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Submitted via email: paula.wilson@deq.idaho.gov

Re: Docket No. 58-0102-1502- Update to Copper Criteria for Aquatic Life.

Dear Ms. Wilson;

Since 1973, the Idaho Conservation League (ICL) has been Idaho's voice for clean water, clean air and wilderness—values that are the foundation for Idaho's extraordinary quality of life. The Idaho Conservation League works to protect these values through public education, outreach, advocacy and policy development. As Idaho's largest state-based conservation organization, we represent over 25,000 supporters, many of whom have a deep personal interest in protecting Idaho's water quality and aquatic life.

It is our preference that the DEQ model this update to the copper criteria off of Oregon's current proposal.

As this rule is developed, we ask that DEQ please incorporate necessary implementation information into the rule.

We urge DEQ to attempt to complete this effort in time to present to the 2017 Legislature.

We urge DEQ to begin developing a guidance document for this rule immediately.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 208-345-6933 x 24 or jhayes@idahoconservation.org

Sincerely,

Justin Hayes
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