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This letter is in response to your inquiry into whether your "semi-barbless" hooks meet the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's barbless hook definition. Our current definition of barbless hook (page 6 of the 2010 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations) states that a barbless hook is "A hook manufactured without barbs or a hook with the point barb removed or bent down to the shank". The samples of "semi-barbless" hooks you sent me have been examined by several ODFW staff and we have concluded that your hooks meet the Department's definition of barbless. Oregon State Police (Capt. Jeff Samuels) also looked over your literature and came to the same conclusion, your hooks are barbless. The sample hooks lack a conventional "barb" and for all practical purposes would have similar characteristics of conventional barbless hooks or hooks with the barb bent down to the shank.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Capt Jeff Samuels, File

January 29, 2013

Hi Steve,

As of December 2012, Rhine has retired from service to ODFW, so I am addressing his issues. I have reviewed your request and his letter and can confirm that our definition of a barbless hook has not changed and stand by Rhine's original letter.

Hope this helps and best of luck with your venture!

Regards,

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Mr. Lumsden,

These hooks will work as barbless in our fisheries as shown in the pictures. Thank you for taking the time to ask for our thoughts. If you have any further questions please call or e-mail me.



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