Harassment and Take of Wolves in Oregon

(*What can a Livestock Producer Do?*)

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> *NOTE: Currently the following rules ONLY apply to federally delisted portions of Oregon east of Hwy's 395-78-95. In this area, use Oregon Administrative rule 635-110-0030*

Can a producer shoot a wolf <u>attacking or chasing</u> livestock?

A person or their agent (see full rule referenced on back) east of Hwy's 395-78-95 may shoot a wolf caught in the act of **biting, wounding, killing, or chasing** livestock or working dogs on their property or lands they lawfully occupy (including public lands) without a permit if:

1. They have not baited or taken actions to attract wolves, **and**
2. They make all reasonable attempts to preserve the scene and not remove or disturb the carcass, **and**
3. The take is reported to ODFW within 24 hours.

Can a producer harass or haze wolves away from livestock?

Producers can haze or scare (by making loud noises for example) a wolf or wolves without a permit if:

1. The wolf is testing, chasing, attempting to test/chase, or is in close proximity to livestock, **and**
2. The actions do not harm or injure the wolf, **and**
3. The encounter is unintentional (i.e., pursuit is not allowed), **and**

On private land, injurious harassment of wolves (e.g. haze wolves in ways that could cause injury but not kill – this includes pursuit) is also allowed by producers on private land they own or lawfully occupy. In this situation, there can be no identified circumstance that attracts wolf-livestock conflict

On public land, if depredation or other wolf-livestock conflict occurs, ODFW can permit livestock producers in the area to injuriously harass wolves (e.g. haze wolves in ways that could cause injury but not kill – this includes pursuit). Hazing permits will not be issued if there are identified circumstances which attract wolf-livestock conflict.

Any type of harassment should be reported to ODFW within 48 hrs.

For additional information refer to Oregon Administrative Rule 635-110-0030 on the ODFW website at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wolves/.

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These excerpts pertain to shooting a wolf caught in the act of attacking livestock.

NOTE: as of January 10, 2014, these rules are pre-empted in a portion of Oregon by the endangered status of the gray wolf under the federal Endangered Species Act. In the portion of Oregon where federal protections are reduced to a level below that of Oregon law, these rules govern harassment and take of wolves in Oregon.

Phase II 635-110-0020 (5) Lethal take of wolves in the act of biting, wounding, killing or chasing livestock or working dogs.
  (a) A person, or an agent as described in paragraph (b), may lethally take a wolf on land the person owns or lawfully occupies only if:
    (A) The wolf is caught in the act of biting, wounding, killing or chasing livestock or working dogs; and
    (B) No person has used bait or taken other intentional actions to attract wolves.
  (b) A landowner or lawful occupant of land may authorize an agent to enter the land for the purpose of taking wolves pursuant to 5(a) on the landowner or occupant's behalf. The authorization must be in writing, be carried by the agent when wolves are taken, and must include:
    (A) The date of issuance of the authorization;
    (B) The name, address, telephone number and signature of the person granting authorization;
    (C) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom authorization is granted; and
    (D) The expiration date of the authorization, which may not be later than one year from the issuance date.
  (c) Any person who takes a wolf pursuant to 5(a) of these rules must make all reasonable efforts to preserve the scene, not remove or disturb the wolf carcass, and report the take to ODFW within 24 hours.

Phase III 635-110-0030 (5) Lethal take of wolves in the act of attacking livestock is allowed under the same conditions as for Phase II (OAR 635-110-0020(5)), except that wolf depredation on livestock may be confirmed by either ODFW or Wildlife Services.