Caught red eyed bass?

We had another angler drop by after the Feb 15<sup>th</sup> end date for comments. He says (in a nutshell as summarized by Ron) that everyone is a walleye fisherman that he has talked to. That going an hour to fish for walleye is too far. That he is catching 12" long fish mainly (and up to 2 pounds). These are not big walleye, but are edible according to the mercury advisory.