To whom it may concern:

I have been reviewing your proposed changes. It seems to me that they will heavily impact trout and salmon migration.

Although I am not a Kiwi, I have been to NZ 13 times. Each time I go to New Zealand I do so as a fly fisherman. Typically I am on the South Island for 2 to 3 weeks when I travel there. I am supporter of your country and have been for almost 25 years. I have never been to NZ where I did not flyfish for trout. It is why I go.

As you can imagine, I support your national carrier, Air New Zealand, both coming and going. I stay at local motels, hotels, Bed/breakfast accommodations or fishing lodges. I rent a car. I eat at local restaurants and candidly I spend a bunch of money on just food and wine. I also hire local fly fishing guides during my time there. I buy and annual fishing license every year regardless if I am going to NZ that year or not. I am a big supporter of your fishery.

I should also mention, I usually have a friend or two joining me.We all go to NZ for one reason to catch and release trout. I think on average I help introduce 4 or 5 friends who also have gone to NZ and referred others too. Again, all of us go for one reason - fly fishing for trout or salmon.

Please rethink these proposed changes and modify them so they are more friendly to trout and salmon. Ruining it will definitely impact tourism. It simply sends the wrong message.

I will be on the South Island during October and early November. If any hearings are occurring on the South Island I would be happy to attend and comment publicly.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts. Please also note that "God does not deduct, from man's allotted span, the time spent flyfishing".

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