Attachment 3

Public Correspondence received as of July 19, 2012

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May 1, 2012

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
3406 Cherry Avenue, NE
Salem, OR 97303

Dear ODF&W and EBAC:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment prior to preparing your budget for the next biennium. The Coos County Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee has worked diligently to maintain funding for the Wildlife Services program in Coos County. Coos County is currently responsible for approximately 73% of the program's budget. The remaining budget funds consist of 7% ODF&W and 20% ODA and USDA dollars. State regulations have increased the cost of predator management.

Predators and wildlife belong to the people of the State, not just to a county. It is not a county's responsibility to control and manage the people's wildlife. The landowners in this county not only provide habitat but feed the wildlife on their lands. This is a huge financial loss to the landowner. The landowners receive no compensation from the State and the State loses the income tax on lost profits.

Coos County, like so many counties in the State, will likely be losing the federal timber payments. This loss will place a huge financial burden on the Coos County budget. It is time for the State (ODF&W) to fully fund the Wildlife Services program.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue to Coos County.

Sincerely,

Sharon Waterman

Sharon Waterman, Chairman
Coos County Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee
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Bandon, Oregon 97411

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Dear ODFW and EBAC:

As a lifetime, third generation Oregonian and tax payer, I am requesting your office to reallocate more of your funds to the Wildlife Services program.

Citizens of Oregon have to prioritize our dollars during these tough times. I am requesting ODFW to place more emphasis on controlling predators that take away game animals and State tax dollars. Please let me explain. Those State tax dollars that would have been paid by the agriculture and forestry industries income IF they would not have incurred the losses by the people's wildlife to their forests, livestock, crops, etc.

I also would like to see less emphasis on "Oregon State police" and more spent toward the "wildlife services predator managers" to control UNEDUCATED wildlife that destroy or kill our assets. These predators are unable to read the hunting synopsis to know they are not to trespass without permission or kill and destroy private property.

After all, ODFW is responsible for the people's wildlife. Please have consideration to those of us that are trying to make a living in Oregon and already provide the food and habit for wildlife.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Waterman

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Lisa Evans

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 1:32 PM
To: Debbie L Colbert; Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: Comment on ODFW Budget 2013 to 2015

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From: drochna@eoni.com [mailto:drochna@eoni.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 9:39 PM
To: ODFW.Comments@state.or.us
Subject: Comment on ODFW Budget 2013 to 2015

To the ODFW Director,
Regarding the recent Town Hall meeting in LaGrande on May 1st, and concerning comment on the ODFW budget 2013-2015: My husband attended this meeting. I was unable as I was at a city council meeting in Cove. I'm a City Councilor.

I understand the great importance of the ODFW agency and especially for Union County and surrounding counties of the Wallowa Whitman National forest areas. The natural resourses of our forests support the economic health of our communities, and the ODFW agency is a clear reflection of that health.

I would like to propose that the ODFW agency make an effort to educate the public regarding its needs and plans, and how important it is for community feedback. It would be great if the ODFW community affairs director could share/update us via our local paper (The LaGrande Observer) and prior to these Town Hall Meetings. My husband shared that he was surprised when he was told that his input carried so much weight regarding budget decisions. I wasn't surprised, but wondered if others are unaware how important their input is.

I would also like to suggest that the ODFW offer classes or small courses in support of those areas that cause licenses. I think if classes in fishing/fly fishing, hunting/gun safety, etc were offered - this would be another means of revenue for the agency and it would grow a base of future license buyers or supporters/appreciators of both the agency and our natural resourses. And further, the classes could be held behind an agency building, with maybe a day in the field.

It would be great if the agency could better connect with the community, and share it's wisdom. In this way, the community has an opportunity to gain training the agency approves, and ODFW representatives have an opportunity to share their knowledge which I'm certain is as great a resource as our beautiful forests. If you decide to have classes - let me know - I'll sign up and come with at least a few friends.

Sincerely,

Darlene Rochna
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Comment on ODFW
2013-15 Budget Development

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) seeks your comments as we develop our 2013-15 agency budget. We will add your comments to the record after you complete this form and:

- Turn it in at a locally hosted town hall meeting
- Fax it to ODFW at 503-947-6042
- Mail it to the ODFW Director's Office, 3406 Cherry Ave. NE, Salem OR, 97303
- Email to ODFW.Comments@state.or.us

Please submit written comments by May 17, 2012.

(1) Allow 1-3 wild spring Chinook retention below Bonneville Falls to reduce waste of wild Chinook killed & released to rot in the lower river only.

(2) Make mandatory hunter reporting mandatory & punitive as charge $20 extra for tags & licenses for those not in compliance. Institute Honor Program of reporting if not reported online as required before issuing any new tags to scofflaws.

(3) Do Not cut any funds from OSP enforcement except the legislature now plans for officers statewide, boots on the ground. Officer safety increasing daily due to courts, budgets cuts, overworked, stretched to thin troops. Just the perception of "budgeting" fewer OSP positions will allow more scofflaws, degenerates, felons, armed felons, thrill killers, poachers, hard poachers, illegal meat importers, chemical dumping, Neanderthals to cause more problems for legal sportsmen/women.

(4) Do not ask for donation for predator fund (note tacked on) by people buying licenses now. Surcharge for OSP enforcement works better. Tiny to go.

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1) When taking a position on important issues, it is your responsibility to base your position on sound science, not anecdotal observations. Travel management is a prime example.

2) I recommend taking small percentages of funds from Natural Fish production, Fish propagation, and Administration programs to increase the enforcement budget to at least 10% of the total ODFW budget.

3) Please don't discount the importance of I&E programs in NE Oregon. Kids in this area need to be recruited and retained in the hunter and angler population.

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Roy, thanks for coming to La Grande to visit with "sportsmen" regarding ODFW's budget. Unfortunately, your staff and representatives of other public agencies outnumber sportsmen by maybe 5:1. I hope you get a better turnout at your other meetings. I believe the poor turn out in La Grande was the result of two primary factors: 1) Poor newspaper notice of the meeting, and 2) A growing disconnect between longtime sportsmen in the area and ODFW. I would be happy to visit with you regarding this issue.

Obviously, with hunter trends ↓ you will need to find ways to hunting/fishing license-tag fees to help fund your program. You also need to be constantly looking for ways to make more opportunities available. Every limited entry tag for deer-elk-sheep-antelope will generate revenue. You might want to evaluate the cost of printing regulations and making them available at no cost. Wish I had more time to visit with you in La Grande. TIM LAUMAN

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