

# Public Correspondence\*

## **2009-2011 Agency Request Budget**

Comments received as of May 29, 2008



## Laurie Byerly

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**From:** Curt Melcher  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 9:13 AM  
**To:** Laurie Byerly  
**Cc:** Roy Elicker  
**Subject:** NSIA Board Comments on Fee Proposal

Hi Laurie,

Roy, Steve, Rick and I met with the NSIA Board last week to discuss a number of issues. They asked that their comments related to our budget proposal be included in our discussions with the Commission.

The recreational fishing industry is struggling in the current economic climate which is compounded by the poor returns and fishery closures. In light of this, they felt that any fee increase would be difficult or impossible to "sell" to our mutual customers. If a fee increase is proposed, the NSIA Board felt that the agency needs a clear plan that shows an increase in opportunity and value for the recreational angling community. Three important concepts that they felt would help them support a fee increase are:

1. Use some of the revenue to support and mainstem Columbia River commercial fishery buyout.
2. There must be parity between commercial and recreational fees. The commercial fishery should be paying its share of the agency and management cost without subsidy from recreational angler dollars.
3. They want the agency to pursue a county by county economic survey associated with recreational angling.

Curt Melcher  
Deputy Director  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** JOHN JONA RAASCH [raaschfamily@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 6:04 PM  
**To:** odfwcomments@state.or.us  
**Cc:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** 2010 proposed Hunting and Fishing Fee Increases

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,

I'm an Oregon resident and generally support ODFW programs and have a lot of appreciation for the difficulty in balancing the competing goals of various user groups. I don't mind paying more for fishing and hunting licenses and support increases in fees. That said, I wish there was more opportunity for quality deer and elk hunting in Oregon. A couple friends and I have hunted out of state (Wyoming) for big game the last five years and have not purchased big game tags in Oregon during this time. Every year I purchase preference points in Oregon, in the hope that someday I will draw one of the very few quality hunts available in the state.

I grew up hunting big game in Oregon and would rather hunt closer to home, but the general seasons and most of the controlled deer and elk hunts now are overcrowded and have fairly low success rates. Currently, Oregon only has a handful of quality hunts available and these can take 10-20 years to draw. The Juniper unit muzzleloader deer, Hart Mountain muzzleloader deer, Wenaha Elk, and SE Metolius archery deer are great quality (premium) hunts. The problem is that there are very few of these hunts and the current system allows everyone to apply for these, while then purchasing general season tags or second choice tags when they are unsuccessful. This makes it almost impossible to draw these tags for a quality hunt. With the current system, a hunter will be lucky to draw one quality hunt in Oregon during their lifetime. I haven't hunted Oregon for deer or elk recently because time and finances dictate that I can only take one big game hunting vacation a year and I can have a quality experience every year if I go out of state. It is considerably more expensive to travel out of state to hunt, so I've had to sacrifice the big game and waterfowl hunting trips I used to take in Oregon to make up the cost difference.

I hear a lot of discussion related to providing more hunter opportunity, so I wanted to take the time to put in a word for quality. I would be willing to pay substantially more for deer or elk tags in Oregon if quality hunts were available. Many of the existing general season tags are not too exciting at any price.....It seems like it's very easy to draw a tag in Oregon (opportunity) but almost impossible to draw a quality tag on public land. We need to restructure our controlled hunt application rules to make premium hunts more available for those who are willing to wait, or pay an additional fee. Late season, rut rifle hunts for blacktails would be an excellent start. Say 10 tags in each western Oregon unit, from mid-November to December. This would provide a substantial number of new, premium hunts without much biological impact. Perhaps we could structure the draws so that if you apply for premium hunts for deer, you may not apply for premium elk hunts, (or a bighorn/moose/goat or deer/elk split like Idaho)? Another idea would be to require the full, non-refundable tag price to be paid to apply for premium hunts, and not allow general season or second choice tag purchases if applicants are unsuccessful. This would allow people to choose between waiting for a premium hunt or choosing a general hunt that can be drawn every year.

I have two young sons that I take fishing and occasionally waterfowl hunting, but I'm not excited about introducing them to big game hunting here with the current draw system. The youth hunter program is great, but once they use those hunt opportunities, it may be 15+ years before they accumulate enough preference points to draw quality tags again. The national trend

toward leasing hunting rights on private property has crowded deer and elk hunters onto the remaining public land and further reduced the quality of hunting opportunity. We can't do anything to reverse this trend, so we need to reduce tag numbers (hunter pressure) on the available public land if we are going to retain quality hunting opportunity for the general public.

This is a long-winded note, but I just wanted to express my desire that quality not get lost in the push to provide more opportunity. I attended the Open House in Roseburg earlier this month and thought it was informative and very professionally run by ODFW staff. It was very nice to hear from the Director in person.

Sincerely,

John Raasch



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May 5, 2008

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Roy Elikor, Director  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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Dear Marla and Roy:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the External Budget Advisory Committee (EBAC) and to provide these comments and recommendations on the agency's 2009-2011 proposed budget. The Nature Conservancy fully appreciates that healthy natural resource agency budgets are critical to preserving the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth and to protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. We believe that Oregon's underinvestment in natural resource agencies has the potential to significantly weaken the legacy we collectively will leave future Oregonians. We continue to be discouraged that our state has chosen to continually invest less than 2% of the General Fund in natural resources. It is in this context that we applaud the boldness and vision that the Commission and the Department have shown in the development of a number of potential budget packages for inclusion in the agency request budget for 2009 – 2011.

The Conservancy supports, in the strongest possible terms, funding to implement ODFW's award-winning Oregon Conservation Strategy, including the Nearshore Strategy. We pledge to work closely with you before and during the legislative session to support funding requests to implement the strategy.

**Our highest priority recommendation is that you include Possible Program Option Package #25, Conservation Strategy/Nearshore Strategy Implementation at its fully implemented estimated costs of \$14.6 million in your Agency Request Budget.** Within this budget package our highest priorities are to get projects done "on-the-ground" to tangibly implement the strategy and to fund the research and monitoring, as well as, the management and policy research needed by the Nearshore strategy.

From a conservation perspective, our next highest option package priorities are:

#24 – Prevent Aquatic Mussel Infestation (est. cost = \$1.4 million)

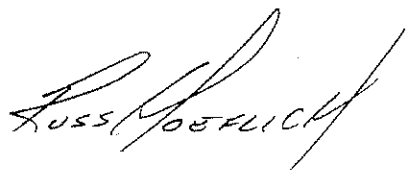
#17 and #29 – Energy Development Issues (est. cost = \$850,000)

With respect to your potential budget option packages that would direct additional “Measure 66” Lottery Funds to ODFW, we wish to further evaluate these requests as compared to any other state agency requests for additional Measure 66 funds. We will develop our final positions based on which packages most effectively will protect fish and wildlife and their habitats, repair Oregon’s natural infrastructure, and create jobs in rural communities.

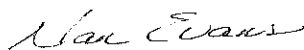
We are puzzled why the material presented to the EBAC provides no budget proposals in three major initiative areas that will require funding: adaptation to the effects of climate change; implementation of the Governor’s directive on marine protected areas, including marine reserves; and habitat restoration as a tool for water management conservation policies.

Thank you again for this opportunity and we look forward to working closely with you in the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Goeflich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "G".

Vice President and State Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Evans". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Director of Government Relations

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Seth Norman [seth@fishingcoaches.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 02, 2008 7:19 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: --Select One--  
Name: Seth M. Norman  
E-mail: seth@fishingcoaches.org

Comment:

It's difficult enough to face my son and tell him stories about what used to be. It makes me sick to give him blurry explanations, half crap, about what happened to fishing in Oregon and all the Pacific Northwest. Pick from the following:

We were too stupid to see what was happening.

We understood, but were too weak to stop it.

We didn't care.

We didn't think you'd care.

Hell, I made so much money on the process, I didn't care, didn't care if you did, and don't care much now.

I support funding of ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal, believe full funding should be a priority, and urge the

ODFW to ensure that the determination and protection of "peak flows" be a key component of the final "water program" budget.

Seth Norman

*Fishing Coaches*

*Fly Rod & Reel*





**Surfrider  
Foundation.**

Surfrider Foundation  
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Chair Marla Rae  
ODFW Commission  
3406 Cherry Avenue N.E.  
Salem, OR 97303-4924

April 20, 2008

Chair Rae:

The Oregon Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation would like to express our support for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's proposed 2009-2011 budget, particularly the General Funds packages for Conservation Strategy Implementation and Energy Development Issues.

The Conservation Strategy package will support marine stewardship in Oregon through adding needed staff and project dollars to implement the Nearshore Strategy. This plan, the ocean component of the Oregon Conservation Strategy, promotes actions that will conserve ecological functions and nearshore marine resources to provide long-term ecological, economic and social benefits for current and future generations of Oregonians. Surfrider strongly supports the Strategy's recommendations related to management and policy, research and monitoring, and public education, and recognizes that these important actions can not be implemented without sufficient budgetary support.

The Energy Development Issues package will provide additional staff to address recent demands related to development of ocean wave energy and land-based energy projects. Such enhanced capacity is needed to evaluate energy project plans, develop recommendations, and promote environmentally sensitive project designs. Surfrider recognizes that proposed energy projects may offer important benefits, but also that increased ODFW engagement is critical to ensuring that projects minimize impacts to Oregon's nearshore ecosystem.

The Oregon Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation submits these comments on behalf of our nearly 800 members in the state. Our membership includes surfers, divers, fishermen, swimmers, paddlers, and other user groups who spend significant time on the coast and in the ocean.

Sincerely,

Charlie Plybon  
Oregon Field Coordinator  
Surfrider Foundation

Pete Stauffer  
Oregon Policy Coordinator  
Surfrider Foundation

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Barbara Rich & Eric Denzler [barberic05@connpoint.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 03, 2008 10:37 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Townhall comments

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking your comments regarding the proposed agency budget for 2009 - 2011. You can add your comments to the record by completing this form and turning it in tonight, faxing it to ODFW the agency at 503-947-6042, mailing it to the ODFW Director's Office, 3406 Cherry Ave. NE, Salem OR, 97303 or sending it via email to [HYPERLINK "mailto:ODFW.Comments@state.or.us"](mailto:ODFW.Comments@state.or.us) [ODFW.Comments@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Comments@state.or.us). Please submit written comments by May 5, 2008

What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I don't know enough to comment on fees

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I would like to see significant increases in funding, staff capability to work on instream flow issues. I saw a presentation recently by the DEQ about temperature as related to flow in the Deschutes River watershed and it is apparent that we need to get more water in the river and it's tributaries. Please fund your water programs so that this can happen.

Additional comments?

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Paul Hoffman [pahoff@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 03, 2008 6:38 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** water proposal  
**Attachments:** 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc





**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Allison [dogmom@ecoisp.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, May 03, 2008 7:58 PM

**To:** ODFW Comments

**Attachments:** 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

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Please fully fund the water quality program – meaning, provide enough funding to hire the positions necessary to due oversight necessary to ensure our rivers and streams are getting the attention they need. It's time to PAY ATTENTION. Whatever it costs, this is critical. When the fish are gone, they are gone. Oregon can do better.

Additional comments?

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Andrew Epstein [andrewdepstein@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2008 12:00 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc  
**Attachments:** 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc

Attached is my comment form for the ODFW budget.

Thank you.

Andrew Epstein  
2034 NE 40th Ave Apt 306  
Portland OR 97212

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What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

**I would like to see full funding for the water program capacity proposal. We need to protect Oregon's rivers and streams.**

Additional comments?

**Tom Ruddiman**

**From:** Penelope Kaczmarek [owyhee7@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2008 1:47 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Siletz and other Rivers

[ODFW.Comments@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Comments@state.or.us) <[ODFW.Comments@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Comments@state.or.us)>

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support the 'Water Capacity Program' with full funding.

We live on the Siletz River and believe that Oregon needs to invest more in river preservation.

We urge ODFW to fully fund research and activities to support peak flow capacities for and the health of our Oregon rivers.

We would support fee increases to support this work. \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you for your attention. \_\_\_\_\_

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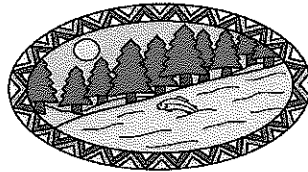
**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Paul Katen [pckaten@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2008 10:03 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Town Hall program - Comments  
**Attachments:** 2008\_05\_04 SDCWC comment on ODFW Water program funding.doc

The attached Word document contains my comments on the Town Hall enquiry.

Paul Katen  
Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council  
541 994-9682



**Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council  
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541-994-9682**

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May 8, 2008

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President

Debbie Pickering  
Secretary

Laura Doyle  
Treasurer

Peter McSwain

Sheryl P. Smith

Jim Stafford

RE: \$850,000 Support for Water Programs

I strongly urge the department to fully support and fund its water program which is critical to protecting the water flow in Oregon's rivers and streams and the fish and other aquatic species that depend upon them.

The Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council has been a protestant in 2 water rights applications, one for the City of Lincoln City and one for a golf course in Lincoln City. In both of these protests the support of ODFW water program staff has been instrumental in helping support SDCWC efforts to protect stream flow and fish habitat.

In both of these cases WRD was all too willing to give away more water than would have been prudent to adequately protect fish habit and stream flows. WRD does not have the staff or expertise to properly assess the impacts of proposed water withdrawals on streams and fish. Without adequate ODFW staffing our precious coastal streams are at risk in water permitting decisions.

I urge you to continue funding of these positions as a way to help ensure that instream water rights are protected and, importantly, **that fish and river needs are considered in water allocation decisions.**

Sincerely,

Paul Katen, Ph.D.  
President, Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Walt Mintkeski [mintkeski@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2008 11:14 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** support \$850,000 for funding of ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal  
**Attachments:** 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc

I strongly support \$850,000 for funding of ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal.

Please see my attached comments.

Thank you,

Walt Mintkeski  
6815 SE 31st Ave  
Portland OR 97202  
503-771-0232  
[mintkeski@juno.com](mailto:mintkeski@juno.com)

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Additional comments?

I strongly support \$850,000 for funding of ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal and urge that funding of the program be a top priority for ODFW. I urge ODFW to ensure that the determination and protection of peak flows be key component of the final "water program" budget.

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**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** gdavis@willamette.net  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 7:52 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Proposed 2009-2011 Budget

I would like to voice strong support for funding of ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal,

Full funding of the "water program" should be a priority.

I urge ODFW to ensure that the determination and protection of "peak flows" be key component of final "water program" budget

Gary Davis  
35226 Perkins Cr Rd  
Cottage Grove, Or 97424

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Laurel Hines [laulehines@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 10:51 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** ODFW budget comments

To Whom It May Concern,

I could not get the comment form to work, but would like to voice my comments about the river protection budget. I support fully funding the projects to fund river the proposed river protections (the "water program"). Our rivers and streams need active protections.

(please note new email address, [laulehines@gmail.com](mailto:laulehines@gmail.com))

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Laurel Hines  
[laulehines@gmail.com](mailto:laulehines@gmail.com)

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Fred Andrews [faja@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 11:18 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** ODFW budget

I urge the following, regarding the ODFW budget:

strong support for funding of ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal,  
full funding of the ODFW "water program" should be a priority , and

I also urge ODFW to ensure that the determination and protection of "peak flows" be key component  
of final "water program" budget.

Fred C. Andrews  
274 W 29th Ave Apt 1209  
Eugene OR 97405-3292

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** JOHN & ANITA WARD [e\_john\_ward@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 1:30 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other  
Name: John G. Ward  
E-mail: [e\\_John\\_Ward@msn.com](mailto:e_John_Ward@msn.com)

Comment:

I support the **ODFW request for \$850,000** to fund the **2009-2011 Water Program**. The staffing and leadership for regional water right application issues is very important to me and the organizations that I represent. For over two years I have worked with Bear Creek Watershed Council and Rogue Flyfishers to restore late season flows in Neil Creek, a tributary to Bear Creek and the Rogue River. We have documented the natural flows and the irrigation diversion impacts on flow, and worked with the irrigators to find alternative ways to meet their water rights. We have made good progress in developing partner trust on this important coho and steelhead stream.

Maintaining funding for the "water program capacity" is an important piece of finding workable solutions at a regional level. Oregon Water Resources Dept. and ODFW staff have participated in studies for flow improvement. Their technical expertise and experience have broadened the range of solutions we have considered. We ask that you recognize the important contribution the "water program" makes, and the you make full funding a priority.

I urge ODFW make determination and protection of "peak flows" a key component of the final "water program" budget. These flows maintain and renew important fish habitat in the most important salmonid tributary through a system NOAA considers high intrinsic potential for coho. Maintaining these fish stocks will benefit from the ODFW staffing support.

Thank you for considering this request to improve regional ODFW field staffing for our river and stream resources.

John Ward

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Brian Posewitz [brianposewitz@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 3:48 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Attachments:** 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form-1.pdf

Please see the attached. Thanks.

**Brian J. Posewitz** | Attorney at Law  
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Additional comments?

I just wanted to give my support to the proposed increased capacity for the "Water Program." ODFW should move forward with the numerous long-pending instream water right applications and should apply for additional rights where necessary to ensure adequate instream flows in all significant fish bearing rivers and streams. Thanks for considering these comments.

Brian Posewitz, 8508 SE 11th Ave., Portland, OR 97202.

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**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 11:00 AM  
**To:** Tom Ruddiman  
**Subject:** FW: Protect Oregon's Rivers

*Casaria Tuttle*

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Friday, May 02, 2008 3:57 PM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: Protect Oregon's Rivers

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**From:** Benton H Elliott [<mailto:b.elliott@juno.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 02, 2008 3:12 PM  
**To:** ODFW Info  
**Subject:** Protect Oregon's Rivers

I am writing in support of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) proposed budget for the agency's water program for the 2009-11 Biennium.

- I strongly support funding of ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal;
- I believe full funding of the "water program" should be a priority;
- I urge ODFW to ensure that determination and protection of "peak flows" be key components of the final "water program" budget.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Benton Elliott  
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Eugene, Oregon 97401  
541-484-7010  
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**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Clarence Sanders [sandora99@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 3:29 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web -- ODFW Water Program Capacity Proposal

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB**

Topic: Other  
Name: clarence sanders  
E-mail: [sandora99@msn.com](mailto:sandora99@msn.com)

**Comment:**

As an Oregon taxpayer and fly-fisherman I strongly support funding for ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal. Full funding of the "water program" should be of the highest priority, and ODFW should ensure that the determination and protection of "peak flows" is a key component of the final "water program" budget. Thank you for considering my comments.

Cklarenc Sanders  
Bend, OR  
541-382-7179

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Alan Moore [AMoore@tu.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 3:50 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** 2009 ODFW Proposed Budget Comments

My comment is in regard to the proposed \$850,000 expenditure for ODFW's "water program" in the 2009 proposed budget for the 2009-2011 biennium. As a native citizen of Oregon, a fisherman, a taxpayer and annual license holder with a passion for Oregon's rivers, I'm writing to voice my strong support for full funding of ODFW's proposed water program, and that the water program be made a priority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alan Moore  
6130 NE 9th  
Portland, OR 97211

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Brad Chalfant [bsc@deschuteslandtrust.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 6:41 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB**

Topic: ODFW budget for 2007-2009  
Name: Brad Chalfant  
E-mail: bsc@deschuteslandtrust.org

Comment: I'm writing to strongly encourage the Commission to fully fund the departments' water program. Adequate stream flow is absolutely essential to the health of not only Oregon's fisheries, but to a wide range of other species. This is particularly true on the east side of the Cascades, where riparian zones play a huge role in the health and resilience of various game and non-game species. As climate change modifies existing microclimates and transforms habitat, the health of our rivers and riparian zones will become even more important both as refuge, as well as migration corridors for dispersing species. ODFW needs to be directly involved in insuring that our rivers and streams achieve and maintain healthy flows.

## Tom Ruddiman

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**From:** Bob [bob@waterwatch.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 10:51 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Comments on ODFW Budget Attached

**Attachments:** 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc



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Attached are comments on the ODFW Budget.

Bob  
Bob Hunter  
142 W. Dutton Rd.  
Eagle Point, OR 97524  
541-826-5569

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

If fee increases are necessary to support and fully fund the "water program" then the increase should be made.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I strongly support the full \$850,000 in funding for ODFW's "water program". Fish need water plain and simple. Protecting and restoring streamflows should be a top priority for ODFW. More action needs to be taken by ODFW in processing existing instream water right applications and in new filings. It is an essential habitat component for fish and all aquatic life. ODFW also needs to move forward with the protection of "peak flow" needs of rivers and fish and to fully participate in water allocation decisions. ODFW needs to have the staffing requested in the water program budget proposal to do its job in protecting water resources for fish and wildlife. This is one of the most important programs that ODFW could fund to protect and restore Oregon's rivers and fishery resources. Full funding for the "water program" is essential for ODFW to do its job and this should be a top agency priority.

Bob Hunter  
142 W. Dutton Rd.  
Eagle Point, OR 97524  
541-826-5569

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Lew Scholl [lewscholl@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 11:20 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** ODFW 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment  
**Attachments:** ODFW 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc

Please consider the comments in the attached form.

Thanks  
Lew Scholl  
523 NE 91<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Portland Or  
97220

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I fully support the current budget proposal for \$850,000 to support the water program. I believe that in-stream water needs for fish habitat should be given a high priority in allocating surface water. The budget to pay for the proposed hydrologist and water rights positions is essential if habitat is to be preserved. Whatever small fee increase this results in is worth it.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Additional comments?

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Don & Vicki Becker [oregonbecker@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 02, 2008 8:38 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Please see attached budget comment form  
**Attachments:** 1379978557-2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Water Watch of Oregon supports full funding of the "Water Program" POP, as well as any other instream flow positions included in the 2009-2011 Draft Budget. Funding of the Water Program POP & any/all other instream flow positions/support should be a top priority of ODFW. We would also like to see full funding of Peak Flow/Ecological flow work. With the increased focus on new storage projects, this work is critical!

Additional comments?

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I am supporting

fully funding of the Water Program Capacity as a priority for FY 2009-2011. I have repeatedly seen the need for better data on the status of Oregon's finest trout streams. Given the possibility of changes due to climate changes, it is doubly important we have better data for proper planning. Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

*Jim King*  
914 MADISON ST.  
JACERTO, OR  
97381

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Additional comments?

P. O. Box 555  
Siletz, OR 97380  
April 30, 2008

Mr. Roy Elicker, Director  
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife  
3406 Cherry Ave. NE  
Salem, OR 97303-4924

Dear Director Elicker:

I am writing this short note to comment on one portion of your agency's proposed 2009-2011 budget.

I strongly support continued (or even increased) funding for stocking of Oregon's lakes and reservoirs with trout, particularly those waters near towns or cities. These areas provide many angler hours of enjoyment for young people.

Over the years, I have taught my children (and now my grandchildren) to love angling by taking them out to catch planted trout from our Lincoln County reservoirs. Most of them have become avid life-long anglers. I really appreciate the efforts of your fisheries biologist Bob Buckman for his efforts to continue this program locally.

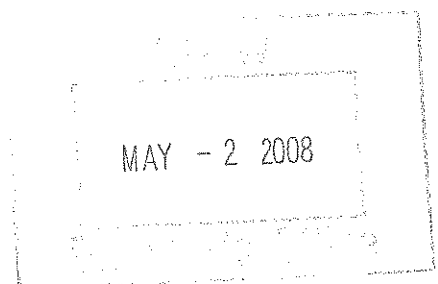
Mr. Elicker, I ask you to please continue stocking hatchery trout, especially in areas providing reasonable opportunity for young people.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Jerry Butler



Jerry Butler  
P. O. Box 555  
Siletz, OR 97380

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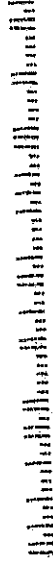


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May 5, 2008

Marla Rae, Chair  
Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
The Rae Group  
333 High Street NE, Suite 202  
Salem, OR 97301

Roy Elikor, Director  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
3406 Cherry Ave. NE  
Salem, OR 97303-4924

Dear Marla and Roy:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the External Budget Advisory Committee (EBAC) and to provide these comments and recommendations on the agency's 2009-2011 proposed budget. The Nature Conservancy fully appreciates that healthy natural resource agency budgets are critical to preserving the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth and to protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. We believe that Oregon's underinvestment in natural resource agencies has the potential to significantly weaken the legacy we collectively will leave future Oregonians. We continue to be discouraged that our state has chosen to continually invest less than 2% of the General Fund in natural resources. It is in this context that we applaud the boldness and vision that the Commission and the Department have shown in the development of a number of potential budget packages for inclusion in the agency request budget for 2009 – 2011.

The Conservancy supports, in the strongest possible terms, funding to implement ODFW's award-winning Oregon Conservation Strategy, including the Nearshore Strategy. We pledge to work closely with you before and during the legislative session to support funding requests to implement the strategy.

**Our highest priority recommendation is that you include Possible Program Option Package #25, Conservation Strategy/Nearshore Strategy Implementation at its fully implemented estimated costs of \$14.6 million in your Agency Request Budget.** Within this budget package our highest priorities are to get projects done "on-the-ground" to tangibly implement the strategy and to fund the research and monitoring, as well as, the management and policy research needed by the Nearshore strategy.

From a conservation perspective, our next highest option package priorities are:

#24 – Prevent Aquatic Mussel Infestation (est. cost = \$1.4 million)

#17 and #29 – Energy Development Issues (est. cost = \$850,000)

With respect to your potential budget option packages that would direct additional “Measure 66” Lottery Funds to ODFW, we wish to further evaluate these requests as compared to any other state agency requests for additional Measure 66 funds. We will develop our final positions based on which packages most effectively will protect fish and wildlife and their habitats, repair Oregon’s natural infrastructure, and create jobs in rural communities.

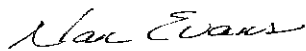
We are puzzled why the material presented to the EBAC provides no budget proposals in three major initiative areas that will require funding: adaptation to the effects of climate change; implementation of the Governor’s directive on marine protected areas, including marine reserves; and habitat restoration as a tool for water management conservation policies.

Thank you again for this opportunity and we look forward to working closely with you in the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russ Goeflich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Russ" being more prominent than the last name "Goeflich".

Vice President and State Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nan Evans". The signature is cursive and appears to be written in a slightly slanted position.

Director of Government Relations

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I support the request for \$850,000 to support the water program. Full funding of the water capacity program is essential to determining and protecting peak flows.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Full protection of instream water rights - placing fish, all aquatic species and riparian plants before human and livestock.

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Additional comments?

Too much of our waterways are knowingly over-appropriated. It's time to stop this uneducated allocation and put in place full protection of instream water rights w/ good documentation of peak flow figures. Protect Oregon's Rivers & wildlife!

Cathy Troplell  
2409 East N Ave  
La Grande OR 97850



**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:49 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: 2009-11 Budget Town Hall Comments

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**From:** John Frewing [mailto:jfrewing@teleport.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:12 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** 2009-11 Budget Town Hall Comments

Gentlemen:

I am unable to attend the closest Town Hall on your 2009-11 budget, but want to make sure that you receive and consider my thoughts.

I want to urge full funding of the proposed 'water resources' budget, some \$800K.

Two experiences in my personal life demand that I send this comment as soon as possible. 1) I was a member of the Water Resources Commission several years back and on different occasions we had before us applications or other issues (eg rulemaking) where there were issues of competing needs for water for fish and other water habitat wildlife against the desire for water for (largely) agriculture. We DID NOT HAVE ODFW COMMENT on a number of these issues because of lack of staff, although when ODFW staff did comment on issues, it was generally very good -- technically strong and even handed regarding competing needs for resources. We need ODFW staff to comment and consider the continuing applications and rulemakings which can affect the amount and timing of water in streams! 2) More recently, in a DSL contested case proceeding regarding a culvert and fill near my home (I am now retired, living in Tigard), ODFW staff was not available to do the early onsite review of the situation where anadromus fish are known to frequent and specify conditions which would best suit the needs of these fish and other wildlife along a stream where connectivity was to be lost. Without such review of the case specifics, the ODFW staff merely specified some generic comments which were endorsed by ODFW management in the contested case proceeding -- no site visit was ever made by ODFW. Again, we need ODFW staff to comment and consider site specific situations in DSL removal and fill permit applications.

I could go on at length about these two experiences, but take my word -- Oregon's habitat is not getting the protection it deserves without careful and competent ODFW review of other agency actions affecting water quantity and stream passage conditions. If you have questions, please do contact me. If you see the essence of my comment, please FULLY FUND THE WATER RESOURCES PORTION OF YOUR 2009-11 BUDGET!!

Sincerely

John Frewing  
7110 SW Lola Lane  
Tigard, OR 97223

503-245-5760  
jfrewing@teleport.com

4/25/2008

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:48 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: comment form

-----Original Message-----

**From:** alexandra pengelly [mailto:hugalexa@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:24 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** comment form

For the Comment Form:

I support full funding for the ODFW water program. Water is an increasingly important resource and issue related to all aspects of fish and wildlife. protection of peak flows for fish are absolutely vital to the survival of many native species.

Thank You,  
Alexa Pengelly  
Portland, OR 97210

Columbia Riverkeeper

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**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:48 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: 2009-11 Biennium

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**From:** Nancy Nichols [mailto:nancyn@efn.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:07 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** 2009-11 Biennium

I support full funding of ODFW "water program" as way to protect instream rights.

Nancy Nichols  
93849 Deadwood Creek Road  
Deadwood, OR 97430

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

This note is to record my strong support for the funding of ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal. I believe that full funding for the water program should be considered the highest priority and is key for protecting Oregon's rivers and streams in support of the fish and other wildlife that depends on them. In addition, "peak flows" should be the key component of the final "water program" budget. Without adequate staff to protect them, our precious Oregon water ways will be lost.

*respectfully,*

*Sharon C. Pintarelli 5115 NE Mallory Ave. Portland, OR 97211*

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Additional comments?

**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 5:13 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: 2009-2011 Agency Budget  
**Attachments:** AR comments\_2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings.doc

Fee increase comments. Thx  
Rick

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 5:06 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: 2009-2011 Agency Budget

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**From:** Brett Swift [mailto:[bswift@americanrivers.org](mailto:bswift@americanrivers.org)]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 12:07 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** 2009-2011 Agency Budget

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached please find American Rivers' comments on the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's proposed budget for 2009-2011. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,  
Brett

Brett Swift  
American Rivers  
320 SW Stark Street, Suite 412  
Portland, OR 97204  
503.827.8648  
503.827.8654 (fax)  
[www.AmericanRivers.org](http://www.AmericanRivers.org)

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

American Rivers strongly supports full funding of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife "water program capacity" proposal. Full funding of the water program should be a priority of the department. And, ODFW Must ensure that the determination and protection of peak flows are key components of the final water program budget.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Additional comments?

It is critical during this time of increasing demand for water that agencies have the necessary tools to ensure protection of Oregon's rivers and streams. Instream flows, including peak flows, must be established and protected. The agency must ensure that the ecological needs of our rivers are considered and protected in water allocation decisions.

**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** Ashland Creative [scarpaci@mind.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 1:06 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Full Funding  
**Attachments:** 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc

Please see attached form.

Thank you,

Mark

"Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind." Rudyard Kipling

Mark Scarpaci  
Ashland Creative  
238 E. Main Street, Suite C  
Ashland, Oregon 97520  
Phone: 541-552-0777  
Fax: 541-552-0788

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why? possible. I strongly support full funding of ~~ODFW's water program capacity proposal and urge ODFW~~ to ensure that the determination and protection of "peak flows" be key component of final "water program" budget.

Thank you, Mark Scarpaci

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Additional comments?

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** PAUL FRANKLIN [p.franklin@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 9:44 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Comments on Proops Budget

**Attachments:** 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc



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Attached are my comments on proposed ODFW budget for the proposed water program.

Thanks

Paul L. Franklin  
PH: 503-644-8958  
FAX: 503-644-8553  
p.franklin@verizon.net

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

Strongly support funding for ODFW's water program capacity proposal. Full funding of this proposal should be a major priority. I also urge ODFW to ensure that peak flows are a key component of the final water program and budget.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Additional comments?

**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** Bonnie Lamb [lamb5b@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 9:07 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** comment letter  
**Attachments:** 3382300114-2008 ODFW Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc

I have attached a comment letter to this email. Thank you for considering it.

Bonnie Lamb

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

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What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

My comments are specific to the proposed budget for the agency's Water Program for the 2009-2011 biennium. I am in STRONG support of such a program and believe that full funding of this program should be a top priority. The positions created under this program will be a critical component to protecting the state's streams and rivers and the aquatic life that lives in them. Funding of these positions will ensure that fish and river needs are considered in all water allocation decisions as the OWRD relies on ODFW to assess the impacts of proposed dams and/or water withdrawals on aquatic life.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Gretchen Oosterhout Hunter [gretchenhunter@embarqmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 8:29 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** proposed agency budget for 2009 - 2011

I strongly support the \$850k draft proposal that includes funding for an instream flow specialist, a hydrologist, and a team leader and two associated regional positions to work on water right application issues.

These positions are critical to protecting Oregon's rivers and streams and the fish and other aquatic species that depend upon them. Funding of these positions will help ensure that instream water rights are protected, that the state moves forward in its determination and protection of "peak flow" needs of rivers and fish, and, importantly, that fish and river needs are considered in water allocation decisions. The Water Resources Department depends on ODFW to assess the impacts of proposed dams and water withdrawals on streams and fish. Without adequate ODFW staffing our precious river resources are at risk in water permitting decisions

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Gretchen Hunter  
Oosterhout Vineyards  
Eagle Point, OR  
(541) 826-5569

**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** Trudy Margules [words1930@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 9:43 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Water Program Budget

I support the full funding of the water program which should be a high priority for ODFW. I also urge ODFW ensure that the determination and protection of peak flows be a key component of the final water program budget.

Trudy Margules  
words1930@gmail.com

**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** Richard Seiple [rseiple@bendbroadband.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 9:36 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Funding of the Water Program capacity proposal

Dear Sirs:

I am a resident of Deschutes County and I strongly support funding of ODFW's Water Program Capacity proposal.

In order to ensure water quality and sufficient flows, full funding of the Water Program must be a priority.

I also strongly urge ODFW to ensure that the determination and protection of "peak flows" be a key component of the final Water Program budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Seiple

Sisters, OR.

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 5:58 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: water program

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Fee increase/budget comments. Thx

Rick

-----Original Message-----

**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 9:38 AM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: water program

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sanders Nye [mailto:sanders@danibath.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 9:24 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** water program

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I believe that funding for water program capacity should be funded to the maximum. Without management of our water we could continue to lose the essential portion of our ecosystem which defines our region and culture. Salmon and Steelhead help define our state and are an essential component in stream health and ecosystem health.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

We need broader and full support for programs like the water program capacity to ensure our state's future health and keep our ecosystems intact. We must support peak water flows as this is critical to all of the rest of the work being done. Peak water flows must be the main component of the water program and should be supported in full with human and other financial resources.

Additional comments?

I grew up in Oregon and strongly identify with the rivers and all that they offer to the citizens. Salmon and Steelhead I believe are what separate our beautiful state from so many others in the Union. We have malls and mainstream America has invaded every facet of our life here in Oregon, and if we lose the very things that define us, we will lose our individuality and identity as a state. This will affect each individual who lives and or will live in the region. We have a responsibility to not only keep what we have, but get back some of what we have lost.

Thanks

Sanders Nye in Bend, OR

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 5:59 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: town hall comments

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Fee increase/budget comments. Thx

Rick

-----Original Message-----

**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 9:37 AM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: town hall comments

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Elise Wolf [mailto:[ewolf@omeri.com](mailto:ewolf@omeri.com)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 27, 2008 11:11 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** town hall comments

Dear ODFW,

Here are our comments for the Budget Town Hall. Thanks so much for all you do.

Ms. Elise Wolf  
Mr. Whitney Lowe  
68955 Graham Ct.  
Sisters, OR 97759

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

We support overall the budget being proposed and full funding for all programs proposed. These programs seem particularly important:

- 1) We support full funding of the ODFW proposed \$850,000 request for its water program. The increased challenges to our rivers makes the ODFW request mandatory. Low river levels, increased threats from development & industry, and climate change are potentially devastating to our rivers here in Oregon.
- 2) Shellfish monitoring and enforcement. We have personally witnessed outrageous abuses of Oregon's shellfish. Over-harvesting will kill this activity eventually and lack of management is a key reason. We support higher license fees for harvesting and fines for violators.
- 3) Nearshore marine species and fish management needs full funding to ensure healthy economy on the coasts and the sustainability of our fishing industry and marine life. In particular, the dead-zone near Newport and other climate change impacts should be looked at.
- 4) We support the Wildlife Conservation Strategy.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

We strongly support the ODFW's water program capacity proposal. Integral to this program should be to determine and protect peak flows in our rivers.

We would like to see more focus on invasive species and climate change.

A study of the impacts of wind power and LNG development must be implemented. This needs far more funding as the move toward these energies is greatly increasing.

Additional comments?

Thanks to all the hard working employees of the ODFW. Oregon greatly appreciates all that you do.

**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** christopher hiatt [dchiatt@hughes.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 10:34 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** water program capacity budget

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB**

**Topic:** ODFW budget for 2007-2009  
**Name:** chris hiatt  
**E-mail:** [dchiatt@hughes.net](mailto:dchiatt@hughes.net)

**Comment:** I write in support of the full funding of the water capacity program budget including determination of peak flows with protection of these flows. I am a fisherman , recreational boater and concerned citizen. Thanks- Chris Hiatt

**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** D GARRETT [thegarrett5@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 10:45 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Comment Form

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Additional comments: What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

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I am hoping that there will not be a fee increase. The number of fishing licenses being issued is declining anyway, an increase would only add to it. If there has to be an increase, I would limit it to 3% - 5% consistent with CPI adjustment in general.

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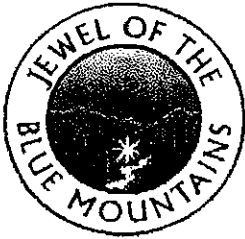
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What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency \_\_\_\_\_

I support ODFW's water program capacity proposal and would like to see full funding of the water program and that the protection of peak flows would be a vital element of that program. Some of



# City of Elgin



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April 8, 2008

Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
Att: Craig Ely  
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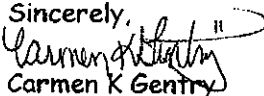
Dear Craig:

I apologize for not being able to make the budge meeting tonight in Island City, Oregon but I wanted to pass along some important points of view from the City of Elgin.

The City has been working closely with Leonard Erickson for the past couple years to handle the deer damage, enhancement and restoration within the City of Elgin. We have over the years acquired a large number of deer within the city limits during the fall and winter months. We have set up ordinances that prohibit residence from feeding the deer nevertheless we still have those who choose to do so. That being said with the help of Leonard and our local law enforcement this year we put together a special hunt as well as trapping and relocating them. I believe that both of these methods worked really well and we have seen a considerable reduction in the amount of deer population within the city limits.

~~We would like to see this program continue because with the large number of deer in town it brings~~  
with it danger to residents and the animals. The deer get caught up in fences more, dogs chase them, cars hit them, and not to mention they bring with them predators into the city limits. I believe last year we had several sightings of large cats in our community which does nothing but intimidate residents from doing outdoor activities. We strongly urge you to continue this program in rural Oregon.

Thank you for your time, and please understand how important this service is to communities like ours.

Sincerely,  
  
Carmen K Gentry  
Mayor  
City of Elgin

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** thebaddog@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2008 9:54 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** changes

**What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?**

I would be willing to support any of the fee increase plans. What I would ask in return is for better opportunities for harvesting salmon.

**What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?**

1) I would like to see commercial gill netting for salmon in the Columbia abolished. The gill netting is a major cause of the decline in sport fishing opportunities I have experienced.

2) I would like to see Sauvie Island dog training areas opened to hound hunters for club sanctioned, night time events. Hound hunters are constantly challenged to find places to train their dogs and stage competitive U.K.C. Nite Hunts. It is very frustrating to have hounds but nowhere to take them. My wife knocked on doors for over four years before she found one landowner to give her permission to run her dog. Opening Sauvie Island to some sort of night time hound access would give many hound owners a close in opportunity to work with their dogs. A license or permit fee could be set up and even though the hound community is rather small, revenue could be generated. In addition to a fee, an agreement could be made with participating clubs to take care of the ongoing problem of garbage being left by daytime users. It is a shame to see the beauty of Sauvie Island so diminished by the amount of garbage left behind. A participating club could have monthly clean-ups.

In the past field trials have been staged by daytime dog owners and many hound owners would like to see Sauvie Island dog training areas opened to night time activities. I believe the impact that hound activities would have on these areas would be small to nonexistent. I am very familiar with the dog training section and there are only two small areas along the Multnomah Channel with residences that might be bothered by any dog barking. These two areas could be off limits.

Thank you,

Robert Wentz

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Gladstone, OR 97027

503-722-1558

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In the middle of difficulty  
Lies opportunity

5/8/2008

**Tom Ruddiman**

**From:** Mike & Mary Cooley [m2cooley@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 9:11 AM  
**To:** Chuck Closterman; ODFW Comments  
**Cc:** Skip Seaver; Bill Jackson; Bob & Carol Rice; Bob Turner; Cole Tidwell; com@charter.net; Ed Chapman; Gary Still; Janos Olah; Jeff Birdsong; Jeff Wood; John Blackledge; Keith Miller; LLoyd Trudeau; Don & Margaret Crow; Marion Turrell; Mike Strahan; Ralph Trigo; Ray Tharp; Richard Emanuel; William Hickey  
**Subject:** Re: Town Hall Meeting Comments

Chuck, your letter should raise a few eyebrows and maybe wake up a few commissioners. I think you should send a cc directly to Barbara Levy our Commissioner Representative for SW Oregon as well as the ODFW Director and local ODFW staff. One to Tom Wolf and David Rogers at TU wouldn't hurt either.

The irony of the ODFW budget process is that they continue to look only at raising fishing and hunting license and tag fees as a source of additional revenue at a time when such revenues form less than 25% of their budget. If the ODFW doesn't find additional revenue sources pretty soon, there will be no one left to do anything.

Mike

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**To:** [ODFW.Comments@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Comments@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [Skip Seaver](#) ; [Bill Jackson](#) ; [Bob & Carol Rice](#) ; [Bob Turner](#) ; [Cole Tidwell](#) ; [Ed Chapman](#) ; [Gary Still](#) ; [Janos Olah](#) ; [Jeff Birdsong](#) ; [Jeff Wood](#) ; [John Blackledge](#) ; [Keith Miller](#) ; [LLoyd Trudeau](#) ; [Don & Margaret Crow](#) ; [Marion Turrell](#) ; [Mike Cooley](#) ; [Mike Strahan](#) ; [Ralph Trigo](#) ; [Ray Tharp](#) ; [Richard Emanuel](#) ; [William Hickey](#)  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2008 11:03 PM  
**Subject:** Town Hall Meeting Comments

Please see the attached Comments from the Middle Rogue Steelheaders regarding the budget development process for the 2009-2013 period. If possible please confirm receiving this email and the attached comments.

Best regards;

Chuck Closterman - President Middle Rogue Steelheaders  
541-659-1280

"May we never confuse honest dissent with disloyal subversion. "  
Dwight D Eisenhower

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** Chuck Closterman [fishon2@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2008 11:04 PM  
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**Attachments:** ODF&W 2009-2013 Budget Input.doc

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To: ODF&W  
Attn.: Mr. Roy Elicker & Members of the ODF&W Commission  
RE: Comments on the 2009-2013 Agency Budget Development  
Date: 5-03-08  
From: The Middle Rogue Steelheaders – Chapter # 649 of Trout Unlimited (Grants Pass, OR)

Mr. Elicker and Members of the Commission

I am writing to you as the President of the Middle Rogue Steelheaders, Chapter # 649 of Trout Unlimited, on behalf of the Board of Directors and the general membership. We understand that you and the staff at ODF&W have a very tough job and we want to say “Thank You” for allowing us to have this input. The following are our comments regarding the upcoming 2009-2013 Budget development process.

What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

After reporting to the Board of Directors, following the Town Hall meeting held in Central Point, the majority of the board and membership that responded to a club questionnaire stated the following;

- Fee Package “A” for Commercial Fees was supported by 100% of the club. Having commercial fishing interests fund the costs of managing commercial fisheries is an absolute minimum requirement.
- The majority of the membership supported Recreational fee increases and were split about 50/50 between fee option “C” and “D”, with a couple of people not supporting any fee increase. We support this fee increase because we, like ODF&W managers, want to stay ahead of inflation and increase services.

What type of investments or programs would you like to see in the agency?

- *Our # 1 concern is the loss of fish habitat in SW Oregon.* The *lack of enforcement* of existing laws allows ignorant or selfish landowners to dump yard waste into rivers, cut down trees needed for shade along the banks of rivers and streams and take water from streams and rivers to which they have NO rights. We want to see money put to use enforcing existing laws that protect our anadromous fish “nurseries” including BOTH habitat and minimum water flows.
- As part of this concern we feel it is absolutely imperative that a *stream restoration biologist* be hired for the Upper Rogue River. As a club we spend thousands of dollars and put in thousands of hours in restoration projects every year and we expect to be supported by ODF&W.
- A major part of the stream restoration projects for the Rogue River must include *the removal of outdated and unused dams* along the tributaries of the Rogue River. Most of these dams are small and no longer serve any purpose. Their removal will open up hundreds of miles of prime spawning areas for Coho and steelhead. A stream restoration biologist is an essential part of this project.
- The Middle Rogue Steelheaders also support spending funds on the *Conservation Strategy Implementation* in general and the *Salmon and Steelhead Conservation Plans* in particular.
- We also support the *addition of more OSP Fish & Game* officers for the Rogue River. As fine a job as the few OSP Officers are doing now they simply cannot cover all of the Rogue River and far too many illegal activities can simply slip by undetected.

Additional Comments:

- The first item listed under ODF&W Agency Principles is *“Fiscal Integrity.”* As the largest chapter (# 649) in Oregon of the largest fly fishing organization in the nation, Trout Unlimited, I’m sure this comment seems a little odd, but we believe it’s long over due. The **“FREE RIDE”** given to fly fishermen who receive special privileges, via Fly Fishing ONLY regulations, to fish some of the finest and most pristine rivers and streams

in Oregon without charge must end. What makes fly fishermen so special that they are allowed to fish these semi-private sanctuaries for free? All other sportsmen, whether they are anglers or hunters, pay for tags and/or stamps to access restricted areas, use restricted equipment, or hunt restricted species. We **STRONGLY encourage the addition of a requirement for a MINIMUM \$20 - \$25 "fly fishing only" stamp or license** for those anglers who use the fly fishing only areas on rivers like the Umpqua, the Deschutes, and the John Day etc. This change will put fly fishermen on the same footing as the rest of the PAYING sportsmen in Oregon and raise thousands of dollars to fund ODF&W. The good old boy special privilege approach to creating No-Charge fly fishing play grounds is poor fiscal management of valuable state resources and abhorrent to those of us with any sense of fairness. Just because several former members of the ODF&W Commission were fly fishing aficionados did not give them the right to lock up rivers, owned by all the citizens of Oregon, for their personal use and to allow fly fishing only areas to exist without paying for the privilege. In an era where the citizens of Oregon are demanding open government and the end to the abuse of position for personal gain the "**FREE RIDE**" given to the fly fishing community by fly fishing advocates on the commission reeks of conflict of interest and very questionable ethics. In addition to ignoring ODF&W's principle of fiscal integrity, restricted "fly fishing only" areas are grossly unfair to those citizens of Oregon who cannot afford \$1,200 (or more) to purchase fly fishing gear. The "Fly Fishing Only" regulations also seem to violate Oregon's Constitution. The **Oregon Bill of Rights Section 20 - Equality of Privileges and Immunities of Citizens** states "**NO LAW SHALL BE PASSED GRANTING TO ANY CITIZENS OR CLASS OF CITIZENS PRIVILEGES. . . WHICH UPON THE SAME TERMS, SHALL NOT EQUALLY BELONG TO ALL CITIZENS.** Since we all pay the same fees (the same terms) for our basic angling license and steelhead/salmon tags, creating laws that allow special fly fishing only areas WITHOUT CHARGE clearly grants to a special class of citizens, the elite fly fisherman, privileges which are not equally available to all citizens that purchase an angling license and salmon/steelhead tag. Fly Fishing Only regs were NOT created based on science or biology rather they are "social" laws (AKA "Special Privileges) and as such these "social" laws must follow the law and the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

- We also believe that expenses incurred by Energy Development companies must be borne by those companies and NOT subsidized by the sportsmen or citizens of the state of Oregon. Therefore we strongly object to any ODF&W funding, regardless of the source, being given to fund the five positions required to address recent demands related to the development of ocean wave energy and/or land based energy projects. If these projects need to be monitored and managed, and we believe that they do, then the costs for this monitoring and management MUST be paid by the industries creating the problems and not the sportsmen or citizens or Oregon.
- With the exception of the items listed above, we support the potential fund requests as listed on pages # 11, 12 and 13 of the ODF&W "Town Hall Meetings" packet.
- One final comment. The funding given to ODF&W by the Oregon State Legislature is way too low considering the economic impact of hunting and fishing in Oregon. The economic contributions to the state of Oregon by sportsmen far exceeds the paltry \$16,780,000 doled out to the Oregon Department of Fishing and Wildlife and we urge Mr. Elicker to convey this message to the state legislature.

Sincerely;

*Chuck Closterman*

Chuck Closterman - President

For the Board of Directors

and on behalf of the general membership of the Middle Rogue Steelheaders

**Tom Ruddiman**

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**From:** johanna mccloskey [hannajo31@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 12:18 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Town Hall Comment card 5/5/08  
**Attachments:** 1253254802-2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc

Please submit as a part of the ODFW water program capacity proposal.

Thank you kindly,

Johanna Lopes  
2406 SE 28th Place  
Portland, OR 97214

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ A reasonable increase would support the critical positions needed to protect Oregon's rivers and streams. Because these are very important to me, I'd be willing to support the needed increase.

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What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ The agency should put conservation and restoration at the top of it's priorities. Our water's are precious commodities that are unique and special to our state. This is very important to me and dictates how I vote.

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Additional comments? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ These positions are critical to protecting Oregon's rivers and streams and the fish and other aquatic species that depend upon them. Funding of these positions will help ensure that in stream water rights are protected, that the state moves forward in its determination and protection of "peak flow" needs of rivers and fish, and, importantly, that fish and river needs are considered in water allocation decisions. Without adequate ODFW staffing our precious river resources are at risk in water permitting decisions. \_\_\_\_\_

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April 29, 2008

ODF & W  
3406 Cherry Ave., NE  
Salem, Oregon

Re: 2009-2011 budget process

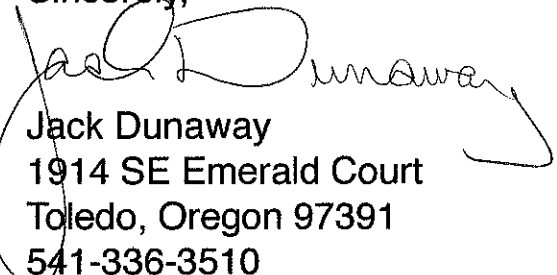
Thank you for inviting me to attend a local town hall meeting concerning your agencies budget process. I attended the Newport meeting and would like to comment on the tag and license fees. Specifically the non-resident elk hunting tag fee.

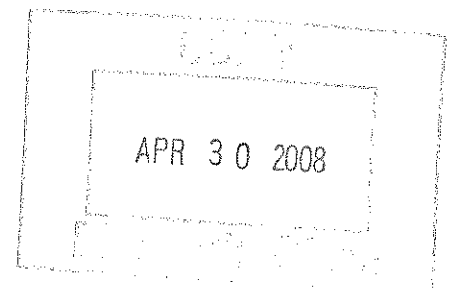
I believe the non-resident elk tag fee is way to low. I checked almost all of the elk tag fees in the Western United States and found that the Oregon tag fee is lowest of all. This hurts me, an Oregon resident in at least two ways. 1.) The low tag fee encourages nonresident hunters to apply, thereby decreasing my chances of drawing a tag and 2.) if I hunt a general season it increases the hunting pressure decreasing the quality of the hunt. Both of these are negative impacts to me and decrease the chances for other Oregon families continuing hunting traditions.

I would like to suggest that ODF & W raise the non-resident elk tag to the range of \$750-\$1000. The average of the seven closet western states is ~ \$750 so that should be fair. Since Oregon is a very good elk hunting destination stuck between two high population centers (California & Washington) this higher fee may help to distribute the elk hunting competition to other western States and improve the opportunities for a quality elk hunting experience for mine and other Oregon families.

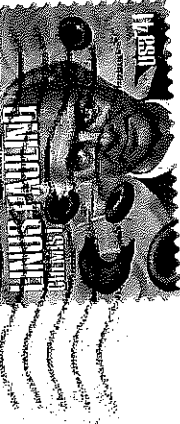
Thanks for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Dunaway  
1914 SE Emerald Court  
Toledo, Oregon 97391  
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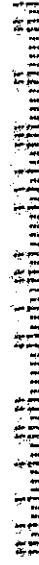
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April 15, 2008

Roy Elicker, Director  
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
3406 Cherry Ave. NE  
Salem, OR 97303

Dear Director Elicker:

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties, I have a specific request related to your agency's budget for biennium 2009-11. I trust that this request is well timed, because you are in the process of conferring with your External Budget Advisory Committee about this very subject.

AOC urges ODFW to include in its budget a total of \$1.9 million to support the activities in Oregon of USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services. This figure is based on the contribution for this purpose by counties statewide during the 2007-09 biennium. We are convinced that since jurisdiction over wildlife rests with the State, it is critical that the State contribute as least as much as counties to control the negative impacts of the growing population of wildlife.

The immediate and long-term budget challenges facing counties are well documented, so we can empathize with your own budget constraints. Nevertheless, counties will continue to be a partner in this activity to the extent that we can, but we can no longer carry a disproportionately heavier load.

Please let us know what AOC needs to do, if anything, to cause this defensible and important budget enhancement.

If you have any questions, please contact Gil Riddell at AOC.

Best regards,

Commissioner Bill Bellamy, Jefferson County  
President, AOC

- c. Ron Anglin, Wildlife Division Administrator, ODFW  
Dave Williams, USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services



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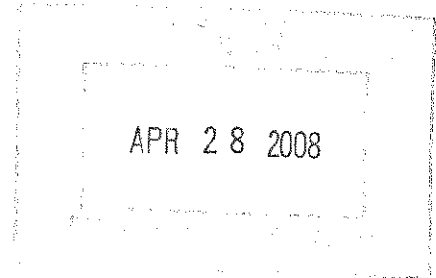
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April 25, 2008



Roy Elicker  
Oregon Dept. Fish and Wildlife  
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Director Elicker,

The Oregon Fish Screening Task Force would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed 2009-2011 budget. This task force was created in 1991 to advise the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in the development of a comprehensive cost-sharing program for the installation of fish screening or by-pass devices in water diversions. A specific duty of this task force as defined in ORS 496.085 is to advise the Department in establishing a stable and equitable funding system for the installation and maintenance of fish screening and by-pass devices. The Task Force has struggled for several years with the issue of how to pay for the statutorily mandated requirement for ODFW to provide all major maintenance of fish screens installed with state funds that are less than 30 cfs.

The current fish screens surcharge of \$0.25 was established in 1991 and remains at the same amount today. At the time this surcharge was enacted, the Fish Screening Program also received a similar amount of general fund money. These two sources of money were available for and used to cover maintenance expenses at fish screens installed by the Fish Screening Program. This general fund allocation averaged \$496,221 in the biennia between 95-97 and 99-01. The general fund allotment was drastically reduced in the 03-05 biennium and completely eliminated in the 05-07 biennium. This loss of general fund money reduced the ability of the Fish Screening Program to complete maintenance work as required by statute (ORS 498.306) and necessary to provide adequate fish protection.

In the 17 years since the surcharge was established, the Fish Screening Program has installed and become responsible for the major maintenance of 1,266 screens without any increase in the surcharge amount. Additional screens will continue to be installed in the coming years, raising the number of sites the Program has major maintenance responsibility for. The revenue generated by the license surcharge has been relatively stable, but losing the general fund contribution has limited the programs ability to properly monitor and maintain the fish screens installed. While ODFW receives approximately \$4 million per biennium to install screens none of these funds are allowed to be used for maintenance.

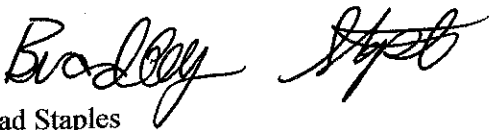
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Roy Elicker,  
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The Oregon Fish Screening Task Force requests that the angling license surcharge be increased to \$1.00 as part of the 2009-2011 budget development process. The Task Force appreciates the proposed \$0.25 increase but does not feel it is sufficient to cover the ongoing maintenance costs of the annually increasing number of fish screens in operation.

Oregonians have made a great investment through the Measure 66 funded program, spending in excess of 20 million dollars to install fish screens. Therefore, it is imperative that we provide the proper maintenance of these facilities to fully realize the benefits that these screens provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Staples", written over a horizontal line.

Brad Staples  
Chair Fish Screening Task Force

cc: Marla Rae, OFWC  
Laurie Byerly, ODFW  
Ed Bowles, ODFW  
Ray Hartlerode, ODFW  
Alan Ritchey, ODFW  
John Benton, FSTF  
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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

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I have watched the level of service and the condition of facilities decline over the last ten years. It is time to revitalize ODFW & get back to the service & support of the past

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Warm Water Stamp - MAKE SURE WARM WATER Fishing does NOT take a back seat

Additional comments?

Keep the Slot limit on Large Mouth BASS at Ten Mile Lakes - I IS ATTRACTING MORE fisherman, bringing more recreation money into the local economy

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why? Up to 10% - The State of Oregon needs more game officers.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency? MORE Game Officers

Additional comments? Since we live in the Moury Unit, we would like to see a restriction like the Ochoco Unit has for bow season. And less deer and elk tags.

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

For the next 5 yrs a 3% increase would be appropriate. What you are proposing is way out of line. Cuts have to be made from the top down. Your empire is going to crumble if changes are not made!

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Yours top heavy in personnel and not enough workers on the bottom end. I think all your game + fish laws need to be changed up and many eliminated. It takes a lawyer to read the regs. now. Better management of our game has to be accomplished to increase opportunity. It is cheaper not to hunt for 5 yrs, save money and hunt out of states at least there

Additional comments?

would be a good chance of getting something. Sportmen groups are giving you money for this study, that study, this project/that project and what has been accomplished! Less game and more restrictions and higher fees. I heard say that the habitat is at fault. This is a creek! I and others that are out there most of the year can see what the habitat is and there is plenty but no game. Fishing in most streams is miserable and to fish for one fish or release is not worth the gas to go!

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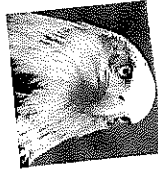
Blame is put on the housing on winter range. Deer come down into the housing areas to get away from predation. They will feed on the green grass in the yards and other plants, now those people that complain need to live with it because they have moved into the deer's food source.

I know of no area where ODFW has improved the habitat just outside the housing areas to encourage the deer to stay away from the housing.

How much of the hunters dollars is being spent on the fish side? If you say none, I find it hard to believe.

The ~~wasted~~ fish due to halibut fishing laws needs to have a law change. The way it is, is crazy!

The Hunter reporting system needs to be made simpler!

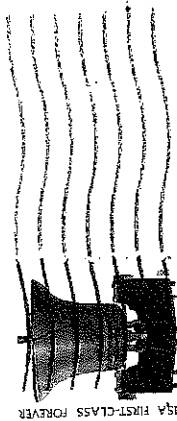
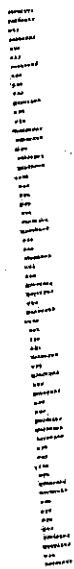


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I apply for non-resident hunting

license and Tags in six other western states and find the fees, in most cases, much higher than for OR. non-residents. Also, there is plenty of demand for Oregon's tags. I would like to see a larger <sup>fee</sup> increase in non-resident tags. I support fee package B increase. Make some increase now to prevent a crisis later!

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

P 25 item 0 OSP Troopers for Eastern OR.

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Additional comments?

I support the addition of two law enforcement personnel to the central Oregon area. The huntable wildlife in this area takes a heavy illegal hit, on a year round basis, from people violating the law. We also get several people who visit this area and find it relatively easy (tempting) to violate game laws. It is also visited by many law-bidding people who would enjoy benefits of more law enforcement. Thanks

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

A 3% increase would be a reasonable amount. However I would not support any increase without a # of tags for big game in Northeast increase. Why pay more for less? If there is an increase in tags or season length I would support a 3% increase. No increase in tags, no fee increase!

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I would love to see a more aggressive plan to control predators including seals on our sturgeon population. More liberal laws to control bears and cougars. More salmon opportunities in North Eastern Oregon.

Additional comments?

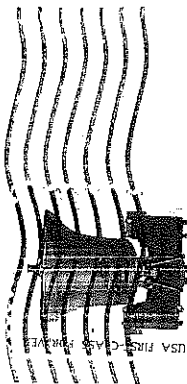
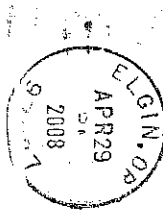
To save money ODFW needs to explore using smaller more fuel efficient rigs. For example I have been checked by a fish checker on the Imnaha 3 times in a week and he was driving a long box, 4 door, Extended cab 4 wheel drive pick-up, 1 person. If ODFW experienced some budget cutbacks I believe you would learn to truly fund only what is essential.

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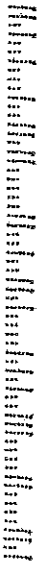
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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

W-12 would support increase to \$200. per year. we already support more such as W-07 which cost us 4.50, or any one purchasing a annual permit because who gets the \$1.50 fee? ODFW. same with W-18. ODFW gets \$10.50 not \$9.00 - Donald M. Wallace

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

W-2 - raised up too much seems to be

W-4 & W-5 Why this big jump? I don't mine these ranches. They just need double fencing to protect them & the wild. This is the only place many people get to see them. They are hard to find in the wild.

W-19 - why 50 more!

W-28 - Just off computer - too high! Can get it in 5 min!

W-29 - from fee to \$10 too high

W-30 too much!

W-31 - fee to \$30 too much!


I don't know about fishing that much many seem to be raised too much. Many of us do not have alot of \$ and these are becoming a real hard ship.

R-4, R-15, R-21, R-22, R-23, R-27, R-30, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-22, R-23  
R-1, R-2, R-15, Donald M. Wallace

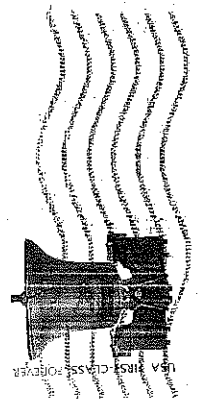
Additional comments?

with so large increases ODFW will have to add many game wardens, because many will not be able to pay such large increases and would result in large increase in poaching. Donald M. Wallace

We are trying our best to introduce young and old alike to hunting and fishing. The higher the price the harder it is to do this.  
Linda M. Wallace

  
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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I can support package C. I do not wish my license fees to increase but I ~~do~~ understand the need for the increase. I do not equate the fees I pay as paying for fish or game. I am paying for access to the resource. I am not a commercial fisherman and I do not feel qualified to comment on commercial fees.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

- \* River and Estuary Guide license and Permit under ODFW
- \* Purview not Marine Board.
- \* Increase in MRP Budget to reflect increase in workload and tasks.
- \* Hatchery Programs <sup>Native Brookstock</sup> need to be reinstated and given the same weight and importance of wild fish recovery.

Additional comments?

- There must be a way to ~~make~~ make others pay to access wildlife and wildlife areas. A Stamp or sticker for your car would be a way to accomplish this. "Wildlife enhancement Stamp"
- Not one penny of license fees can be used for Marine Reserves. A license pays for access to the resource. A Marine reserve prevents access.

- ~~Area~~

A voluntary Marine Reserve Stamp ~~with~~ with funds going to ODFW's MRP ~~and~~ to augment the burden of these Areas on MRP. It would give an opportunity for those who want these areas to fund these areas.

Walter Check  
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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

at the present time I can not

support an increase or very little (cost of living) because of what I perceive

lack of opportunities for sport people especially our youth. Some of these include the recent change in keeping striped steelhead in the Umpqua River system and very limited hatchery programs - i.e. none on N. Umpqua winter steelhead. No stocking of hatchery trout in our beautiful Umpqua River system or N. Umpqua around the parks, campgrounds or fly water etc. Cut banks in Spring Creek hatchery stocking Coho hatchery program. Two staff proposals to further cut opportunities to anglers have been submitted for review on the South Fork Coquille & Tualum River. Perceived aggression by ODFW has prompted Mike Gray to want to shut this water down to all fishing. <sup>the problem with increasing enforcement/fines etc.</sup> Better than that is to invest in the program with increasing enforcement/fines etc.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Better hatchery

Another example of taking the easy way out by ODFW. <sup>programs that put</sup> <sup>in fish where they can under</sup> <sup>the wild fish policy especially for our</sup>

Tele-conferencing for input directly to the Commission on major decision making events such as regulatory decisions that occur in Aug/Sept. Better accessibility to Commission members to discuss major issues such as significant regulatory changes. We certainly need a better process than seven commission members of which most are out of the area making significant regulatory changes for the region.

Additional comments?

are out of the area making significant regulatory changes for the region

I believe local control & decision making needs to occur in each region rather than in Salem with seven Commission members who I do not fully believe understand the significance and situation in each of the regions. I believe our legislature needs to look at this state agency in detail and change is in order.

Mike Gray

### Question 1.

Frankly, I am very frustrated and ashamed with the ODFW and the decision making process and firmly believe our legislators need to vigorously and quickly investigate thoroughly the structure and makeup of this agency. Change is desperately needed. I as a sportsperson will continue to pursue support from our legislators to continue to look at the ODFW for much needed help and improvement so that there are increased opportunities for all concerned, especially our youth. Currently what has happened to our Olympia system and especially the North Olympia system is appalling and very negative, especially to our youth. We have some of the best waters in the country and we can not justify a hatchery program for trout in our rivers. And cut backs in Coko + Chenook hatchery programs. For these reasons and the current process in place with our Commission I can not support an increase. The ODFW and Commission have failed the general sportsperson and our youth in this region. Commentation, especially at the Commission level (who ultimately ~~are~~ the decision makers) is ~~being~~ extremely poor, at best.

### Question 2: tele. conferencing

If the Dept cannot justify the expense of an "in system" at the regional office BCC has that capability to use/lease for those occasions where tele-conference would be beneficial for representation from all spectrums of users beyond guides & the steamboat.

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I would be willing to support the fee increase deemed appropriate by ODFW.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

The draft proposal "water program" is important. We need the protection for survival of Oregon's fish population. We need the protection of instream water rights. We need to determine the peak flow requirements.

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Additional comments?

- 1) I strongly support ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal.
- 2) I believe that full funding of the "water program" should be a priority.
- 3) ODFW should determine peak flow requirements and should protect the peak flows. These should be key components of the final "water program" budget.

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

Reasonable -

1. Turkey TAGS For Resident And Non resident are UNreasonable increases. They have increased many % over the last 10 years.

2. DEER, ELK, BEAR, & SALMON TAGS seem to be reasonable increases for your 2009-2011 Budget.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Change - The hunting license that has room for HiP Crow Validation - Next space Add shellfish - Next space Add SEA DUCK ect - SALMON TAG - Shorten Length - Put HALIBUT & Sturgeon on BACK like old tag -

Additional comments?

The increase for Preference TAG Charge is not reasonable 3.00 - 6.00 How About 3.00 - 4.50 Then 6.00 in three years. People will stop applying And you will loose money

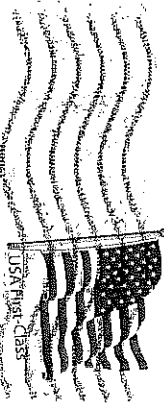
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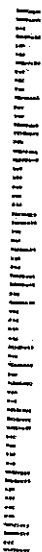
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I SUPPORT THE FEE INCREASES EXCEPT I DON'T THINK A TURKEY TAG SHOULD COST MORE THAN A BEAR, COUGAR TAG OR BOBLAT HARVEST CARD. NOBODY I TALK TO THINKS THE TURKEY TAG SHOULD COST SO MUCH, IT SHOULD BE VERY CHEAP!! - ALSO YOUTH HUNTERS SHOULD GET A SPORTS PACK FOR 1/2 PRICE.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

MAKE OSP TROOPERS WORKING FISH AND GAME.

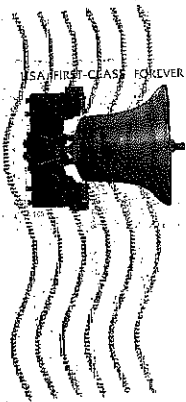
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Additional comments?

ODFW BIOLOGISTS ARE VERY HELPFUL AND INFORMATIVE WHEN I HAVE DEALT WITH THEM. THEY DO A GOOD JOB! THANK YOU.

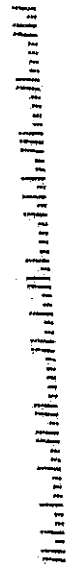
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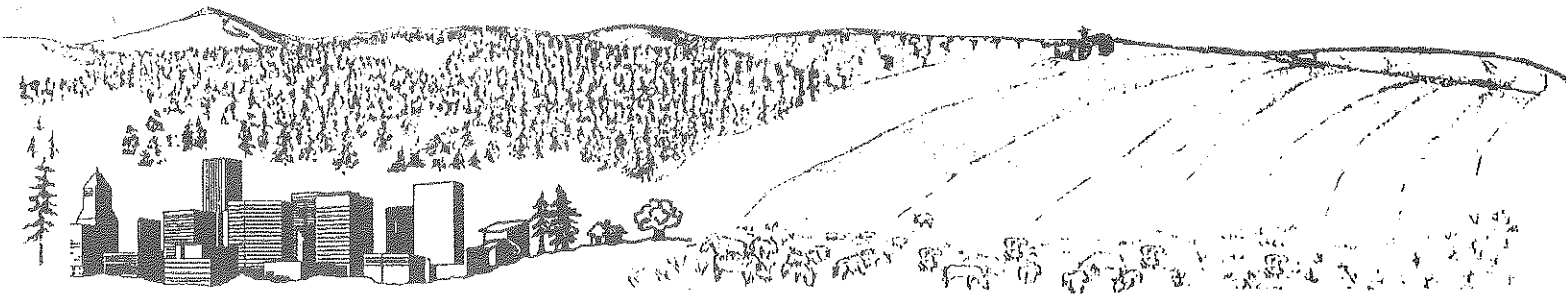


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April 7, 2008

Mr. Roy Elicker, Director  
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Clackamas, Oregon

Dear Mr. Elicker:

The West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, of which I have served as an elected member for 27 years, and chairman for 16 years. The District has long supported the Sturgeon Lake restoration. Its partners in the past re-established a connection to the Columbia River via Dairy Creek in 1991 with the help of numerous collaborative efforts. We and our partners now realize that completing this project, damaged by the 1996 flood is more vital than ever for the ecosystem, including the many salmonid species that once used the lake for rearing.

For purposes of informing those of the public not familiar with this area, it is within the largest of the 10 State refuges and it includes a 3000 acre lake and wetland ecosystem on Sauvie Island.

Our District has the Sturgeon Lake project as one of our top priorities in our strategic business plan and during our efforts to successfully secure our tax base, we informed the public that this project was one our top priorities. The board has hired a very experienced District Manager, Dick Springer, to help all partners success with this project and are working closely with NW Resource Conservation & Development to secure funding.

We are working with many partners to obtain funding for the Sturgeon Lake project and are in the final steps of finalizing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with them in order to establish a project management team of agencies, organizations and local government, as we had done in the past.

These partners stand ready to work with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife(ODFW) and sign this MOU. Our District strongly encourages ODFW to make a budget commitment for this project for 2009 and 2011 and formally send the MOU to these partners to re-establish the Sturgeon Lake Management council. We are hoping that ODFW will provide leadership at this critical time.

Sincerely,

Brian W. Lightcap  
Chair WMSWCD



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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I support most fee increases

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Invest in Sangon Lake restoration

Additional comments?

<sup>that</sup> I noted National # in Oregon that there is a serious decline in Outdoor Experiences. This needs to be addressed! There is <sup>a state</sup> "Ats in the Classroom" program could there be a "Natural Resources in the Classroom" In good max PR to get younger people outdoors

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I have no problem with fee increase as long as it is implemented in a responsible way. The burden of ~~the~~ increased fishing opportunities should ~~not~~ fall on the backs of wild salmonids

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Serious re-assessment of north coast wild steel head broodstock program. Discounting the obvious impact on native stock there is the cost of the program that troubles me.

Additional comments?

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I would not be averse

to a substantial increase in fees. Foregoing one Dutch Brothers a month = \$60/year. A 25% increase in licenses and 25% in Tags would still be acceptable to me. Hell, \$50 for a license is not bad! and \$50 for an elk tag isn't either!

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Hunter Ed...

Dollars, how many?, need to be earmarked to change the test for Hunter Education. I am an active H.E. Instructor, # 91651. The new test is non-functional! Keep the book, let us instructors write our own test! If we must teach 9 year olds, the test must be reworked! Cost? \$5,000?? - \$10,000

Additional comments?

How do we get more Troopers in the field and why not have mandatory game check in? That would give us more accurate harvest statistics. Little country stores everywhere could be check in stations, just like Virginia (or used to be in the 1970's).

Respectfully,  
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Bend OR

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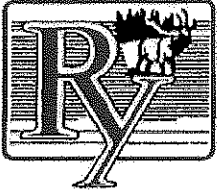
I would support the maximum increase. It's still a bargain. An activity that you can do 365 days a year. \$166<sup>00</sup> for a sportspac - less than 50¢ a day

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

New hunters ed test - If we are trying to recruit juveniles, we don't need to make the program ~~harder~~ harder. I & F in Salem needs to be more responsive to their volunteer instructors.  
Predator Control Check off on internet licenses

Additional comments?

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April 15, 2008

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RE: Proposed Agency Budget for 2009 - 2011

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the agency's budget process by attending the April 9<sup>th</sup>. meeting in Island City, and also by making written comments on the proposed budget.

I support the raising of license and tag fees to the highest level shown in Fee Package D.

I do have some comments as related to the Potential Investments and the existing program of work.

Existing program of work:

- The coastal fishing reductions could affect the budget, programs, and staffing state wide. A possible fix could be made by dipping into the reserve fund or a reduction in the Potential Investments program.
- Federal regulations and requirements (NOAA Fisheries) are an extra work load and even though the Department created addition positions in Salem to minimize the impact to the District and local offices, a large time burden falls on the local biologists. There is a need to add fisheries biologists at the district and /or local levels to respond to this increasing work load.

These issues and others of the same type should be recognized and accounted for in this budget period.

Potential Investments:

- The Department needs to recognize the potential impact of large predators on game numbers (thereby affecting numbers of licenses and overall long term budgets). The need to do research and studies as to the impacts of the large predators (cougar and wolf) and to develop and implement long term plans and guidelines to manage game and predator numbers will be a major item with the next six years. I consider this the highest priority for investment.
- In the Administration Services section should be contracting all possible services to increase cost effectiveness in such items as Web and Network Support.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Bruce H. Dunn  
Forester

**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2008 8:03 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: (no subject)

Fee increase comments. Thx

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2008 8:02 AM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: (no subject)

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**From:** Randyprociw@aol.com [mailto:Randyprociw@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 12, 2008 7:07 AM  
**To:** ODFW Info  
**Subject:** (no subject)

**WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR RAISING FEES FOR FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES? MAYBE RAISE THE OUT OF STATE FEES. I'VE LIVED HERE 56 YRS. & FISHED HERE ALL MY LIFE , & I DON'T SEE MUCH DIFFERENCE FOR THE GOOD. CAN'T YOU MANAGE THE MONEY YOU GET A LITTLE BETTER? TIRED OF INCREASE FEES WITH NO RESULTS.**

**[randyprociw@aol.com](mailto:randyprociw@aol.com)**

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

A 3% increase would be a reasonable amount. However I would not support any increase without a # of tags for big game in Northeast increase. Why pay more for less? If there is an increase in tags or season length I would support a 3% increase. No increase in tags, no fee increase!

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I would love to see a more aggressive plan to control predators including seals on our sturgeon population. More liberal laws to control bears and cougars. More salmon opportunities in North Eastern Oregon.

Additional comments?

To save money ODFW needs to explore using smaller more fuel efficient rigs. For example I have been checked by a fish checker on the Imnaha 3 times in a week and he was driving a long box, 4 door, Extended cab 4 wheel drive pick-up, 1 person. If ODFW experienced some budget cutbacks I believe you would learn to truly fund only what is essential.

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2008 4:33 PM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: odfw budget

Fee increase comment. Thx

Rick

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2008 3:25 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: odfw budget

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**From:** Margery Whitmer [mailto:fish@bettykaycharters.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2008 1:05 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** odfw budget

To Whom it may concern,

We do not want the non resident shell fish license or the one day fishing license raised. \$12 is to tops for a fisherman to pay for a one day fishing license.

thank you for considering this comment in your upcoming budget proposals.

Bill Whitmer  
Betty Kay Charters  
Charleston Oregon

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

Living in Portland,

I would support the fees proposed on Sawie Island, maybe year long passes for usage but keep in mind that many Portlanders use those areas and outreach on Sawie Island would be needed as well for residents.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I would like

to see more outdoors involvement/program work with youth in the city to get outdoors; learning how to fish, participating in wildlife counts etc... I would also like to see even more work done on the nearshore aspects in Oregon waters to better understand what resources we have, so they <sup>can</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>continue</sup> ~~to prep~~ <sup>to prep</sup>

Additional comments?

I am very supportive of of the conservation strategy implementation proposed in your budget. I am very excited to see the implementation of the Nearshore Strategy as ODFW gets more involved in maintaining a healthy Ocean and nearshore area. It is very important that we continue to understand the ecological impacts and improvements that we could be making - to further ensure that it continues to thrive.

More investment in what ODFW does and how  
to increase participation in activities (i.e.  
I support the marketing position and encourage  
expenditure in this area).

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 10:23 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: non-game wildlife programs

Fee increase comments

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 9:58 AM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: non-game wildlife programs

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**From:** Annie Burnham [mailto:[bananie1949@yahoo.com](mailto:bananie1949@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 2:21 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** non-game wildlife programs

I am writing to send my comment to ask that you please do not cut funding for wolf and other non-game wildlife programs. These programs are vital for the welfare of all wildlife which is in turn vital to human life. Thank you, Annie Burnham, Cove, Oregon.

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## Oregon Big Game Funding Proposal

Approximately 6 weeks ago I submitted to the department and various user groups a proposal for completely revamping the way in which big game management programs are funded in the state of Oregon. After attending one of the public hearings held earlier this month, and learning about the timelines that are in place for putting together the next budget, it is apparent that the chances of that proposal being implemented for the next budget cycle are zero.

At the same time, it is also obvious that continuing the same worn out, outdated funding model, as proposed by the department, will not provide sufficient funding to begin to address the very serious problems facing our deer and elk herds. There is little doubt that population numbers will continue to decline for the next several years if the path proposed by the department is adopted.

Given that, I am proposing that pieces of my previous proposal be incorporated into the department's recommendations that will go to the governor in September, with approval sought from the 2009 legislature for the changes to be implemented in 2010.

### Proposal

Starting in 2010, and applying only to Rocky Mountain Elk tags, the following system would be put in place to determine tag numbers:

- The department would determine the number of resident tags to issue for each Rocky Mountain Elk limited entry hunt.
- Once those numbers were established, 10% of the resident tag numbers would be added, and placed in a separate draw for non-residents only.
- Another 5% of the resident tag numbers would be added and placed in a separate draw for resident youth only.
- For those limited entry hunts where the bag limit includes a bull, another 3% of the resident tag numbers would be added and placed in a separate draw for outfitters only.
- The fee for all tags, except resident youth and outfitter tags, would be whichever schedule is approved by the Oregon legislature, schedule b, schedule c or schedule d.
- The fee for resident youth tags would be \$ 10.00.
- The fee for the outfitter tags would be 150% of the non-resident tag fee schedule adopted by the Oregon Legislature.
- This proposal would apply to all limited entry hunts for Rocky Mountain Elk tags, including archery, any weapon, muzzleloader

and youth hunts, and would also apply to over-the-counter elk archery tags.

- For youth hunts, Ochoco antlerless elk for example, the non-resident component would be limited to non-resident youths.
- For Archery hunts with over the counter tags, the 10% non-resident tags, 5% youth tags and 3% Outfitter tags would be calculated using the number of hunters in each unit the previous year. For example, if the Maury unit archery elk hunt had 200 hunters in 2009, the non-resident limited entry draw would have 20 tags, the youth draw 10 tags, and the Outfitter draw 6 tags.
- Every Limited Entry draw would contain at least one permit. For example, the Wenaha any bull hunt would have a minimum of 1 non-resident tag, 1 resident youth tag, and 1 Outfitter tag.
- The 10% add-on tags that is currently implemented for these hunts would be eliminated.

## Financials

In order to calculate the financial impact this proposal would have, I calculated the number of tags that would be issued using 2006 tag numbers, then applied the various increases for certain types of tags. To calculate the income raised, I assumed that Schedule D was approved by the legislature in 2009. I then calculated tag numbers and income generated for all hunts in the Central region for Rocky Mountain Elk. Using those numbers, I projected the total tag numbers and income generated for all Rocky Mountain Elk hunts. Due to differences in current non-resident tag purchases between the regions, the resulting numbers are an estimate, but I believe are very close to what would be realized if each individual hunt were calculated. The comparison has three components, income generated using current tag fees, income generated using Schedule D rates, and income generated under this proposal.

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|---|-----------|
| 2006 Central Region Tags Issued:              | 6,356     |
| 2006 Total Rocky Mountain Elk Tags Issued:    | 51,011    |
| 2010 Central Region Tags Issued/Current Fees: | 6,356     |
| 2010 Central Region Income/Current Fees:      | 289,149   |
| 2010 Total RM Elk Tags/Current Fees:          | 51,011    |
| 2010 Total RM Elk Income/Current Fees:        | 2,320,607 |

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|---|-----------|
| 2010 Central Region Tags Issued/Schedule D Fees:                  | 6,356     |
| 2010 Central Region Income/Schedule D Fees:                       | 360,796   |
| 2010 Total RM Elk Tags/Schedule D Fees:                           | 51,011    |
| 2010 Total RM Elk Income/Schedule D Fees:                         | 2,895,149 |
| 2010 Central Region Tags Issued/this proposal:                    | 6,721     |
| 2010 Central Region Income/this proposal:                         | 583,931   |
| 2010 Total RM Elk Tags/this proposal:                             | 53,918    |
| 2010 Total RM Elk Income/this proposal:                           | 4,687,626 |
| This proposal's numerical increase in tags:                       | 2,907     |
| This proposal's percentage increase in tags:                      | 5.7%      |
| This proposal's numerical increase in income vs current fees:     | 2,367,019 |
| This proposal's percentage increase in income vs current fees:    | 102.0%    |
| This proposal's numerical increase in income vs Schedule D fees:  | 1,791,806 |
| This proposal's percentage increase in income vs Schedule D fees: | 75.6%     |

## Discussion

The underlying assumption behind this proposal is that the big game management program operated by the ODF&W has been seriously underfunded for a number of years. That assumption is based on the following facts:

1. For many years, the department has not completed trend counts on a substantial number of deer and elk management units, even though species management plans assume that management decisions will be made using that information.
2. In spite of decreasing calf/cow ratios in much of eastern Oregon, and research at Starkey Experimental Forest that shows that having mature bulls (3.5 years of age and older) doing the breeding substantially improves calf survival, the department does not evaluate the numbers of mature bulls in existing populations, and does not manipulate harvest levels to assure significant numbers of mature bulls remain in the population during the breeding season.
3. Research at Starkey Experimental Forest, and the conclusions of local dept biologists, make clear that motorized travel causes elk to relocate to other areas, in many cases to areas that result in damage to private lands, or elk remaining in less suitable habitat for significant periods of time. In spite of that research, there has been very limited increase in new road closures and/or expansion of existing road closures.

4. Across most mule deer units, biologists remain convinced that pregnancy rates regularly exceed 100 fawns/100 does, with the most common number quoted being 120/100. Assuming that to be true, the mortality factor on fawns between the fawning season in May-June, and the first trend counts in December exceeds 50% in many units, yet no research is being conducted into the causes of this extreme mortality rate during the summer-fall.
5. In virtually every discussion I have had with biologists and staff at the state and federal level regarding actions that could be taken to improve herd populations, the lack of available funds is always brought up as the major reason why actions aren't undertaken.

Based on numerous internet conversations, and comments made at the public hearing, it is obvious that there is strong resistance within the Oregon hunting community to any fee increases to residents, let alone the amount that would be required to fully fund big game management in Oregon. The department is caught in a downward spiral of lower populations resulting in less tags being issued, which decreases opportunity. At the same time, the experience on the ground for those drawing permits continues to deteriorate in many cases, with a lack of animals and overcrowding of hunters the most common complaint heard.

At the same time, there has been a substantial increase nationally in the number of hunters who have the financial means and desire to pursue hunting opportunities across the west. Several states have tapped into that market to substantially increase their revenue stream. Some examples:

1. In 2006, Wyoming instituted fees for accumulating preference points by species, with fees running from 20.00 per year/point for antelope to 100.00 per year/point for sheep. The fees were instituted for non-residents only, and did not impact resident costs or opportunity in any way. The estimated revenue the first year was more than 3,000,000 dollars, without a single additional tag being issued.
2. Utah has the most restrictive limited entry bull elk hunting in the west, with 2,100 tags issued in 2007. Applicants for those permits were 44,000 residents and 11,000 non-residents. Utah charges the highest resident fee for a limited entry bull elk tag, \$ 280.00, and an upper end amount for a non-resident elk tag at \$ 795.00. This year, Utah instituted changes to the draw process that will raise the fees to unsuccessful applicants substantially, from \$ 5.00 to \$ 75.00 for non-residents, and from \$ 5.00 to \$ 45.00 for residents. Although applicant numbers will not be available until summer, the opinion of many who are involved with Utah's system is that there will be little drop in the number of non-resident applicants, but a significant drop in resident applicants. On the non-resident side, this increase will generate an additional \$825,000.00 for the department.

3. Colorado and Montana are the leaders in generating income from non-residents to support big game management programs. Colorado currently generates more than 50,000,000 per year from the sale of non-resident deer and elk tags, and has just added a \$ 25.00 preference point fee per species for applicants who do not purchase a hunting license or tag once every two years. Montana requires non-residents to apply for a general combination license (\$ 643.00) or a general deer license (\$ 343.00), before a non-resident is allowed to apply for a limited entry hunt. The successful applicant will be charged for the license and tags, but has no guarantee of being drawn for the limited entry hunt, so will either eat the costs of the license/tags, or travel to Montana to participate in a general season hunt, a win for Montana either way.

Over the past 15 years, a number of commercial businesses have become very influential in promoting non-resident hunting throughout the West. Enterprises such as "The Huntin Fool", "Cabela's TAGS" "Eastman's Hunting Journal" etc. have promoted the concept of applying and building points for big game tags in multiple states. They have been a major factor in the substantial increase in the numbers of non-resident applicants applying for permits/points in most western states. In the past these entities have been very critical of Oregon's treatment of non-residents, particularly regarding tag numbers. There is little doubt that these businesses would see the implementation of this proposal in a very positive light, and could be expected to promote participation in Oregon's draw process to their large customer base. In essence, they would become marketing reps for the state in increasing the sale of non-resident licenses and tags.

This proposal only measures the potential increase in funding from the sale of Rocky Mountain Elk tags. There are, however, additional benefits that could be expected if it were to be adopted.

1. By guaranteeing a minimum of 1 non-resident and outfitter tag in all limited entry bull hunts, it is very likely that Oregon would see a substantial increase in the number of non-resident's building preference points, as has happened in other states. Since they would be required to purchase a hunting license in order to apply for points, a substantial increase in non-resident license sales could be expected.
2. By establishing separate draws for resident youths, a much higher percentage of young hunters would have the opportunity to participate in a quality hunt while they are young. In my experience, if a love of hunting is not established at an early age, it is rare for that to develop at a later time in life. Currently, a youth hunter has virtually no chance to draw a high quality tag in Oregon. This proposal gives them that opportunity. Equally important, since they have their own draw, a resident youth hunter can put in for a premium bull elk tag as a first choice, and an antlerless tag or less popular bull tag as

- a second choice, and likely draw. The end result, the youth hunter goes hunting more often, while maintaining the opportunity to receive a high quality tag.
3. In some states, particularly Colorado and Wyoming, non-residents are able to apply for a high quality tag as a first choice, gain a point, and then draw an antlerless or less popular tag as a second choice. This results in the non-resident hunter purchasing both the hunting license and tag, greatly increasing revenue to the department. This is particularly important for Oregon, given the large population of hunters in Washington and California who would be prospective customers. Setting aside tags for non-residents in every limited entry hunt makes this possible.
  4. As a general rule, non-residents are more likely to spend significant dollars in rural communities on hotels, restaurants, supplies, etc. Increasing the number of non-resident tags provides a potentially significant boost during hunting seasons to those communities. In addition, most outfitters are also located in those rural communities, and the additional tags for outfitters would also benefit these communities.

### **Conclusion**

This proposal should be viewed as a first step in the process of overhauling the current funding model for big game programs in Oregon. It allows the department to gain substantial additional income, and evaluate the impact of changes in tag distribution on programs and populations, before implementation on a state-wide, species wide basis. I believe that if those additional funds are used appropriately in beginning the process of reversing the current downward trend in populations, Oregon hunters will be supportive of expanding the new funding model to all deer and elk tag numbers in Oregon, as well as other species where appropriate, such as antelope.

Regardless of how this proposal is eventually viewed, it is obvious that continuing the current funding model will not provide the necessary funding to reverse decreases in deer and elk populations that have occurred over a long period of time. In my view, the current proposal being promoted by the department guarantees the continuation of these decreases, and that is not acceptable. It is time for change. If this proposal is not the best vehicle for that change, I am happy to support an alternative that moves us in the same direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Mike Morris  
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**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 10:03 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web  
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fee increase comments

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 10:00 AM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

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**From:** Robert Morris [mailto:mikemorris@worldnet.att.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2008 3:17 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB**

Topic: Decline of Hunting and Fishing  
Name: Robert M. Morris  
E-mail: [mikemorris@att.net](mailto:mikemorris@att.net)

Comment: I believe if you want to stimulate hunting and fishing in this state you need to take a serious look at **all of** your bureaucratic rules and regulations and the cost of license. When I started hunting in 1959 as a young teenager I was full of enthusiasm and eager to lay down my 1 or 2 dollars for my hunting license and .50 cents for my deer tag that allowed me one buck deer in the state. At today's prices, what young teenager can afford to look forward to purchasing his own license plus fees to hope he may draw a tag to just hunt for a week in the Central or Eastern part of the state. As for fishing in this state, you now need to have a game biologist and an attorney along with you so you will not break any of the many, many rules and regulations that restrict you from a fun day relaxing. You are so worried about breaking a rule it has taking all the fun out of the sport. It seems to me that if you want to encourage the sports that your salary and the funds that support the wildlife in this state, you need to back off and rewrite the rules of the game. As I remember the rules for hunting and fishing used to be two pages long, now look at what we have to read just to catch a fish or go hunting. It isn't worth the effort any more. Bureaucracy has removed any incentive for the young people of today to be or get interested in taking up the sport. It discouraged me years ago and I was a very avid hunter and fisherman. Today when I ask my grandchildren about going hunting or fishing all they have to say is it costs too much and it is too confusing to keep up with the overabundance of regulations. Also when I was in high school, during hunting season the back windows of student pickup trucks had gun racks full of guns for hunting. I believe if more young people were afforded the ability to hunt and fish there would

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be less shootings in our schools. The media and the public have taught our young people to fear guns instead of how to handle them properly. What has the state done to counter these negative teachings to our young people? As far as I can see the state has furthered the negative aspects of gun use and ownership by our young future leaders of this state. Remember they are our future and the way they learn today is how they will govern tomorrow. As it stands right now the future looks pretty bleak for Oregon's fish and wildlife. If it keeps going we will have no need for the Fish and Wildlife division as we know it today. All we will need is somebody that will fund the unhunted and unfished game. Higher costs, more regulations, more anti-hunting and anti-fishing campaigns will not correct the sad situation we face today. If you want to fund the preservation of non-game species tax those that want to protect them as long as they don't have to shoulder the burden of cost. It seems to me the sportsmen are getting the short end of the stick here and are paying to get it at the same time. It also seems to me the state is losing the very ones they need to support their ever increasing rules and regulations. Aren't you eliminating your own lifeline? You should be looking for the cause, we know what the effect is. Well I've put in my two cents worth, take it for what it's worth.

**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 8:44 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 10:08 AM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: proposal to increase license fees

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**From:** Gary Blanchard [mailto:gary@starkerforests.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 8:03 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** proposal to increase license fees

I am a life long Oregonian (69 years). I have a Pioneer license so an increase in license fees won't hurt me, but I believe younger folks are already being discouraged from participating in hunting and fishing by the existing high cost of licenses. It would be interesting to see what would happen if you reduced the license fees by 25%. It might stimulate more interest and thus more revenue. Higher fees will not guarantee more revenue.

As more money is being spent on watchable wildlife activities it seems appropriate to have the general fund support those efforts. People buy licenses so they can harvest (and eat) fish and wildlife so I think the revenue raised from license sales should support fish and wildlife management for consumption. Viewing can be a side benefit.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,

Gary Blanchard  
7250 SW Philomath Blvd  
Corvallis, OR 97333

**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:49 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on ODFW 2009-2011 Budget  
**Attachments:** ODFW Budget 2009.doc

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**From:** H. Tom Davis [mailto:tomlin2@bendcable.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:34 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Comments on ODFW 2009-2011 Budget

Attached are my comments on ODFW's proposed budget as a Word document.

They are also included below.

Tom Davis

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In particular I support funding for ODFW's "water program capacity" proposal

**What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?**

Full funding of the "water program" should be a priority

**Additional comments?**

ODFW must ensure that the determination and protection of "peak flows" be key component of the final "water program" budget.

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**From:** Craig Lacy [mailto:lacyc@bendcable.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:42 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Budget comments

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| What level of fee increase are you able to support and why? |

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I would support a budget that keeps pace with inflation and population growth.

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What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

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I support the proposal to hire staff to preserve and protect instream flows

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Craig Lacy

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**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:48 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment on budget

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From: Bob Bumstead [mailto:bumstead@pacificu.edu]  
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:00 PM  
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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

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I support a level of fee increase that will increase revenues from each transaction but will not be so high as to suppress the public's desire to purchase the licenses, thus resulting in a net loss of revenue.

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What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

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I would especially like to see full funding for your <sup>3</sup>water program capacity<sup>2</sup> program. Even though this is a flush water year, we need a program in place that will protect peak flows in wet years as well as dry years.

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## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 6:32 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: Fee increase comments  
**Attachments:** 2008 Town Hall Budget Meetings Comment Form.doc

Casaria,  
Fee increase comments. Thx  
Rick

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:50 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** Anne W. Squier [mailto:wompsett@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 3:51 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:**

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I am willing to support at least a 50% rise in license fees in order to bring them more in line with the true costs of protection of habitat (including aquatic/wetland habitats) and management of harvest regulations.

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What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I would like to see much better funding of your staffing for evaluation of water resource permit and transfer applications so as to protect instream flows, including peak flows. The state has voiced its policy support for adequate instream flows, but has not devoted sufficient professional resources to implementing that policy. It is time to fully fund our water management programs in the public interest, including adequate technical review staff in ODFW.

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Additional comments?

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## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 9:40 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: 2009-2011 budget biennium comments  
**Attachments:** 2008, Mikes input on ODFW 2009-2011 Budget process.doc

Fee increase comments

Thx  
Rick

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 9:30 AM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: 2009-2011 budget biennium comments

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**From:** Mike & Mary Cooley [mailto:m2cooley@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 18, 2008 11:16 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** 2009-2011 budget biennium comments

Attached are my comments on the ODFW 2009-2011 budget biennium.

April 18, 2008

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Sent via Email to [ODFW.comments@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.comments@state.or.us)

Re: Proposed Agency Budget for 2009-2011

Dear Agency Representative:

I attended a "town hall meeting" in Medford, Oregon on the proposed ODFW budget for 2009-2011 and would like to offer the following written comments.

What level of fee increase are you able to support and why? I have to give you my response from a personal standpoint. I am a native Oregonian that grew up hunting and fishing, completed a career in natural resource management and am now retired. Hunting, fishing and working to improve the natural resources of our state are my passions today. I can afford any of the alternatives A through D so I throw my support to Alternative D which gives the greatest increase in funding to the Department. I also recognize that many others, particularly young families are not so fortunate and are simply being priced out of hunting and fishing.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

1. I would like to see youth licenses and tags available at a much reduced price offered for kids in the 12-17 year old bracket. Frankly, I see too many young families simply priced out of hunting and fishing by today's license and tag fees. I think this is a shame and I think it jeopardizes any growth in these sports in the future.
2. I think the ODFW needs to increase the proportion of its funding that is directed at fish propagation programs. Frankly, I don't think there is any way the natural environment is going to be brought back to the condition it was in even two decades ago. The best we can hope for is to slow down the rate of disturbance. Population growth and disturbance from it are inevitable to some degree. So is the demand for energy and fish to feed the world. I believe the only hope of maintaining fish production is through artificial propagation. Wild fish alone will never meet the ever increasing demand.
3. The price of turkey tags is too high. This is the most common complaint I hear about tags. Turkeys are abundant throughout SW Oregon. They are almost a nuisance in many areas. Turkeys provide one of the few remaining upland bird hunting opportunities for kids. But the price of tags deters involvement.
4. I would like to see an elimination of all the fly fishing only areas around the state. Frankly, I see no biological rationale for these areas. They are nothing but private fishing playground for an elitist class of angler bent on excluding competition. Only 16% of the fishermen in Oregon are fly anglers. By setting up fly only areas the bulk of sportsmen (particularly youths) are excluded. That is wrong. If these areas cannot be eliminated, than I support a premium license (how about \$50) for fly fishermen to use them. The revenues raised could be used to provide opportunities to anglers that are excluded.

5. I think there are more opportunities for use of volunteers to support ODFW programs that need to be developed and/or enhanced.

**Additional Comments:**

I am out of my territory when I comment on how the ODFW generates revenue but I sense an almost fatalistic view of revenue sources. All effort seems to be placed on one small slice of the pie. Emphasis is almost entirely on raising permit/license/tag fees when they will never bring in more than a third of the revenue needed to run the department. And the number of fishermen and hunters continues to decline further and further. It's an alarming situation and I can see where it will end up if nothing is changed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

*Mike Cooley*

Mike Cooley

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

25% (I ONLY FISH) EVERYTHING IS GOING UP  
+ YOU DON'T INDEX. WE NEED TO STAY ON  
TOP OF THE BUDGETS OR WE WILL CRIPPLE THE  
ODFW.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

INVEST MORE SUPPORT FOR THE WILD RIVERS.  
MANAGEMENT PLANS, BY RIVER, ARE NEEDED.  
THE PUBLIC IS NOT AWARE OF ANY POLICIES  
AND PLANS WHICH ONLY ADDS TO MISTRUST.  
WE NEED MANAGEMENT PLANS!!

Additional comments?

OTHER MONEY SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE  
TO THE ODFW FROM LOTTERY AND THE GENERAL  
FUND. YOU NEED TO PUSH THE GOVERNOR'S  
OFFICE FOR MORE FUNDS!! RAISING LICENSE  
FEES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY SPORTSMEN  
IN THE LONG RUN.

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I agree with the minimum raise on combination hunting and fishing resident license, I know things are going up.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

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Additional comments?

we are loggers who don't work much and we eat fish. It's important to us, for you keep the 1 fish limit on agency and upper Klamath lake, with the use of bait, a lot of old people and kids use bait and it encourages more of them to fish.

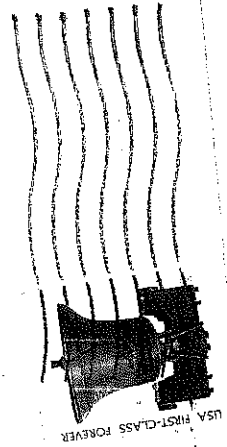
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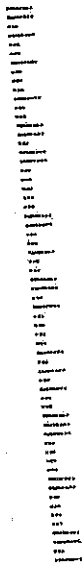
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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

To many of us who hunt & fish are getting old. The younger people either work 10-12 hrs a day 6 days a week or not at all still 2 of my 3 sons hunt & fish. Many out there don't have licenses and don't get checked. I support your fee increases all the way to 25% but note you need to help us with warm water and with enforcement. Sportsman whine but we will support you

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

40% of the WATERS in Oregon won't sustain Salmon, Steelhead or Trout and 20% more are marginal. A good portion of the fisheries budget is spent on salmonids and put and take trout fishery. Additional money from fisheries goes to help ~~set~~ support hunting. This state has excellent smallmouth bass

Additional comments?

fishing, Columbia, Snake, John Day, Willamette and Umpqua RIVAL any the United States. 10 mile LAKE, DORENA and Crane Prairie are all noted for their largemouth fishing. More and more people are coming to Oregon from the EAST, South, California and other foreign lands and they prefer warm water and walleye to salmon and sturgeon. The warm water fish are self propagating, need only minimal regulation changes to protect from over

fishing and some enforcement which we get more from County Sheriffs than the State Police. Salmon, Steelhead and big game get the attention while ethnic groups are busy overharvesting and sometimes illegal netting.

Your WARM WATER efforts ~~are~~ rise and fall with the budget or efforts to get a warm water tag. You should have put a warm water tag in your budget most of us would pay \$10 to fish for warm water fish and not cry nearly as loud as the hunting crowd. Even have dedicated funds.

A sales tax with a % going to fish & wildlife and state parks or a real estate transaction fee such as suggested at the Town Hall meeting would get a lot of support. The only way the state will get a sales tax is to do away with income tax so that's dead. And the transaction fee I'm sure our beloved legislators will gobble up for schools or some other pet project.

Snowball the Deer! Put the damn thing to rest and soon or the legislature will eat you up. Lars Larson has too many idiots that believe what he says about hatchery fish Kells, Snowball, public access on streams - where's the rebuttal. There are plenty of sportsmans shows on radio you can go on and a web site running 16-18 hrs a day would be excellent but you'd have to be carefull what is said. Things fly on the internet

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

At least one more WARM water bio, or more staff for sampling - stock access and habitat. Reopen the hatchery facility at St. Paul so you could rear channel cats and largemouth for stocking as well as Klamath River Chub

Additional comments?

Page 18 FIS Shut this down! There is no supervision (\$324 is it worth it) there are currently 31 permits to take Carp, Chub, Squaw fish as well as redshiners. We suspect those catching red shiners for channel cat bait are keeping them live, or they maybe reselling them even using them for walleye in the John Day & Umatilla Pools on the Columbia R. One of the net permit holders has a relative who is a top squawfish bounty angler (Justahutch) but he could get netted squawfish. Areas noted contain pond turtles and salmonids & no records of catch are currently kept (I pulled commercial crawfish traps that netter claims he uses each day and found large bluegill in them for bait)

Walleye, the unwanted and misunderstood fish by ODFW. Washington has a walleye hatchery and they stock lakes in Eastern Washington. The Columbia River has the potential to produce the next world record walleye but, the bio's cry kill em all! They don't normally feed on smolt, they prefer perch, peamouth, squawfish and other chubs. They will eat injured smolt or trout and they feed heavily on downstream shad, Duh where are your people on that.

We just submitted proposals for a state wide crappie limit 50 fish, 2 limits in possession, and a 10 fish channel catfish limit, 2 limits in possession excluding the Columbia River, Snake River, and Owhyee Reservoir and Snake river tributaries. We hope ODFW will support these proposals as it's a first step to protect our warm water fish.

Native fish program, your hard pressed to keep what you've got and it's costing a lot of money. Get trout stocking back in the upper Clackamas, get families back camping and fish as a lot of us grew up fishing streams. Same with small stream on the coast. Identify small creeks and allow cutthroat fishing where possible

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

Keep the NON-GAME Checkoff

whatever it brings in is extra and if you advertise it in Feb/ MAR it would make a difference in your receipts - Public service is free?

Get natural gas, ocean wave energy, wind turbines to pay Energy Development Costs and for loss of bird on wind turbines

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

You currently

train people to be instructors but, have no program set up to use them in the schools, to teach fishing, outdoor awareness, couple it with Audubon or the zoo you can get kids aware of the outdoors  
Send out fishing reports to news papers not just stocking - send warm water pamphlets to every newspaper in state / <sup>see if Oregon tourist board would pay to print some</sup>

Additional comments?

Big Creek in Clatsop County has a natural spring near the hatchery either use it or well water for rearing fish and you can open 25 miles of stream to public above the hatchery.

You should come out & talk about the Governors Sanctuary Plan for near shore areas. Don't hide it, it's on the internet and Lars is hammering you on it.

Good luck and don't let this get to you. You're got a long way to go and the legislature will be your toughest road.

Good Luck,

Bill Egan

6884 N. Hudson St

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Member NW Steelheaders

Former chapter president

Former spokesman Columbia R fisheries 70's

Former President Oregon Trout Hunters

Member Oregon Bass and Pan Fish Club

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

Cost of living adjusted percentage across the board only.

Re-direct focus -> adjust to our new conditions due to global changes. Get \$ to green investments & grants to youth with new ideas.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

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O.D.F.W must support the base constituency and avoid the future pitfalls of the special interests groups. We are the 85% you must keep happy to retain the pitfall that is certain if our discouragement with services continues. — Adjustment to global warming changes

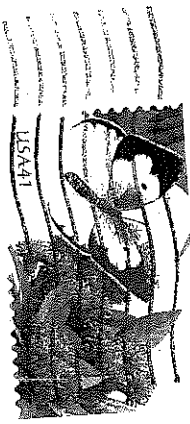
Additional comments?

Without powerful lobbyists in Salem to explain the various public needs in our diverseified geography / game here in Oregon, we will continue to complain we are not heard. P.R. "Public Relations" is the key. Our future as purveyors of wildlife rests in the protection of habitat & privileges. NO ONE GROUP OR OTHER is more important than we the general public who hunt & fish.

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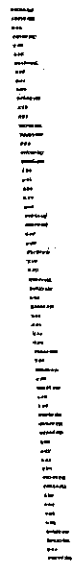
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I'M A COMMERCIAL SALMON TROLLER OWNER AND OPERATOR, ITEMS ON FEE PACKAGE A, PAGE 18, F-7 + F-10; PAGE 19, F-17 + F-18 + F-19 APPLY TO MY YEARLY LICENSE'S. THE INCREASE FEE ARE EXCESSIVE BECAUSE OF THE POOR SALMON SEASONS, I WOULD NOT PURCHASE ITEM F-19 CREW LICENSE DUE TO THE INCREASE, CURRENTLY I PURCHASE (2) EACH YEAR. FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A 10 OR 20% INCREASE IN FEES, ALONG WITH A INCREASE IN FISH TAXES ON FISH CAUGHT EACH YEAR TO HELP MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE ON YOUR TOTAL SUGGESTED FEE, THE FISH TAX SHOULD BE CHANGED EACH TWO YEARS TO STABILIZE OUR LICENSE FEE AND MEET YOUR BUDGET REQUESTS, DO THE ABOVE ALLOWS A FISHERMAN TO PAY HIS PART FROM THE EFFORTS PUT IN WHILE FISHING, AND HAVE A CASH FLOW.

Additional comments?

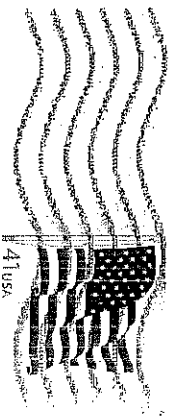
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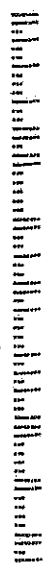
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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

FOR COMMERCIAL I PROPOSE 500 DOLLARS  
FOR THE FIRST PERMIT THIS INCLUDES  
YOUR BOAT AND PERSONAL. EACH ADDITIONAL  
PERMIT WOULD BE ADDED AT 100 DOLLARS

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

GUIDED TOURS FOR WILDLIFE  
VIEWING,

Additional comments?

I DO NOT SUPPORT THE  
TWO FISHING POLE TAG ON BSA  
LISTED FISH, ENFORCEMENT ISSUES  
AND THESE FISH DO NOT NEED  
MORE PRESSURE, BASS TROUT  
CATFISH I DON'T CARE

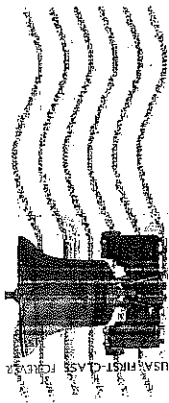
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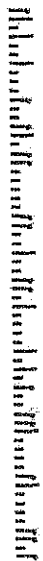
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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

Fee increase for me would not be a problem for me, at 77 years old I still Hunt & Fish, But worry, that the younger generation could get discouraged with high gas prices and the cost of living, it could destroy a good sport.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I would like to see a drop in permits in areas where the native americans? hunt the most, and they stay on there reservations to Hunt & Fish only.

Additional comments?

I wish you would stock the lakes rivers, with salmon & trout + load the streams full with a limete on the catch, within a few years they could be called wild salmon,  
and I question who are native americans who need this for their relation, I thought they needed these game animals for food instead of worship

Marvin H. DeVooght Sr



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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

Angler's fee increase preferences:

(1.) Resident Angler - \$50.00 (2.) Non-resident - \$125 (3.) Juvenile angler \$8.00; (4) one day - \$25.00; (5) Combined harvest card - \$30; (6) Combined harvest card < 18 - \$8.00 (7) Hatchery Harvest tag \$35 ODFW relies upon support of anglers to run the mgmt. programs and the cost to fish is not enough to enhance mgmt.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

The budget is now

1. Constructed into large boxes such as fish division, but should be organized by program. On page 25 Potential investments show costs by program. This detail is needed for the overall budget package.
2. More funding should go into research, establishing conservation goals by watershed, and providing program leaders such as the Resident Trout Program leader, Steelhead Program leader. ODFW had this organization and it needs to be established again to provide statewide and regional coordination on species mgmt.
3. Provide full funding for the ODFW water program. and focus on protect of peak flows and designating instream water rights.

Additional comments?

Develop a "Certified waters" or "Blue Ribbon" management structure to increase non-resident fees for ease of our outstanding fisheries and improve management opportunities.

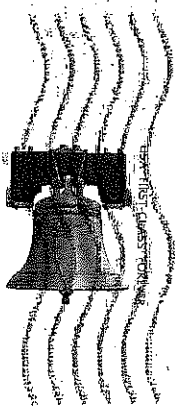
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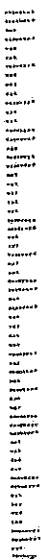
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Richard A. Masters  
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La Pine OR 97739-2147

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I'M 72 AND LIVING ON A FIXED INCOME, BUT DON'T MIND A FEE INCREASE, AS LONG AS IT ISN'T TOO MUCH. ALSO DON'T WANT ANY OF THE MONEY GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO DO WITH WOLVES, LET THE WOLFE HUGGERS SUPPORT THEM,

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

Additional comments?

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ELK RANCHING ENDED. NOT JUST PHASED OUT OVER YEARS, STOPPED AS OF JAN, 2009, PERIOD. THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US AND ARE WILD ELK. SO WHY SHOULD WE GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THEM.

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## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 2:43 PM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on Town Hall Budget Presentation and Related Programs  
**Attachments:** ODFWbudgetcomments.doc

Budget proposal/fee increase comments

Thx  
Rick

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 1:48 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on Town Hall Budget Presentation and Related Programs

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**From:** Bob Alverts [mailto:balverts@teleport.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 1:19 PM  
**To:** Roy Elicker  
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**Subject:** Comments on Town Hall Budget Presentation and Related Programs

Roy, et al: as promised last evening, here are my comments on your proposed budget and related programs.

I wish you the best as you move forward and will be happy to support you as the need arises.

Best regards, Bob

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Comments on Proposed ODFW 2009-11 Budget  
Town Hall Meeting  
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I am pleased to join in the discussion concerning ODFW's budget proposal. I have enjoyed a long and rich history of working with your agency (more than 40 years) while serving as natural resource manager and science advisor with the US Department of the Interior. Today I have a natural resource consulting business and an academic appointment as Associate Research Scientist and Adjunct Faculty member, where I focus on research in forest and rangeland ecosystems. And I continue to periodically interact with your staff in John Day and Roseburg.

During the four decades of my involvement with ODFW, I have seen significant changes in the agency and the focus of its programs. You have shifted from an agency that primarily focused on fish and game to one that also spends significant time on non-game wildlife programs. This is due in part to legislation such as the Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act, but also to growing interest in non-game wildlife. The breadth of your program responsibilities is complex and impressive. While non-game wildlife issues are an important part of your mission, you continue to support much of this work on the backs of those of us who fund the traditional fish and game programs and the other business of ODFW.

At a time when you wish to re-focus emphasis on customers who value traditional fish and game wildlife activities, you and a number of other agencies have biologists and other staff members that are frankly more interested in and concerned with non-game wildlife than with traditional fish and game species. Those of us who have worked with you for many decades believe it to be a problem, one that has reduced your effectiveness, affected your management policies, and denied opportunity for sportsmen.

You also clearly recognize that a major share of your revenue comes from fish and game license sales, or you would not be stumping for a fee increase in the series of meetings you are holding across the state. And you acknowledged in your budget presentation that you have seen a reduction in license sales and a corresponding decline in revenues, hence the need to increase license and tag fees.

But before you increase any fees I believe you must take a hard look at cutting costs and

streamlining your organization. You can clearly find ways to be more efficient and save some costs, while also allowing greater, not more restricted opportunities. Increased opportunity means more licenses and increased revenue.

To help reduce costs and improve efficiencies, I encourage you to consider shared facilities, equipment, vehicles, services and positions with other federal and state agencies and non-government organizations. This will help demonstrate your concern to be more efficient, putting more funds to projects on the ground, while building good relationships with partner agencies and organizations that will lead to improved habitat and wildlife populations. I also recommend that you expand opportunities for volunteer and paid internships for high school and college students, so you can recruit the next generation workforce.

Because you have come to recognize that your client base is down, you are now beginning to advertise in the media for folks to come out to hunt and fish. Just yesterday, I heard a positive radio add that encourages fishing. Again, more licenses and tags means more revenue, not necessarily a need to increase license and tag fees at this time.

If you clearly demonstrate that you have worked hard to cut non-essential costs and be more efficient, you will be able to sell a license and tag fee increase. But you must show your customers what you have done and what funding you still need to meet your mission goals.

In spite of the positive and worthwhile efforts to recruit new interest in hunting and fishing, outside the rural areas of the state, you and other natural resource managers have lost a generation of citizens – folks who have no interest in hunting, fishing or most of your programs. Many of today's urban kids do not care about the outdoor experience and are afraid of it. They would rather play indoors with computer games than be outside exploring and really learning about nature and the environment. All they know is some rhetorical theory about saving the environment, which is largely based on values that oppose most if not all extractive resource use, including hunting and fishing. Those who believe this way feel that any harvest (e.g, timber, livestock forage, fish, game, irrigation water, etc.) is somehow evil and wrong. They do not recognize or acknowledge: 1) nature's harvests occur with or without hunting or fishing; or 2) the constant changes that characterize ecosystems; or 3) that extractive resource use is what keeps us alive and provides our essential needs, not just the good life we enjoy.

Richard Louv, the well known columnist and author from San Diego, has written a book titled "Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder". You would be well served to adopt a number of the points in Louv's book as you work to recruit the young citizens of Oregon to once again want to hunt and fish and reconnect with nature and the outdoors.

So why should we Oregonians support a license increase when you continue to deny opportunity for those of us who buy licenses and hunt and fish? In the next few paragraphs I will share several additional questions and comments that address more specific examples to that question.

I grew up fishing the small streams in southern Puget Sound and, as a young boy, loved to catch and release, but also keep and eat those fine cutthroat and rainbow trout. That's the kind of thing

that kids need today, and it will get them hooked for life as it did me. But today in Oregon you cannot keep any trout in northwestern streams, and only 2 trout in most other areas in the state. This is simply not enough to be worth the effort – not enough to eat and too costly to go after. In fact you are creating a defacto withdrawal of effort on these streams and more lost opportunity. You have the potential to add some harvest back to these stream systems without biological harm.

You have also discontinued the retention of one wild steelhead per day, five per year from several river systems, including the Umpqua and North Umpqua Rivers, one of the best river systems in the state with one of the most robust populations of steelhead anywhere in the west. There is no biological reason for this decision, only denied opportunity. Moreover, you have discontinued all the winter hatchery steelhead in the North Umpqua. This is a terrible decision. Most angling has shifted to the South Umpqua where the hatchery program has been a wonderful success. But effort, which used to be strong, has waned on the North Umpqua in recent years as a result of your wild fish no-harvest policies and the elimination of hatchery winter steelhead, and this has led to much heavier pressure on the South Umpqua because there is increased opportunity. Many local guides are no longer fishing the North Umpqua. You have negatively affected a major market with high demand, and formerly great returns on investment. This policy needs to be reversed at the earliest possible time.

I also believe you have negatively affected the winter steelhead fishery in the Sandy and Clackamas Rivers, shifting the runs to the late returning broodstock program adopted several years ago. We used to enjoy a great fishery from November through March, but that is largely gone due to your policy shift. It used to be great fun to hit these streams over the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years holidays, but no more. Still more lost opportunity.

With gas approaching \$4/gallon, in the interest of conservation, you should be doing all that you can do, here in the metro area and near other Oregon cities, to provide a season-long robust hatchery steelhead program for nearby streams like the Clackamas and Sandy. Replicate the successful programs that exist on the North Fork Nehalem, South Umpqua, & South Fork Coquille rivers. Why should we have to drive to the coast or southern Oregon to catch hatchery steelhead in Oregon? Those of us who live in the Portland area would be better off buying a Washington license than one in Oregon for pursuit of nearby winter steelhead. Is this what you really want?

Why do you discriminate against some non-native species such as Eastern brook trout while embracing others like small mouth bass in the Umpqua, walleye in the Columbia pools, or brown trout in a number of lakes and streams? I love to fish the high mountain lakes of the Cascades, many of which were barren until planted with Brookies by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. This still is a wonderful fishery and should be encouraged, not discontinued with 25 fish limits intended to eradicate these populations in some lakes and streams just because they are non-native. You also promote other particularly attractive non-native species for hunting, including turkey, pheasant, Mountain goat, and others that provide significant opportunity and revenue. You have successfully demonstrated that non-native species can lead to win-win results, but remain inconsistent with your methods and policies.

Why aren't you actively working with and supporting the management plans of the federal agencies, who manage so much of the fish and wildlife habitat in Oregon? For example, with black tailed deer numbers so dismally low, why are you not supporting BLM and it's Western Oregon Plan revision that would help create more early seral habitat on forested lands and lead to improved deer numbers? Fifteen years after the implementation of President Clinton's Forest Plan for western Oregon, which saw a decrease in federal timber harvest of more than 80 percent, we have also seen a significant drop in blacktailed deer populations. Deer numbers and young forest stand biodiversity would benefit if improved habitat conditions were created from increasing timber harvest on these lands. I recognize there are those who argue the BLM plan is flawed for lack of protection of fish habitat, but they are flat out wrong and are misusing the science to promote their agenda of no timber harvest on federal land.

For those of us who buy SportsPac licenses why don't you give us some choices? For example why not a shellfish license option in lieu of a cougar tag? Or why not add a shellfish license to the existing SportsPac inclusions?

Why should it take 10 years of controlled hunt applications to get a tag for a lousy antelope, or 4 years for an eastside elk? Again, when you deny opportunity you lose your customer base.

Why does Oregon separate antelope, deer and elk seasons? Why don't you look at shifting dates and extending some hunting seasons to create better opportunity and coincide with Idaho, Nevada, or Montana? For example, in Idaho one can hunt mule deer from Oct 10-31 and concurrently hunt elk in the same area from Oct 15-Nov 8. And in Montana one can hunt antelope from Oct 12-Nov 19 and concurrently hunt deer and elk from Oct 26-Nov 30. Why can't you modify hunting dates, extend season length and increase opportunities to hunt antelope, deer and elk concurrently like is successfully done in these other western states?

Why don't you reduce tag fees for younger hunters and long-term seniors to help encourage their participation as is also done in other states like Idaho and Montana?

Why don't you add designated "Family Fishing Waters" for each region as successfully done in Idaho? This should help with your education and marketing efforts to expand interest in hunting and fishing as wholesome family activities. The designated ponds, lakes and reservoirs in this program are open year-round, and have daily limits of 6 trout, plus 6 bass, plus unlimited other fish. This is a great tool for increasing opportunity for the entire family.

Why don't you simplify the regulations? I long for the years when regulations were easily understood, such as the 1974 regulations that I shared at the Beaverton meeting. Today you are so wrapped around the axle of process details you spend way too much money on administrative work instead of your primary mission. One needs to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree attorney to understand today's regulations. Moreover, you often change your mind in the same season, and modify regulations based on run returns. For example, you go from a no harvest policy on coho to a 3 fish harvest policy. This confuses the general public let alone the fishing community. One day they hear we are facing species extirpation, then the next week the catch goes up to 3 fish per day.

It seems to me you should also explore other funding sources, including partnerships with foundations and opportunities for fund raising through estate planning and gifting programs much like major universities do.

If you create greater opportunities for Oregonians while also demonstrating the ability to cut costs and enhance your efficiency, you will receive the support of your customers for a license and tag fee increase. But if you increase rates and deny opportunity, a number of us will look outside Oregon – to Washington, Alaska, Idaho or Montana to do our hunting and fishing. As the examples above indicate, several of these states have great programs that serve their customers while maintaining healthy fish and wildlife populations. You would do well to adopt a number of their policies, many of which are more liberal than yours.

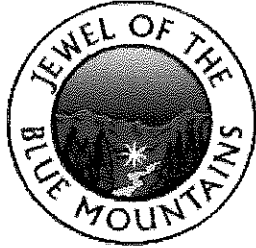
I appreciate our long history of working together and the work you do today, and pledge my continued support and assistance. Thanks for the opportunity to comment on your proposed budget and related program operations.

Sincerely yours,

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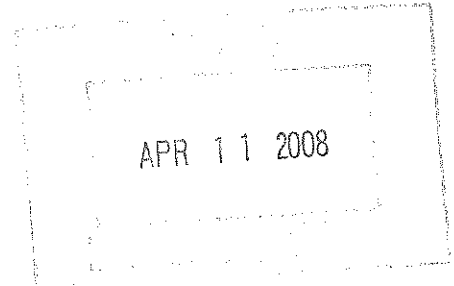
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Dear Craig:

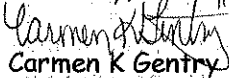
I apologize for not being able to make the budge meeting tonight in Island City, Oregon but I wanted to pass along some important points of view from the City of Elgin.

The City has been working closely with Leonard Erickson for the past couple years to handle the deer damage, enhancement and restoration within the City of Elgin. We have over the years acquired a large number of deer within the city limits during the fall and winter months. We have set up ordinances that prohibit residence from feeding the deer nevertheless we still have those who choose to do so. That being said with the help of Leonard and our local law enforcement this year we put together a special hunt as well as trapping and relocating them. I believe that both of these methods worked really well and we have seen a considerable reduction in the amount of deer population within the city limits.

We would like to see this program continue because with the large number of deer in town it brings with it danger to residents and the animals. The deer get caught up in fences more, dogs chase them, cars hit them, and not to mention they bring with them predators into the city limits. I believe last year we had several sightings of large cats in our community which does nothing but intimidate residents from doing outdoor activities. We strongly urge you to continue this program in rural Oregon.

Thank you for your time, and please understand how important this service is to communities like ours.

Sincerely,

  
Carmen K Gentry

Mayor  
City of Elgin

The State of Oregon has not met its responsibility to the citizens of Oregon to keep fish and wildlife numbers at a level that assures Oregon's historic outdoor heritage of hunting and fishing opportunities for Oregon's sportsmen. The actual management of all fish and wildlife within the state has been conferred, by statute, on the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (OFWC). The State of Oregon and OFWC has given the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Biologists very little state funding to carry out management responsibilities. It has, therefore fallen on the backs of the hunters and anglers of Oregon to fund the management of all fish and wildlife in the State thru license fees and volunteer efforts.

The following is the pertinent Statue.

**ORS 496.012 Wildlife Policy.**

**It is the policy of the State of Oregon that wildlife shall be managed to prevent serious depletion of any indigenous species and to provide the optimum recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations of the citizens of this state. In furtherance of this policy, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall represent the public interest of the State of Oregon and implement the following coequal goals of wildlife management:**

- (1) To maintain all species of wildlife at optimum levels.**
- (2) To develop and manage the lands and waters of this state in a manner that will enhance the production and public enjoyment of wildlife.**
- (3) To permit an orderly and equitable utilization of available wildlife.**
- (4) To develop and maintain public access to the lands and waters of the state and the wildlife resources thereon.**
- (5) To regulate wildlife populations and the public enjoyment of wildlife in a manner that is compatible with primary uses of the lands and waters of the state.**
- (6) To provide optimum recreational benefits.**
- (7) To make decisions that affect wildlife resources of the state for the benefit of the wildlife resources and to make decisions that allow for the best social, economic and recreational utilization of wildlife resources by all user groups.**

The hunters and anglers of Oregon have repeatedly supported increasing hunting and fishing license fees to fund fish and wildlife management, in response the State has reduced general fund dollars for fish and wildlife management. The state, instead of working to enhance game fish and game wildlife species, has used license fees to support increased protections of predators during the last three decades. Cormorants, Arctic Terns, Mountain Lion, Seals, and Sea Lions are all at modern day or historic all time highs in Oregon.

The citizens of Oregon voted to fund salmon recovery and watershed restoration in a statewide initiative: Measure 66, where 7.5% of State Lottery Funds (\$44 million to \$50 million per year) was voted for Salmon Recovery. Most if not all of these dollars today are used to backfill agency budgets while salmon runs collapse and hunting and fishing license sales fell to lowest level in 40 years.

For decades the Sportsmen of Oregon have volunteered tens of thousands of hours of work in the field and millions of dollars in financial aid to managing Oregon's fish and wildlife. Some of these groups include: Northwest Steelheaders – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation – Oregon Hunters Association – Oregon Anglers – Oregon Guides and Packers – Ducks Unlimited – Wild Turkey Foundation – Pheasants Forever – S.T.E.P Chapters all over the state – Foundation of North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS) – Oregon's Watershed Councils. There are too many to list! The point here is that most, if not virtually all, efforts to meet the goals of **ORS 496.012 Wildlife Policy** was most likely initiated by one of these (listed or unlisted) groups and in many cases funded by these volunteers' efforts.

The OFWC was established to represent the citizens of Oregon. The seven Commissioners, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate, are charged with enforcing **ORS 469.012 Wildlife Policy**.

To call the OFWC negligent is being too kind; they are by complacency committing one of the greatest disservices to Oregon that has been ever committed. The Commission holds the reins in the destruction of Oregon's outdoor heritage; the problem begins here and ends in the Governors Office. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and ODFW are more interested in pleasing the Governor than doing what is best for Oregon's fish and wildlife.

The Governor and the OFWC has never recommended a budget that would truly address the mandates found in **ORS 469.012**. The OFWC has never been dedicated to the concept of **ORS 469.012**.

Recommend to the legislature a budget which meets the needs of the law (ORS 469.012) is the responsibility of the Governor and the OFWC. How are the state's lawmakers to address fish and wildlife management if they are not made aware of resources needed to fulfill the requirements of **ORS 469.012**?

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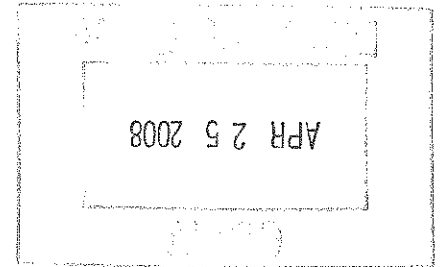
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Director Elicker,

The Oregon Fish Screening Task Force would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed 2009-2011 budget. This task force was created in 1991 to advise the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in the development of a comprehensive cost-sharing program for the installation of fish screening or by-pass devices in water diversions. A specific duty of this task force as defined in ORS 496.085 is to advise the Department in establishing a stable and equitable funding system for the installation and maintenance of fish screening and by-pass devices. The Task Force has struggled for several years with the issue of how to pay for the statutorily mandated requirement for ODFW to provide all major maintenance of fish screens installed with state funds that are less than 30 cfs.

The current fish screens surcharge of \$0.25 was established in 1991 and remains at the same amount today. At the time this surcharge was enacted, the Fish Screening Program also received a similar amount of general fund money. These two sources of money were available for and used to cover maintenance expenses at fish screens installed by the Fish Screening Program. This general fund allocation averaged \$496,221 in the biennia between 95-97 and 99-01. The general fund allotment was drastically reduced in the 03-05 biennium and completely eliminated in the 05-07 biennium. This loss of general fund money reduced the ability of the Fish Screening Program to complete maintenance work as required by statute (ORS 498.306) and necessary to provide adequate fish protection.

In the 17 years since the surcharge was established, the Fish Screening Program has installed and become responsible for the major maintenance of 1,266 screens without any increase in the surcharge amount. Additional screens will continue to be installed in the coming years, raising the number of sites the Program has major maintenance responsibility for. The revenue generated by the license surcharge has been relatively stable, but losing the general fund contribution has limited the programs ability to properly monitor and maintain the fish screens installed. While ODFW receives approximately \$4 million per biennium to install screens none of these funds are allowed to be used for maintenance.

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Roy Elicker,  
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The Oregon Fish Screening Task Force requests that the angling license surcharge be increased to \$1.00 as part of the 2009-2011 budget development process. The Task Force appreciates the proposed \$0.25 increase but does not feel it is sufficient to cover the ongoing maintenance costs of the annually increasing number of fish screens in operation.

Oregonians have made a great investment through the Measure 66 funded program, spending in excess of 20 million dollars to install fish screens. Therefore, it is imperative that we provide the proper maintenance of these facilities to fully realize the benefits that these screens provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed budget.

Sincerely,



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Dear Director Elicker:

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties, I have a specific request related to your agency's budget for biennium 2009-11. I trust that this request is well timed, because you are in the process of conferring with your External Budget Advisory Committee about this very subject.

AOC urges ODFW to include in its budget a total of \$1.9 million to support the activities in Oregon of USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services. This figure is based on the contribution for this purpose by counties statewide during the 2007-09 biennium. We are convinced that since jurisdiction over wildlife rests with the State, it is critical that the State contribute as least as much as counties to control the negative impacts of the growing population of wildlife.

The immediate and long-term budget challenges facing counties are well documented, so we can empathize with your own budget constraints. Nevertheless, counties will continue to be a partner in this activity to the extent that we can, but we can no longer carry a disproportionately heavier load.

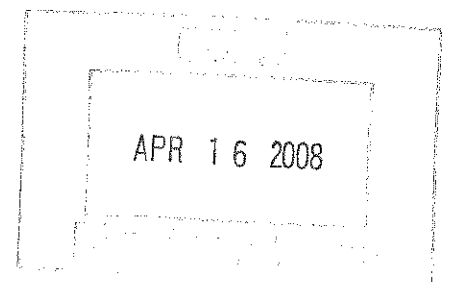
Please let us know what AOC needs to do, if anything, to cause this defensible and important budget enhancement.

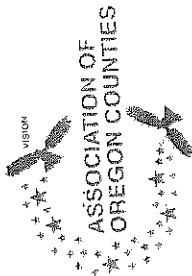
If you have any questions, please contact Gil Riddell at AOC.

Best regards,

Commissioner Bill Bellamy, Jefferson County  
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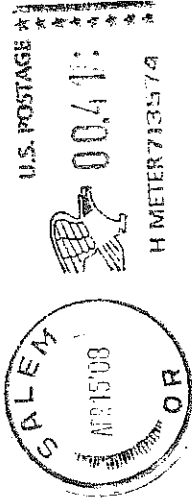




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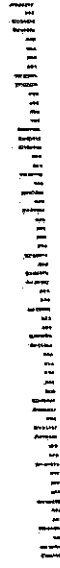
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Fee increase comments. Thx

Rick

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Comments regarding the proposed fee increases

(Answer) I do not support any increase in for any license, tag or fee. There are many reasons in which I do not support these increases, some of which have to do with the way the ODFW handles their money and some which have to do with the what the return on my money is getting myself and the public "Sportsman".

First, I believe that the ODFW handles the money that they receive very poorly, I think that if most businesses were ran this way they would be bankrupt in a year or two. One reason for this is the money that we as sportsman spend on tags, license and fees is becoming ridiculous especially since *most* years I do not even draw a tag. If you want the amount of hunters to increase than you must allow for more tags **"POINT BLANK"**. This will allow young hunters to have the opportunity to only want to hunt but to actually be able to hunt. I spend roughly 160+ dollars on tags, license and fees yearly. For the last several years I have not drawn a tag. So when do I expect to draw a tag? I don't know, you don't know, nobody knows, so why should I keep wasting money with no return. When you are young hunter, you want the opportunity to hunt, but with your tag drawing process the younger generation is not getting the opportunities that is required to keep them interested.

Second, almost every ODFW vehicle I see is a full sized vehicle with one person driving around in it. Is this the way you intend on saving money, driving the largest vehicles you can find? What is wrong with midsized Pick-up trucks, these types of vehicles use half of the fuel and can still hall a 4-wheeler in the back.

Third, I have a family of 3, my wife, my son, and myself. Earlier I talked about myself paying 160+ dollars on tags last year. Now multiply that number by three and what do you get, that's right 480+ dollars. Now add fuel to get to the woods and back which I calculated at almost 600 dollars 3 years ago

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"when I last drew a tag" and add bullets for practicing and hunting which is about 2 boxes per person a year if your scrimping on the practicing part and at 20-30 dollars a box depending on the ammo and that comes to 180 dollars for ammo.

Now lets look at the big picture before I add those numbers up for you. Not everyone that is a hunter is a sportsman, some of us still rely on the meat from the animals we take as a primary food source. Wow, what a surprise huh!!! Not everyone goes out to kill the biggest elk or deer.

Also, have you priced the cost of beef lately? How much is it to get a half of beef slaughtered and packaged? I don't even want to think about what it costs from a store. So lets go ahead and add up my families yearly hunting expense now, it comes to roughly, 1260 dollars. Now this is not what it actually costs because it is usually higher for me, but this is just for the bare essentials. Go ahead and find out what a side of beef costs.

I hope you still don't wonder why your hunting numbers are still dropping.

Let me wrap this up for you because it annoys me to even have to tell you these things that you should already know. First, I hope that this fee hike is going for the public and not into your own pocket, that would not fare well with me or anyone else I think. Second, it seems that this letter is probably just for more my own accord than for yours because regardless of what I say you will increase the fees anyway, **"RIGHT"**. I also wonder if the amount of poachers is going to increase along with your increase. People still need to eat right? If they can not afford your prices and can not afford the price of beef what do you think they will do. Bullets are still only 20-30 dollars a box and the chance of them actually being caught are less than that of actually drawing a tag.

If your still sitting there wondering what to do, try doing something the hunters want for a change, try allowing more tags to be drawn with the same price, try buying smaller vehicles for one person to drive up and down the river bank checking tags in, try getting the money that poachers and wildlife violators are paying and use it, try doing less studies and more common sense work, try taking the advice of us stupid yokels for a change and maybe, just maybe the ODFW's bank account can handle the next 20 years instead of fee increases every 3-4 years. We are tired of paying so much to get so little or nothing at all.

Sincerely,  
Ryan G. Hays  
Oregon Sportsman/Hunter

between 0000-00-00 and 9999-99-99

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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

NONE, UNLESS IT

GOES TO DSP FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

I THINK THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD, FOR IT'S OWN GOOD, BE STARVED DOWN A BIT, ALLOWED TO WITHER - TOO MANY HANDS MICRO MANAGE THE RESOURCE.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

SIMPLIFY REGS, E.G. BACK TO PRE '91 DEER (EAST/WEST); FISHING REGS ~~SHOULD~~ SHOULD BE BASED ON BIOLOGY, NOT CONCERN ABOUT LAW SUITS.

Additional comments?

FAMILY DEER CAMPS HAVE, LARGELY, BECOME A THING OF THE PAST DUE TO THE LOTTERY SYSTEM. IT IS KILLING THE SPORT.

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NONE NO GAME  
AN NO FISH

AN I THINK THEY SHOULD STOP DOE  
SEASON. YOUR KILLING ALL YOUR PRODUCTION

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL OUR MONEY  
WE PUT IN THE GAME COMMISSION STAY THERE

Additional comments?

David D. Neal  
10035 Fairview Road  
Tillamook, OR 97141

April 18, 2008

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Roy Elicker, Director  
Headquarters Office  
3406 Cherry Ave. NE  
Salem, OR 97303-4924

Re: Fee Increase

Dear Director Elicker:

I question the purpose of the meeting? Is it really to obtain public input or has your department already made the decision to raise fees, not because of a pent up demand from the public to add enforcement and management of fish and game, but because of a bureaucratic desire for more money and to be more invasive and controlling. The meetings being held only to prove to the public, that they had the opportunity, to have a say and buy into the fee increases.

Raising fees will have the opposite effect of raising revenues. Less people will apply for hunting and fishing licenses and within one generation a family will become a non-hunting family. In turn this will lessen the amount of people applying and obtaining hunting and fishing licenses, reducing revenues. It may not happen at the fee increase, but at some point when the cost of hunting and fishing become so much greater than buying meat and fish your average enthusiast will cease their endeavors.

The public lament from your department is that the amount of hunters and fishermen have been decreasing and there is a great concern that so few people will continue to the point that your department will be unable to continue the job they are supposed to be doing. If it is truly believed that more intervention by government bureaucracy is needed instead of a limited role then a plan to give hunters something tangible for this increase is imperative to maintain and/or increase the hunting and fishing population.

One can no longer plan on obtaining a tag for hunting. This problem needs to be remedied in order to maintain hunting families. Most small to medium businesses cannot afford to allow multiple employees to take vacations at the same time. Therefore, a vacation calendar is posted in December to be completed by the end of January, according to seniority, on the weeks vacations are allowed. At the end of this posting vacations are then assigned by management. Vacations for the year are then in place and an orderly continuation of business can take place. If a man is lucky enough to have a wife willing to let him take vacation time during hunting season and then does not get a tag, October or November are not the best times for vacation, his wife might get a little tired of giving up vacation time in this manner. If, on the other hand, the drawings for tags were held a year earlier and one were aware if he had a tag before the vacation calendar was posted, a person could then plan on the hunt and the time off, small offering, big difference.

I am sure that you and your department would be loathe to eliminate license purchases before applying for tags, but this little money grab is just simply that, a money grab. One has to buy a tag and only gets tags about every third year. What a rip off. If you have to buy a license but can't hunt, it's just not right.

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use as a  
savings tool

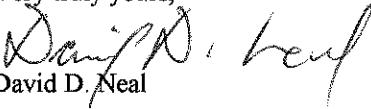
example - red net times

Increase the fee for the drawing but do not require the purchase of a license unless a tag is obtained. A fee of \$10 to \$20 would not be too much to charge for a tag drawing and then reduce the fee for a license. This would have a three fold effect. One; revenues would not go down, two; license sales would probably increase for other than big game because they would be more reasonably priced, and three; the number of hunters and hunter families would increase. In reality this would also increase revenues in the long run because more people would start and/or continue to hunt and fish.

In years past one could obtain a tag for either East or West and know he could go to a specific area to hunt. The hunting family became familiar with the area and returned to that specific area to hunt year after year. Often times an area is liked so much that a major commitment in time and money, \$20k to \$500k, in the form of land and/or cabin purchase has been made. Those people can apply and obtain a LOP but are limited to the area they can hunt. If one has made that kind of commitment to an area they should be allowed to hunt with an LOP in that area not limiting it to their land or contiguous parcels with permission. Landowners, even on a small plot of 160 acres, may have a better more nutritious plot of land or enhanced water way to sustain wildlife and should be rewarded for their costs of maintenance and efforts for this land.

With fuel, food, camping equipment and the like it is no small feat to plan and take hunting and/or fishing vacations. Even to travel 50 miles one way can cost as much as \$50 in fuel not counting food or equipment. To add to this burden puts it one step closer to a past time not cost effective to continue. There will always, and undoubtedly, be a contingent of people that cost is of little or no importance and a raise in fees will mean nothing to them. But, to the average person just trying to get by, hunting is something they can enjoy and put meat on the table at the same time. Any increase in lieu of all the other costs associated with hunting or fishing will eventually cause a cessation in the practice, if not in entirety, at least legally.

Very truly yours,

  
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None. The current fee

increased do not support native fish recovery, but rather go to actions - namely overharvest and hatchery production - that hurt our state's wild fish. If there was a license for catch-release fishermen & women like myself, that supports healthy wild native fish recovery - water, habitat and oceans, I'd support it wholeheartedly.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

See above. I would pay hundreds if my money went to healthy streams and wild fish I'd pay. But instead its attached to a license (its cheaper for me to get one day licenses) that I rarely use and can't sell much money for. You need to move from hatcheries and harvest to water, habitat and wild fish

Additional comments?

Your biggest supporters aren't hunters and fishers but hikers, birders and naturalists. You need to figure out a way to extract money from them and support natural resource health instead of natural resource extraction.

## Tom Ruddiman

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**From:** Jim Nartz [jlnartz@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 8:51 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments

### Proposed Fee Increases

I would like to express my opposition to any fee increase.

ODFW keeps raising fees and at same time continues to decrease our opportunity to fish and hunt. I have attended fish management meetings and ODFW personnel state that license sales and youth entering into fishing continue to decline . Why? Because of increased fees ,more limited oportunites to fish and hunt and complex regulations. We now have to carry the regs in our back pocket to try and follow the rules!!!Consequently the enjoyment we used to derive out of hunting and fishing is taken from us because we are always looking over our shoulder wondering if we are breaking the law because of some exception written on some back page.

My personal experience of observing ODFW personnel ( Tom Nelson , Madras OR) driving a 4-wheel drive 3-4 ton or 1-ton suburban as his work vehicle and occasionally pulling a 4-wheeler behind it as extravagant, when a small pick-up would do the same job.

The fees going to access and habitat are also not being managed properly. After a large fire in our area a neighbor got a grant from A&H to seed some rangeland for erosion control. After the seeding took place I contacted Larry Pachenka (ODFW) about the success of the project and the grazing management plan for it. He informed me that they were not requiring the owner to keep his cows off of the seeding.I"am a cattle rancher and everybody knows you cannot graze a new seeding till it is established. That is a waste of our money, and you wonder why I"am opposed to increased fees!!

Thank you,

Jim Nartz

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From: Moore, Thom [tmoore@wlinpco.com]  
 Sent: Sunday, May 04, 2008 8:16 AM  
 To: ODFW Comments  
 Subject: Comments Regarding Hunting Tags

***You have made an absolute mess of our hunting system. I think you have demonstrated why the Old Soviet Union central planning does NOT work!***

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- ***Make the unit boundaries larger (less units only larger) with more applicants / unit and in East make 1<sup>st</sup>. season a bull only season and second season either a one Elk season or cow & spike only. If the animals do not support a second season, make the first slightly larger and forgo the second for that unit.***
- ***For Elk, have the hunter make a choice as to what they apply for IE: you can ONLY apply for either archery, center fire or muzzle loaders period. If a person does not draw out, they can hunt the "general" season for the type hunt they applied for. IE: There would be separate "General" seasons for archery, muzzle loaders and center fire. Or combine the general season for center fire & muzzle loader.***
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5/8/2008

**PERIOD!**

**Thomas D. Moore**  
**16345 SE Katie Ct.**  
**Milwaukie, OR 97267**  
**(503) 557-6528 (dy)**  
**(503) 786-66299 (hm)**

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## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2008 11:44 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Hunting and Fishing License Fee Increase

Fee increase comments. Thank you

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2008 8:53 AM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Hunting and Fishing License Fee Increase

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**From:** Edward & Mary Hall [mailto:maryedhall@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 4:03 PM  
**To:** ODFW Info  
**Subject:** Proposed Hunting and Fishing License Fee Increase

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed increase in hunting and fishing license fees. I was silent when the fees were raised a couple of years ago, but have to weigh in this time.

Make the tough decisions where necessary to reduce ODFW's budget but don't price us out of the hunting and fishing experience; the cost is getting ridiculous for the little guy.

Hopefully my message will get to the right person as I will not be able to attend the public meetings when they are held in my area.

Mary Hall

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 10:24 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

Fee increase comments

-----Original Message-----

**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 9:57 AM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

I want to tell him that we do not have regulatory authority over habitat but I doubt that would change his mind.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Norman C. McIntosh [mailto:hopmah99@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 10:40 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

**Topic:** Other  
**Name:** Norman C McIntosh  
**E-mail:** hopmah99@clearwire.net

**Comment:** I read where a fee increase is being considered. I oppose this strongly. Better management of the resources, education and out reach would attract more participants and more sales.

I have always purchased a Sport Pack even if I did not plan to hunt or fish, not this year. The areas where my wife and I hunt have been ruined by quad riders, cattle released into closed areas, habitat destruction by development and over grazing. My fishing has been ruined by poor management of the habitat, lack of adequate protection of offshore stocks, introduction of warm water predatory species i.e.

Walleye, Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, Northern Pike and ineffective penalties for introduction of these species by members of the public. I no longer purchase tags or participate in hunting or fishing in Oregon.

Until significant changes are made I will continue to pursue game in Alaska.

Greater restriction on the use of OHVs, habitat restoration and protection, increased penalties for poaching, non-native species introduction, outreach efforts to the hunting and fishing community to better serve the hunting/fishing community would go a long way to improve hunter success, positive experience and attract more participants. As a Biologist what I see happening in our wild environs appalls and concerns me. You can fix this.

Sincerely

Norm McIntosh

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 8:41 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: budget

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Fee increase comment

-----Original Message-----

**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 4:52 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: budget

-----Original Message-----

**From:** magforce@iinet.com [mailto:magforce@iinet.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 3:57 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** budget

charging more for tags is UN fare. you need to cut cost in your departments, and not put the cost on the shoulders of the sportsmen, who pay to much all ready.do you forget who pays your wages, the sportsmen and tax payers of this state!! 23\$ to 25\$ is to much to pay for a deer tag not to say any thing about the rest.. you are turning the sport of hunting and fishing into a rich man sport. scott c.

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 4:52 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

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**From:** Susie Gregory [mailto:SRGEA@MSN.COM]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:16 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

### PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: ODFW budget for 2007-2009  
Name: David Gregory  
E-mail: [uscgretired87@msn.com](mailto:uscgretired87@msn.com)

Comment: It is well over \$100 for my wife and I to purchase combo hunt/fish licenses, apply for doe tags, purchase 1 bear tag, 1 elk tag and buck tags for both of us. With the horrendous increase in gasoline just to get to the area we hunt, any more increase will probably keep us from hunting any more.

You can keep the tag fees where they are and maybe we can go another year or raise them and chase a lot of older folks out of the woods. I have seen more and more nighttime poaching activity in the area we hunt year after year. I have reported it to the state police, but I know they can't be everywhere.

I have to wonder how much the increased fees contribute to the poaching and to the decrease of tag sales.

I feel that if you increase the fees far enough there will be no need for your department since no one will be able to afford to hunt or fish.

Respectfully,

David R. Gregory  
Roseburg, OR

4/16/2008

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NONE. I would not

support a fee increase. The reason; I believe that ODFW is a large enough entity and does not need to grow any larger at the expense of the average hunter. Increased fees to support an increased bureaucracy will only hurt people who hunt solely for food.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I would like

to see the programs remain the same. There is no increase necessary. The fee increase is supposed to be used to maintain and increase programs. I do not mind supporting what ODFW manages now. But, considering the economic climate today, I believe it is too much of a burden of people who are

Additional comments?

already struggling.

I do appreciate ODFW's efforts thus far, but for now I believe they need to stabilize there budget.

Thank You for your  
Consideration,  
An overburdened  
taxpayer.

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AT THIS TIME NOT ABLE TO SUPPORT ANY INCREASE!  
WITH THE ECONOMY THE WAY IT IS YOU NEED TO  
CUT BACK.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

DROP THE \$ 700,000. FERAL SWINE ERADICATION  
MAKE A TAG LIKE COUGAR AND CHARGE, MAKE  
MONEY INSTEAD OF USING EXPENDITURES - EVEN  
A FREE TAG WOULD BE BETTER THAN \$ 700,000<sup>00</sup>. SOME  
BODY IS NOT THINKING!

Additional comments?

USE THE PRISONER INMATES MAINTENANCE, AQUATIC  
MUSSEL INFESTATION, ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ETC. WHY  
DON'T YOU COME UP WITH SAVINGS RATHER THAN  
SPEND, SPEND??

APR 30 2008



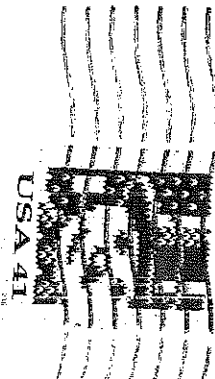
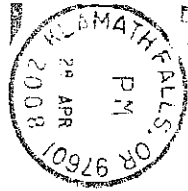
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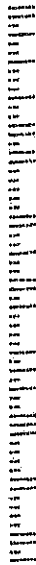
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4-21-08

APR 22 2008 Ms. Roe:

Enclosed please  
find a letter sent  
to Mr Elicker  
Raising License Fees  
to cover a Short  
Fall caused by Neglected  
Hatcheries could be  
likened to a restaurant  
raising menu prices  
to make up for  
lack of business due  
to small portions of  
Food. Thank you for  
taking the time to serve  
on this Board. I'm sure  
it is a thankless job.

Sincerely  
  
Richard C. Kindvall

DICK MONK PO Box 1361 Coos Bay OR.  
541-404-5660

Annual  
report on where the money is  
spent. on Fish and wild life?

Why hasn't the state management  
protect ~~the~~ <sup>hasn't</sup> shut down fence taken out.  
After all these years if the game  
fish and wild life does not know  
how these animals get along feeding  
they should replace these people. or  
the program doesn't work.

in the 90's fish and wild life put  
a surcharge tax on hunting and  
fishing License. And never taken off  
after 3 or 6 year they said it would be.  
And the Hatchery are not seeing the  
money. And one elected person said the  
money went else where.

It should be against the law to auction  
tags off out of state. Like ~~St. Paul~~ <sup>Sacramento</sup> Sacramento  
Reno, Nev. Sacramento Cal

you have made sure some people gets tags by  
going thru guide services and this is wrong.  
if a person get a tag a wants to hire somebody  
to take them hunting then thats their right.

Salmon/Hellbuck, Halibut, Surger-

For the cost of tags we should be able to Hunt where we want too.

FISH and WILDLIFE ARE THEY IN SELLING FISH?

Why ARE THERE FISH @ WATER WALKING IN THE SPARKING BEDS?

Why do sportsmans do not get COPIES OF WHAT IS SAID IN THESE OTHER TOWN HALL MEETINGS?

Do FISH & WILDLIFE OPERATE WITH OTHER PEOPLE RAISING PAN SIZE FISH FOR SALE?

Oregon Hunters & Rocky Mountain, and Bow Hunters should not be the ones to Help you. The public meetings should be what you listen to.

~~Guide Service~~ do they get TAGS TO SELL?

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Dear Mr. Elicker:

I know you probably won't get this letter but just in case, I would like to share a concern.

I just received in the mail a very expensive mailing by your agency printed in full color & sent by First Class Mail; on expensive stock.

The purpose of this waste of Agency funds was to remind me to "Buy your Fishing License today".

I don't need an expensive reminder. What I need is an incentive to buy a license as I have done for the past 41 years.

I can remember vividly opening day of Trout season back before your agency decided to scale back or quit stocking streams in Polk County.

I can remember years past on the Siletz & Nestucca drainage streams fishing steel head & salmon prior to the current policies practiced by your regional Biologist in Tillamook.

All of My friends I now travel To Washington State where They continue to run Hatcheries. I notice more & more Oregon guides on Washington Streams as well.

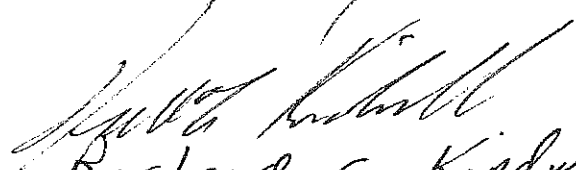
I am a retired Business man & have dealt with cyclical swings and how They impact Business Budgets. The same goes with ODFW.

I really feel That Stocking Programs will provide The Necessary incentive To cause Me & Other Fishers in This State to go back to buying a license.

Let Me close with This prime example: During The middle of April, 22,000 Spring chinook Fingerling were disposed of from cedar creek Hatchery in The Nestucca drainage. The regional Biologist acknowledged This and explained That They were "Surplus Stock" Therefore disposed of into Town Lake & Battle Lake.

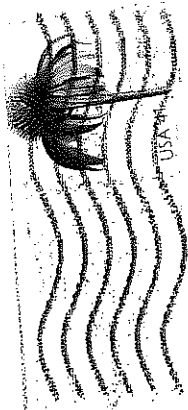
Right or wrong; Hatchery fish  
vs. native fish aside, you have  
to admit Mr. Elicker that  
this act conveys a terrible  
image of my agency which  
you are managing. I would  
appreciate your thoughts on this.

Sincerely

  
Richard C. Kindwall

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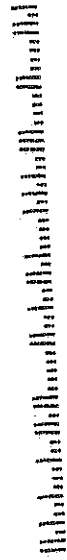
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To Whom it Will Hopefully Concern:

Hunting and Fishing -- a pastime for kings!!! ????

The proposal to increase Hunting fees is not a positive decision for many hunting families in Oregon.

A traditional fall hunting experience is already an expensive endeavor. Generations of families have enjoyed an annual hunting trip with their family and friends. When this annual experience becomes too expensive this family experience will become prohibitive and will be lost and will become an experience for the wealthy.

I began hunting in Eastern Oregon with my family when I was 9 years old. I got to miss school for a week. I succinctly remember the smells, stories, the bucks we got and the ones that got away and the lessons I learned.

Today I am 63 and I am no longer able to hunt with my father and mother as they have long since died. However, luckily, I do still hunt with their, now 88 year old friends who were part of our original hunting party when I was nine.

My 28 year old son and my grandson are now hunting with us as well..

My 88 year old friend and his wife are land owners in the area we always hunt. They have 460 acres that are contiguous to the National Forest. They usually are entitled to LOP tags but we seldom draw tags for the National Forest. These people don't have many years left.

When we apply for tags we are required to schedule specific seasons with associated dates. Most people who are still working are required to request annual vacation time far in advance. During those years when our party is unsuccessful drawing tags making plans not associated with hunting such as making reservations for other destinations is too late and we are required to pay higher costs for those reservations if they are available.

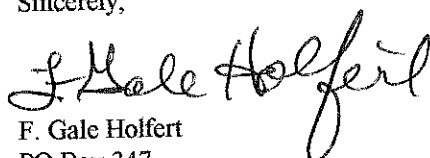
It is my opinion that for those who have gone to the considerable expense of buying land in the areas we love to hunt should be evidence of commitment to stay in the area where we have hunted, are familiar with, and where we can expect to go each year. Presently that is a real hit and miss situation. Raising fees just adds to that expense. I feel land owners should be allowed to hunted in the National Forest adjacent to their land.

I feel that raising fees jeopardizes this whole way of life. I have thought of doing a spread sheet listing all of the associated expenses. Most of those in our traditional hunting party are on fixed incomes. Rising costs of fuel, and everything else is not making it easy for us to continue our way of life with annual hunts.

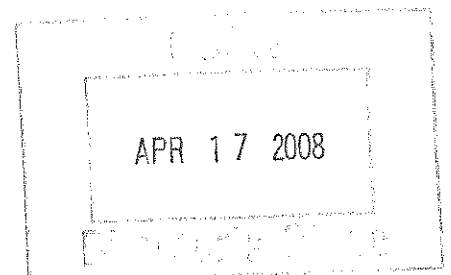
I fail to see anything visibly tangible to explain or justify increasing license and tag feels especially when we have to pay to get a license to apply for tags we aren't even guaranteed of obtaining !!!

I strongly discourage you from increasing fees for hunting and fishing.

Sincerely,



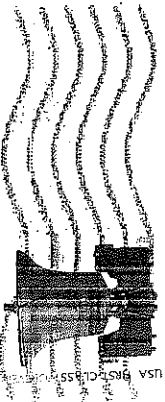
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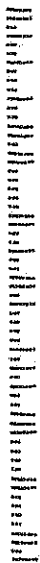
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I just made a 200 mile trip to La Grande (\$41.71 in fuel alone) to attend your budget meeting. First out I don't think you should be asking for a 35% increase for programs that you already cannot afford, and will certainly have to have another increase in 12&13 to keep them up. Secondly your new programs are not related to our elk and deer problems. The money is spent as always in the Willamette valley where our vote does not mean crap. I have been keeping my synopsis since 04 and you have taken at least 2 units out on the average away from the general hunt each year, What is left is 35% private ground. I have had to draw hunt for over 10 years for a buck with little success unless I am willing to pay \$1500. minimum for a private land tag. The osp splits hairs on the law that legislature repealed saying we cannot pack a fire arm without a tag. Now they say that we can but it is illegal to hunt. The legal description to hunt is to take an animal. With a good lawyer that would prove to be a citation only if I was hauling an animal I did not have a tag for. But at 66 years old I can't afford that luxury. I have not been successful in drawing a branch tag in years. I will be too old to hunt before I do. A young man brought up at the meeting that on his trailer factory job (we have no timber industry now because of the leaf lickers in the valley) it cost to much to buy a sportsman pack that didn't allow him to hunt bear and cougar without an unused elk and deer tag in his pocket. In addition you want the youth to hunt. Why bother if you can't draw a tag. Ca-ching". The light is on I have purchased my last sportsman pack, and I won't buy any more second season tags for an area that has gotten so small that you spend your hunt dodging 20 year old tubbys on four wheelers. Last year in a six square mile area including wilderness pack trails in north Sumpter , the four wheelers covered the area in four hours opening morning including the closed road we spent three hours walking into our hunt. Here they came. Nobody is citeing these guys. I have a picture from my dad's album showing the elk herd for the blue Mts. being unloaded from the train into cattle chutes at Pomeroy Wa. Without digging for the picture my memory says in the 1920's.that elk herd grew

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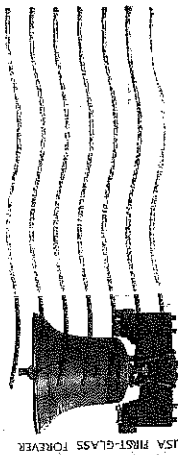
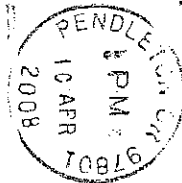
and prospered until you let the predators take over. In the five years it has taken you to do the study on Smith Mt. the average adult cat kills a deer a week. The wonderful Canadian Grey wolf that never did live here pulls an elk calf right out of the birthing mother and kills domestic livestock and deer just to teach the young how to hunt. You are going to sit on your butt and let this animal establish five alpha packs before you do anything about it. By then that will amount to over 150 wolves. These animals are no damn dog they are big and they will be dangerous with no place to live. I am sorry to tell you that I can still buy a branch tag in Idaho and hunt with my sons there. That is where my sportsman money will go. The Willamette valley is pricing people like myself into poverty. Umatilla is the third highest county in the state for property taxes. We no longer have the mills and the logging industry to help us out. I live in a modest one story ranch style home that is taxed at over \$3200. a year. That is tough on retired income. By now you will have round filed this, but you need to know the system is broke, and without the sportsman you don't have a job. Do like the rest of us, tighten up your belt get your head out of you know where and get rid of the excess baggage, and run your dept for the sportsman and not for creating a bunch of jobs that you cannot afford.

Sincerely Lester McMasters

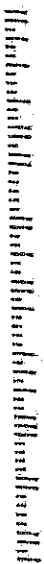


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SIRS: I GUESS

I am writing in reference to comments on  
fee increase.

I have made them on your form.

Robert J. Garnett

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The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking your comments regarding the proposed agency budget for 2009 - 2011. You can add your comments to the record by completing this form and turning it in tonight, faxing it to ODFW the agency at 503-947-6042, mailing it to the ODFW Director's Office, 3406 Cherry Ave. NE, Salem OR, 97303 or sending it via email to [ODFW.Comments@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Comments@state.or.us). Please submit written comments by May 5, 2008

What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

I FEEL THAT ANY

INCREASE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, AS LONG HUNTING  
SUCCESS IS GOING DOWN, THE ODFW SHOULD BE ENHANCING  
THIS INSTEAD OF JOINING THE GREEN PEACE GROUPE, THEY  
SAY IN MISSION TO ENHANCE FISH & WILDLIFE FOR PRESENT  
AND FUTURE GENERATIONS, THEY ARE NOT AT THIS TIME DOING IT

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

THE ODFW NEED TO GET BACK ON PAGE OF ENHANCING WILDLIFE &  
FISH, NOT ABANDING THEM FOR SOME BOGOS ENDANGERED OR  
OTHER POLITICAL AGENDA, DO YOUR JOB THAT YOU WERE  
HIRED FOR, ENHANCEMENT OF GAME & FISH.

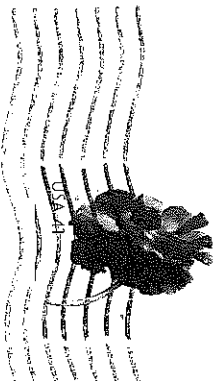
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LINE WITH CURRENT ECONOMY. THERE IS NO NEED TO WASTE COMMISSION  
ON INVESTMENTS WHEN YOU DONOT HAVE ANYTHING TO  
OFFER BECAUSE OF POOR MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM, NAME  
AND DEBAR ALL PREDATOR AS THEY ARE NOT BIG GAME,  
THIS INCLUDES MOUNTAIN LIONS & WOLVES FROM ANY WHERE TO  
SHOT ON SITE. YOU COULD RETURN SOME TRUHY BIG GAME POPULATIONS  
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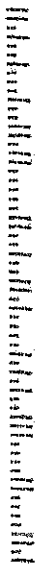


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What level of fee increase are you able to support and why?

As a long time Oregon commercial fisherman, I feel this not the time to increase the commercial boat and commercial personal and commercial crewmember license fees. Nor the commercial salmon permit fee. This is because of the poor salmon catch of the past two years and the expected dismal salmon returns of the next few years.

What types of investments or program changes would you like to see in the agency?

I would like the ODFW to return to a robust coho and chinook hatchery program. I would also expect the ODFW to eliminate the 85 sealions at Bonneville Dam which they have finally been given permission to do by the courts.

Additional comments?

Dear Roy Elicker,

I wonder if you are aware of the dire straits that commercial salmon fishermen find themselves in this year.

Not only do we not have a salmon season but for those of us who have taken our halibut with an incidental halibut license, this too will be lost. It was kind of the NMFS to increase the halibut limit from one for every three salmon to one for every two salmon but this will be no advantage ~~as~~ there is no salmon season. over?



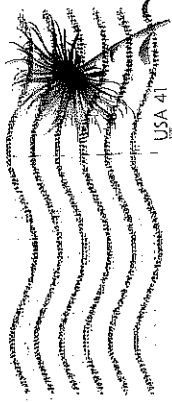
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## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 10:04 AM  
**To:** C66C42c11@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: pioneer,vets sport pac.

Thank you for your question and comments. We are currently holding town hall meetings throughout the State and are gathering public comment (such as yours) on possible license changes. I will make sure your questions and comments are given to the appropriate staff for their review. We appreciate you taking the time to share your opinions and suggestions.

Sincerely

Rick Hargrave  
Information and Education Manager  
503 947-6020

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 9:29 AM  
**To:** DeAnna Erickson; Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: pioneer,vets sport pac.

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**From:** C66C42c11@aol.com [mailto:C66C42c11@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2008 4:55 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** pioneer,vets sport pac.

question, why is there not a sportpac available to pioneers and vets at a reduced cost?

we as vets and pioneers already own our hunt and fish license. If we buy a regular sport pac we are being charged double.

Question,

Why is there not a sportpac at a reduced cost available to pioneer and vet license holders? We already own our hunt-fish license. If we buy a regular sport at \$130 we are paying double price. Elk tags for vets and pioneers cost \$18, a regular sportpac price is \$34.50 a difference of \$16.50.

\$16.50 + \$43.75 for a combination hunt-fish license that vets and pioneers already own adds up to \$60.25.  
\$130 for a regular sportpac - \$60.25 = \$69.75 the true price pioneers and vets should pay for our sportpac.

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 9:39 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Budget (lic fees)

Fee increase comments  
Thx  
Rick

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 9:33 AM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Budget (lic fees)

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**From:** Linda Alexander [mailto:lka@fmtc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 18, 2008 9:25 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget (lic fees)

Please allow me to explain how F&G loses money when lic fees increase.

Our family consist of 5 hunters. In years past we have applied for Spring Bear, Antelope, Deer & Elk Tags. All five of us have always purchased fall Bear and Cougar tags.

Because of the rising cost of hunting (gas, food, lic etc) we no longer put in for Spring Bear. Now rather than each of us obtaining Cougar and fall Bear tags, only two of us purchase these tags. (this is now a prevelant practice among party hunters) Only one of us puts in for Antelope and only two of us purchase Turkey tags.

I realize the cost of hunting includes a wide variety of expenses. But the fact is, only gas & lic fees get the blame for the rising costs. Raising license fees will keep a lot of hunters home. This will keep young hunters home and family hunting traditions will continue to decline. (youth hunting programs help get young people interested in hunting, however)

I am not convinced my coffee drinking buddy's know up from down when they say F&G want to make hunting a sport for the wealthy only or that F&G wants to keep everyone out of the woods. I am convinced,however, this is the eventuality of rising cost of licenses & tags.

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## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** palexander@proaxis.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 9:16 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments; ODFW Commission; palexander@proaxis.com  
**Subject:** ODFW Comments for Budget proposals

Dear Director Elicker, Chairwoman Rae and Commissioners.

In regards to the recent budget proposals, please consider my testimony as presented below.

1) Newport Town Hall Budget meeting:

COMMENT:

The meeting I attended in Newport was directed mainly at discussing license and fee increases. Discussion about expenditures was limited to a very brief overview and the expenditure part of the meeting packet was passed over without being read. In response to one of my questions, it was brought to my attention that ODFW spends over 60% of their \$300,000,000 budget on employee wages and benefits. Another 10% is directed toward outsourcing labor, such as State Police. The rest of the money I am guessing is directed toward projects. I felt that everyone had a chance to share a little bit, although we couldn't possibly discuss everything in the handout with the time we had.

2) The NEW LICENSE and FEE PROPOSALS

COMMENT:

a) Out-of-state fee proposal. I agree that out-of-state fishers should be charged higher fees to use the resources shared by in-state fishermen.

b) New Fee for Sport Fishermen to be allowed to use a second pole.

In my opinion using two poles is no longer a "sport" fishery. This proposal is not in the best interest of the Resource or the Recreational Community.

c) A lot should depend on how much the Commercial fishermen are paying in landing fees. I agree that along with inflation, there needs to be increases, but the increases to Oregon Salmon Trollers in this year of crisis and future projected lean years needs to be as minimal as possible.

3) ODFW FUNDS have been used this past year in researching the possibility of MARINE RESERVES.

COMMENT:

Where did these Funds come from? Is there a need to raise license fees to Oregon Residents because ODFW has not stayed within their BUDGET? This was not explained at the NEWPORT meeting. As far as funds being redirected to study Marine Reserves, I would rather see the money used to rebuild Oregon's Hatchery stocks and minimize the Native Fish Policy.

IN CLOSING:

How about scrapping the wild fish idea and start producing hundreds of millions of salmon? Salmon used to flood our streams and rivers and still can if ODFW would just get serious about a strong hatchery program again. I also wonder if Tom McCall would appreciate ODFW establishing five positions to deal with wave-energy ideas. Let's face it, the Dams aren't going away, but thousands of buoys floating off our Pristine Coastline isn't a reality yet. We as a state should put an end to this idea once-and-for-all. It won't only be the buoys and their moorings trashing our ocean environment. How about all the cables used to connect them to a power grid? I personally do not have the time to read and discuss each of the proposed expenditures in the budget packet, but it seems the list of employees grows, yet the problems just keep getting bigger. I heard a couple of great suggestions at an earlier meeting discussing the salmon crisis, and I think that if ODFW would network with the old-time commercial and sport fishermen, we can come upon some truly practical approaches to deal with the fishery crisis. We need to be cutting costs as far as new projects that aren't necessary and stick to the necessary.

As I study and plug into the networks involved in the future planning of Oregon's resources, I see that getting involved in this process can be a bit overwhelming, Wave-Energy Buoys, FERC, Dams, Water Users, Marine Reserves, Fishing Seasons, Predator Controls, Birds, Sea Lions, Groundfish Management, Incidental Catches (the whiting fleet

needs to be moved outside 100 fathoms), Oodles of Meetings, and Trying to catch fish have all been a part of my days. One thing is for sure: I believe in a healthy future for the salmon and the salmon users. ODFW will lead us into the future and my testimony is hopefully helpful in the planning process. I recognize that ODFW has a lot on its table, and I thank you for pulling it all together. I just hope that when it comes to accountability, the money is coming from and going to the right places. Please take the time to reconsider the license and fee increases, reconsider the adding of so many new position in research in this time where money is hard to come by, reconsider how we want our coastlines to look in twenty years as far as buoys, and please reconsider the use of hatcheries in the rebuilding of Oregon's salmon stocks. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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**Casaria Tuttle**

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 1:48 PM  
**To:** Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** FW: Non-Resident Juvenile Angling License (14 through 17 years of age)

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**From:** sherry newman [mailto:sherrylbt@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 3:37 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Non-Resident Juvenile Angling License (14 through 17 years of age)

Concerning budget proposal committee meetings. The last twenty-five years as an agent I have seen juvenile from other states come into my store and not buy a license because there treated as an adult paying \$61.50 to fish, whether it be with grandparent or parents, they find other things to do. As a resident juvenile license is \$6.75, I would recommend that we charge \$12.00 for non resident juveniles and therefore make more revenue than have them walking away and not enjoy our Oregon fishery. There has been problems of grandparent or parents teaching there young to claim there residents when there not. This has been an unfair issue with me for many years. This would be only for jetty fishing or trout fishing. A tag to salmon, steelhead would be still \$21.50.

If there should be a new license brought to the surface it should be for tuna fishing.

.....sherry  
Sherry Newman  
Lyster's Bait and Tackle  
Agent 5270

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Gordon.Pirie@Sun.COM  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 12:45 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments; Casaria Tuttle  
**Cc:** gordon pirie  
**Subject:** Hunting and Fishing license may increase

Casaria

Thank you for the quick response. In checking my schedule i will not be able to attend in person so here is what I have to say concerning the suggestion of increasing our License fees.

First Off I am a native Oregonian I have Hunted and Fish in Oregon for 49 years. I am 61 years old. I am wonder what is in it for me? The news paper said the increase would improve and enhance programs. I am wondering what this really means?

All I have seen in the 49 years I have hunted and fished is less game and less fish and now they want us to pay more for less. I can understand why there are less and less people hunting and fishing and less Licenses being sold. In my opinion the Fish and Wildlife department as a whole has done a terrible job of Management. I understand the the public in a lot of ways does hinder the Fish and Wildlife department in doing some things better. But the department could do a lot better if they would stand up and let the public know. Such as the continuing issue concerning the Sea Lions and the damage they are doing to our fish runs.

Why does the state not do a comparison say the Sea Lions are taking say as an example 3 percent of the run. If this

3 percent did spawn say 1 and a half fish this would product say 20,000 eggs and with survival rate of 2 per cent total return of fingerling's to reach the ocean was 500 fish and return of adults was 30. Using this as an Example (as I know the Fish depart does have the correct figures) Times this by the number of fish a Sea lion Eats a day per an average of how long that one Sea lion is feeding in the River times the total amount of Sea Lions, Then you would be show the public the actual impact the Sea lions are having on the Fish Run.

Then when you say taking out 65 sea lions times 30 =1950 return per day X 90 days 175,500. Hope you get my drift here. Now that is a lot of fish. Same type of averages could be done with the Nets and amount of fish that die in the Nets and are wasted by the Indians.

same Example could and should be used with the amount of Bears and Cougars have on our Deer Elk and Antelope. Let the Public know then you may get more support to help to manage or fish and Wildlife, Like more funds. As it is now I would not support the increase.

I have other items such as why we are allowing over grassing by leasing to ranchers in Eastern Oregon which in turn leaves nothing for the Elk and Deer in the Winter to feed on. The Farmers and ranchers have most of the land that the Deer and Elk used to winter on. Now it is Farmed and there is nothing for them. I think when a ranch or Farm comes up for sale that could be used for wintering and used to be their Winter Ground the Fish and Wild life needs to have the funds to purchase it and then retore it so there is winter feed for the Big Game.

Thanks For your time and the chance to comment.

Regards  
Gordon Pirie

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Lisa Evans  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 10:09 AM  
**To:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Subject:** FW: Public meetings Proposed for Hunting and fishing fee increases (Oregonian Tuesday April 1,2008)

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 8:40 AM  
**To:** Lisa Evans  
**Subject:** FW: Public meetings Proposed for Hunting and fishing fee increases (Oregonian Tuesday April 1,2008)

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**From:** Gordon.Pirie@Sun.COM [mailto:Gordon.Pirie@Sun.COM]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 8:01 AM  
**To:** ODFW Info; gordon pirie  
**Subject:** Public meetings Proposed for Hunting and fishing fee increases (Oregonian Tuesday April 1,2008)

There is suppose to be a meeting in Portland but where was not listed in the Oregonians article? Please advise.  
Plus If I am not able to make to the meeting is there an Email address that I can send my opinion and input to that will be registered.

Regards  
Gordon Pirie

## Casaria Tuttle

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**From:** Richard Hargrave  
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General Comment:

The shell fish license that you make us buy on top of our combination tags is ridiculous. Why not add it in with either the fishing license or the Combo license, but still have it available to those who don't get the larger licenses.

Respectfully,

Mark J. Rossi

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