

Exhibit D
**Sauvie Island Wildlife Area
Management Plan and Dog Training
Advisory Committee Process**

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence**

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Subject: FW: SIWA Plan

Importance: High

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To: ODFW Commission; ODWF comments

Subject: SIWA Plan

The controversy arose during the final draft plan for SIWA because the manager at SIWA is trying to compromise the purpose of SIWA, the intent of its creation, with his not so well hidden personal commitment to the Audubon Society.

I am still dissatisfied with the SIWA plan because it continues to discriminate against coon-hound sportsmen being able to effectively train their dogs by citing the arbitrarily set parking permit hours. Before the parking permits were introduced to generate revenue for port-a-potties, there were no issues with coonhounds being run in SIWA.

There are very few coon hunters in Oregon and certainly fewer in the metro area. We buy hunting licenses and ammunition like any other hunters and are extremely low maintenance. We may be few, but we are contributing and totally unsupported.

Adjusting the parking permits to allow a night parking permit would be a simple solution. The ability to train my dogs at SIWA is important to me because the terrain is easily accessible for my husband who has had a hip replacement and now has failing knees. When I take the dogs out by myself, as a woman, I feel much safer than when I go to the rugged, mountainous areas which are much more secluded and have many more dangers.

Allowing access to coon hunters reduces the riff-raff who go to SIWA late at night to do illegal activities. When we started going out there in 2003 we thought the hours were used as a tool to punish those who misused the area. Every night that we went out there, there would be 3-4 cars parked and they would leave when we slowed to look at them. Every night other cars would come in and park but leave quickly when they saw our lights coming toward them. Every year the number of cars going out there to drink alcohol, use drugs or cause vandalism was fewer.

ODFW needs to approve a plan for SIWA that allows coon hunters to use the island as it was used before the parking permits. ODFW needs to clean house and ensure its managers understand ODFW's purpose. There are many groups in the Portland area who are masking their true agenda behind conservationist names. These group's agendas are to ultimately restrict any access to any wildlife area. They are doing it little by slowly, but by the actions of management at SIWA, it appears they are sure doing it.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Sauvie plan

Hi Mark,

I see you're launching the Sauvie plan's final process; i.e., review and adoption of dog training rules. Please include me on the mailing/email list for the advisory committee (has it been named yet?). I'm interested in attending as many of the four meetings as possible.

Are the dates set? I didn't see them in the summary on the commission packet and would like to announce them in the paper as well...or at least on my blog.

I remain very concerned about the potential for supplanting dog trainers, especially the upland dogs, from an area they've nurtured and built over a long period.

Even more potentially troubling could be the inadvertent (I hope) pitting of a dedicated and concerned user group with a long history of caring for resources and support for ODFW against conservation efforts they also support. I've been solidly in both camps throughout my own career.

Hopefully it won't get to that.

In fact, as I recall from a couple of visits out there this spring, there wasn't much at all in the way of habitat for ground nesting birds in the upland dog area, given all the water.

Hope all else is well...Looks like a good hunting season heading our way...

My glass remains half full...

Bill Monroe

WITNESS REGISTRATION

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
 Friday, August 5, 2011 - Salem Headquarters

EXHIBIT D

PUBLIC HEARING ON: EXHIBIT D: SAUVIE ISLAND WILDLIFE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN AND HUNTING DOG TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROCESS

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During the last attempt to rewrite the SI Management Plan a controversy arose, not from dog training activities and conservation activities but with the process. The dog trainers were left out of the process during the development of the Plan.

The notification to dog trainers was not about "some" of traditional areas being seasonally closed but nearly "all" of the areas that we have financially sustained and used for over 50 years, would be closed.

The Commission directed staff to work with representatives of the dog training community and to include a diverse group of interested parties to fairly represent everyone. Staff has decided to whittle that directive down to two groups leaving out the "other recreational users". Hounds men, Fishermen, pickers, trap shooters, photographers, hikers, hunters, kayakers, bikers, etc.

As a participating member of the last advisory committee, I would like to suggest that the group be more diverse than staff's proposal and that the members representing the dog community be selected by the dog training community rather than hand picked by staff. For our last advisory committee a list of qualified and knowledgeable members of our community were presented to staff; all experts and representing large numbers of participants throughout the state.

The sad result of staff's personal hand picked selections was a loss of experts in several different fields being able to participate and the inclusion of some committee members that strained the patience and resources of everyone involved. I would be happy to collaborate with everyone and provide a list of dog community representatives for staff again.

Our recent past experience with facilitated meetings and ODF&W demonstrates that inclusion of many experts is preferable to a narrow and exclusionary approach. The input and experience of the larger committee for Dog Training Rules saved us from making many unfortunate decisions that would have negatively impacted multiple users.

Unfortunately ODF&W has determined to start fresh with new staff members for this committee forcing us to revisit much of the information we just provided to our last staff members; an unfortunate duplication of time, education and State tax dollars.

Staff has declined to respond to requests for information on State Wildlife Management Plans so far; how they work, why we use them, who is impacted, how goals are developed and how to productively give input. This education is now proposed to be part of one of the committees 4 meetings. As with the previous advisory committee I would like staff to be realistic about what can be accomplished in such a brief period of time. I would ask that they consider the importance of this particular document which impacts the largest metropolitan area in the state and the most diverse number of user groups of any of the management plans.

The previous proposed plan expanded the old 30 page Plan to over 100 pages and that did not include the dog training rules. It is detailed; it governs our resources and deserves careful consideration from staff, the general public and the many user groups. There is no reason to set an arbitrary number of meetings for the sole purpose of making a December deadline.

For some reason staff provided one letter to you as public input on this matter. Dr Bullard's note is one of over 100 letters and e-mails from the public on this issue. The omission of such a huge volume of public testimony is frustrating.

I would like to suggest the following for the new advisory committee:

- *The committee be expanded to 12 members of the public plus staff and OSP.

- *That the number of meetings be determined after an outline of topics is determined by the committee

- *That the training community provide its own representatives.

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Good morning Commissioners:

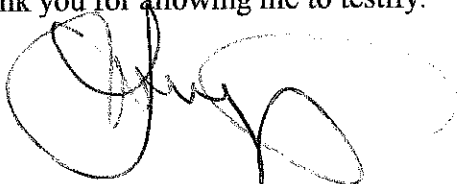
My name is Larry Porter and I want to thank you for allowing me to come before you with comments regarding the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Management Plan. I'm Vice President, Field Activities, the Oregon Brittany Club, but what is especially important to me is that within my family we now have four generations of upland game bird hunters. I clearly like tradition.

It's hard to believe that almost a year has elapsed since many of us from the hunting dog community came before you to provide written and oral testimony in regard to the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Management Plan., with the Commission electing to defer adoption of the plan. The good news since then is that new hunting dog and raptor training rules were adopted by the Commission last June, after long hours and debate by the 19 member T-TAG Advisory Committee that included two ODFW staff members. Apparently ODFW staff now wants to build on the success of D-TAG and that's appropriate so long as the hunting dog community has the right to select its own four representatives and that the eight member committee is not diluted with the inclusion of ODFW staff members. If ODFW staff members are to be included in the committee, they should be in addition to the eight members. Further, given the number of lengthy meetings required by D-TAG to reach consensus, the four meetings proposed by staff will be insufficient for the work at hand.

Also, I have to ask.....what happened to all the written testimony submitted to the Commission last year? Exhibit D has only one letter! Many letters, including one from me, were submitted but not included in this exhibit. Staff needs to provide copies to you as part of the record.

Lastly, when the committee work is completed and you are asked to adopt the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Management Plan, I ask for certainty in the Management Plan to ensure that the hunting dog community will be allowed continuous use of those Wildlife Areas where we have historically trained our dogs.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.



August 5, 2011

Exhibit O - Sauvie Island

Thanks for giving me the ability to speak to you. My wife & I are 11 year Sauvie Island residents, significant refuge volunteers for more than six years & users of the refuge for more than 20 years. I & my wife train, while I judge & we both hunt while using retrievers. We are members of five retriever clubs of which I am a director on two.

First, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the spirit & work ethic & cooperation of the ODFW people involved in the development of the Oregon State dog training program (RDAT).

Please remember that these lands are only here because of funds & volunteer work from the sporting community many of which use dogs trained on the refuge.

I understand that 8 people will be members of the refuge plan "advisory group". I hope they listen with the same spirit I saw from the RDAT group. I would encourage you to insist that the group include upland, retriever & sport hunting people who use the refuge. These should also be people recommended by the groups themselves.

As you know, the sporting groups were not included for the last plan iteration. As a result you heard extensive negative input "after the fact". By the way I have not seen that input, including my own, in the materials for this meeting. I would also suggest more than four "advisory group meetings". From my experience with RDAT, which was obviously much simpler, four meetings will be inadequate to truly hear everyone. I would suggest that non-users of the refuge also be excluded from the group.

As an optimist, I hope this time that ODFW will be more inclusive & "get it right". Thanks again. Philip Sperr, bearflip@aol.com.

Reference: Aug 5, 2011 ODFW Commissioner meeting in Salem, OR. Sauvie Island Wildlife Management Plan Update, Item D on the Agenda

Referencing ODFW's recommendation to form an advisory group for the dog training aspect of the Sauvie Island Wildlife Management Plan I would like to make one important comment:

The members of the group cited by ODFW fails to include one very important group.....THE HUNTERS. They have a very important long term investment in the SIWA. Not to forget that their funds bought the area, continue to annually fund the area, and have made many contributions to improvements to the area over the years. In that most small game hunters hunt with dogs that either they train or have others train they have a very strong interest in how the area is used for dog training. I recommend that the advisory group include representatives from organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and especially Oregon Duck Hunters.

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