

Exhibit B

Supplemental Public Correspondence

**Public correspondence received
as of July 31, 2014**

Lisa Evans

From: Teri Kucera
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 11:22 AM
To: Lisa Evans
Cc: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Comments - 2015-17 Budget Proposal
Attachments: CWA-Budget-Comments_Bowles.pdf

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Lisa: Supplemental correspondence for August 1 distribution to Commission. - TK

From: Ed Bowles
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2014 5:44 PM.
To: Teri Kucera; Debbie L Colbert
Cc: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Comments - 2015-17 Budget Proposal

For Commission agenda item on budget... Thx

From: Kelly Miles [mailto:kelly_miles@frontier.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 12:20 PM
To: ed.bowles@state.or.us
Cc: Michael Gray
Subject: Comments - 2015-17 Budget Proposal

Dear Mr. Bowles,

I hope your summer is going well. I was unable to attend the North Bend Town Hall regarding the upcoming biennium budget, so please forgive my impetuosity in submitting my attached comments on the last day. Our ODFW biologists are very important to us, and I wanted to let you & the Commission know how hard they work and all they do to help us accomplish the restoration of our watershed.

Best Regards,
Kelly

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**Working Together to Promote Resource Conservation
and Economic Stability in the Coquille Watershed**

July 17, 2014

Ed Bowles
ODFW, Fish Division Administrator
3406 Cherry Avenue N.E.
Salem, OR 97303

RE: ODFW's 2015-2017 Budget

Dear Mr. Bowles,

The Coquille Watershed Association, and most watershed councils in Oregon, depend strongly on the engagement and support of state natural resource agency staff from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and we realize that the current budget discussions revolve mainly around increases in license fees and less on conservation programs, but please allow me to account for the importance of ODFW staff and ODFW Restoration Programs to our organization and to the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.

ODFW is the most important partner in our conservation and restoration projects, and ODFW staff provide technical expertise and support that would otherwise be difficult or prohibitively costly to access. The value they bring as a partner to our restoration projects is immeasurable; ODFW is our first contact on every project we embark upon, from riparian fencing & planting to tidegate & culvert removal, and, of course, our instream restoration projects. ODFW staff sit on our Technical Advisory Team, assisting in selecting projects that will have a positive ecological impact in the watershed, gathering necessary information, providing technological expertise and data for grant applications. We are also about to complete the South Fork Action Plan, an important reference document that will be utilized for years to come by organizations in the restoration of the South Fork Coquille River, home to 60% of the salmonids in our system. Once this report is published, we will begin work on the third update to the Coquille Watershed Action Plan, a monumental undertaking that will need ODFW's input and expertise to make it the reputable and technical reference it needs to be. We have also had many very successful projects partially funded through the R & E and STAC Programs, from wetland restoration to student-run native species propagation, projects that wouldn't have happened without ODFW support.

The Coquille Watershed Association relies heavily on the ODFW Umpqua Watershed District fish habitat biologists to implement our restoration projects, and these positions are integral to the effectiveness of all the watershed councils on the Southern Oregon Coast. Watershed councils in this region of the state are small organizations, many with a one-person staff, and we depend on ODFW staff members to assist with design, permitting and implementation of our restoration projects. They provide valuable technical expertise during project implementation, contribute to pre- & post-project monitoring, habitat design, fish salvage and large wood placement. Without their expertise, the number of projects we would be able to implement would be severely affected. In addition, we would have to rely upon hired consultants for the skills currently provided by the ODFW staff, significantly increasing costs and reducing greatly the financial match we are able to bring to restoration projects.

We understand that the \$32M budget shortfall in the next biennium is distressing to everyone, and that staff support is on the chopping block given that general fund dollars are already stretched thin, but I cannot express to you enough the value these positions bring to our work, and the resulting projects that support healthy habitat and wildlife populations. When Oregon coastal wild/natural coho salmon populations reached their lowest

recorded abundance in the early 1990's, the State of Oregon developed The Oregon Plan to provide the framework for recovering this species. The Oregon Plan is recognition that Oregon's coastal watersheds have been impacted by human activity over the past 150 years and impetus for actions that can be implemented to recover the overall health of coastal watersheds. The Oregon Plan benefits a number of aquatic organisms including coho, fall Chinook and coastal cutthroat trout. These species bring millions of dollars in revenue to coastal communities annually through recreational and commercial fisheries. Continued recovery of wild/natural fish populations will further increase the economic benefits to the coastal region.

The Coquille Watershed Association will be strictly hampered in our ability to implement the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds and to get projects on the ground in a cost-effective and timely manner if these ODFW positions are cut. Of all the strategically important aspects of watershed recovery that ODFW biologists are involved with, none is more important than the biological assessment. Through their assessment of proposed individual projects, these biologists give direct guidance on where monies should be spent to maximize benefits to the watershed, what materials will best accomplish the restoration, and what quantity of positive impact the project is likely to have. I would specifically like to thank our ODFW Biologists, Christopher Claire and Jeff Jackson, who are heavily involved in all of our restoration projects, and without them we would not be able to accomplish the great amount of work we have completed over the past few years. We also tragically lost our Program Manager in early 2013, and depended on Chris and Jeff more than ever as we recovered from the loss. We just passed the 20th anniversary of our restoration work and would not be as effective or successful without ODFW's support. I'm sure that other Councils feel the same as we do about their biologists.

In the current financial climate it is understood that funding is limited, but the watershed health improvements that have been initiated are expected to expand recreational and commercial fishery income captured by coastal communities as salmon populations continue towards full recovery. Recreational fisheries for wild coho salmon were re-opened in the Coquille and Coos River watersheds in 2009 after being closed for 16 years. It has been the efforts of those involved in watershed restoration that have directly resulted in the recovery of coastal coho salmon populations. Without the efforts of ODFW fishery habitat restoration field biologists, a critical link in the chain for coho & Chinook salmon recovery, and the future economies of Oregon's coastal communities, will be broken. Please consider these important positions when determining the 2015-17 budget. Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

Kelly

Kelly Miles

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Teri Kucera

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 9:40 AM
To: Debbie L Colbert (debbie.l.colbert@state.or.us); Teri Kucera
Subject: FW: Comment on 2015-2017 Budget Development

From: Tony Bowman [<mailto:bowman691@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 2:14 PM
To: ODFW.comments@state.or.us
Subject: Comment on 2015-2017 Budget Development

Dear Sirs

I don't believe ODF&W should be aloud to raise tag/licence prices or get more money from the general fund because it is being mismanaged . Send them a message by voting NO to their request for more funding . ODF&W can do what it is intended to do under the present budget !

Thank you for your consideration

Thomas Bowman

Lisa Evans

From: KURT <trukreltrog@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2014 6:02 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Fee hikes,,,

You people are going to price yourselves out of business. With Weyerhaeuser wanting to charge for access, I am assuming that's why the fee hike is coming. Because you know you will lose money, because the working man can't afford their crazy fees.

That's all that is around the area I live, Weyerhaeuser land. If their pay to play scheme goes into effect, I'll quit hunting and buy a side of beef. Hunting is fast becoming a rich mans sport. The common man won't be able to afford to hunt. It will be cheaper to buy beef and a pig. I am personally disgusted with government stealing more and more money any way they can. Raise the fees, keep your tags, simple.

Kurt Gortler
St.Helens OR

Lisa Evans

From: gutbrodpete <gutbrodpete@wavecable.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2014 1:19 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: roy.elicker@state.or.us
Subject: Budget

I just wanted to voice my concerns with the proposed budget increase . I DO NOT support or agree with any increases in fees, permits or license costs. Hunter and fisher numbers are down and increasing costs will only worsen the situation. Your agency does not seem to have much support for the increases from what I am hearing. As a matter of fact, many many people seem to be quite upset about the proposal. These increases are a bad idea in my opinion and are a mistake and I urge you to not move forward with them. You need to do what most of us taxpayers have to do, learn to live within your budget. If that means cuts and less employees, then so be it.

Pete Gutbrod
503-435-7577

Lisa Evans

From: Dominic Aiello <dominic.aiello91@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2014 12:00 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: Roy Elicker
Subject: 2015-2017 Budget Comments

Dear Commission,

As a hunter & angler, I am vehemently opposed to the proposed budget increase. Our hunt-able and fish-able wildlife continue to decrease. While, ODFW continues to take little to no action to change this, but they continue to ask for additional funds.

ORS 496.012 states, "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."

However, our overall deer population has declined by over 33% (according to ODFW data) in as many years. Is that not to be considered a "serious depletion?" If not, what is??

ODFW does not deserve any increased funding until they provide something in return to sportsmen and women!

Thank You,
Dominic Aiello
(503)484-6292

Lisa Evans

From: Teri Kucera on behalf of Roy Elicker
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:25 AM
To: Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: Budget

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Lisa Evans

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 10:07 AM
To: Debbie L Colbert; Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: NFS Comments on Proposaed Budget
Attachments: Bduget Comments to the Commission.doc

Supplemental Correspondence for Exhibit B – this Friday. – Teri Kucera

From: Jim Myron [<mailto:myrons@canby.com>]
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 7:59 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Cc: Bobby Levy; Mike Finley
Subject: NFS Comments on Proposaed Budget

Please see the attached statement from the Native Fish Society for Friday's commission meeting.



NATIVE FISH SOCIETY

Advancing the Recovery of Native, Wild Fish in Their Homewaters

July 27, 2014

To: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Re: 2015/17 Proposed Agency Budget

The Native Fish Society (NFS) appreciates this opportunity to make a few final comments on the agency's proposed budget before you send it on to the Governor's office. We appreciate all of the effort that the staff has put into this budget development process. The information before the commission today for your consideration is the most comprehensive we have seen and the process has been more open and transparent than any previous budget efforts we have experienced. With that in mind, we offer these final comments on this phase of the process.

Proposed Angling Fee Increases

As we have stated previously, NFS supports the proposed increases to recreational and commercial fishing licenses and fees. Given the reluctance of many in the recreational angling community to support the proposed increases at this time, we encourage the staff to make it very clear just which fishing related programs will undergo cuts should the fee increases not be approved. The reductions should focus just on programs and activities that benefit the recreational angling industry. The department needs to be fully prepared to follow through with these targeted cuts if that becomes necessary.

Proposed Position Cuts

While NFS would have made further cuts to staff in the fish propagation program and would have entirely eliminated the warmwater fishing program staff, the proposed cuts seem to be fairly balanced and we support them.

Proposed Fund Shifts

Except for the proposed fund shift for avian and pinniped management, NFS supports the proposed shifts from license dollars to funding from the state general fund. The positions and programs proposed for future funding from the general fund are activities that benefit the public at large and are just the sort of programs we anticipated being paid for by taxpayer dollars when we proposed the new revenue distribution formula to the agency several months ago.

Policy Options Packages

We will likely have comments in the future as these option packages make their way through the governor's review and at the Legislature, but for now, we see no reason not to move forward with all of the proposals.

Legislative Concepts

We anticipate seeing the final list of legislative concepts when they are available.

Throughout the discussion of fund shifts over the past few months, NFS has been clear about our desire to see the general funds that are currently allocated to the fish propagation program replaced by contributions from the fishing industries. NFS disagrees with the department's rationale for continuing this allocation of general funds to fish propagation. We believe that the organizations and individuals who benefit directly from the hatchery program should be the ones responsible for paying for the program. NFS believes that it is long past time to eliminate this taxpayer subsidy to these industries. We will continue to advocate for this change with the governor's staff over the next few months.

Jim Myron, Lobbyist
The Native Fish Society
503.819.5589

Jason Bader

From: jerlor@frontier.com
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 4:21 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: PROPOSED PRICE INCREASES FOR 2015-2016. It's bad enough to see our fish and wildlife resources dwindling in numbers on a yearly basis because of administrative poor judgment and misman

poor management on predators and your inclinations to go with the seal and cougar and wolve lovers! When you start to use some "common sense"

in your decision making then you will restore my faith in your administration -even if it's just for a little while. Even though your job entitles you to pay raises every year I strongly urge you to consider the fact that not all of us are getting a pay raise every year. A wise man told me years ago that hunting and fishing in OREGON would become a rich man's sport. I'm not rich and I'm sure as hell not going to stop a god-given right!!

Thank you

Jerry A

Lisa Evans

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 4:20 PM
To: Debbie L Colbert; Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: Proposed License & Tag cost increases

Supplemental correspondence for Exhibit B this Friday. – Teri Kucera

From: Dale Ballard [<mailto:daleballard52@molalla.net>]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 1:44 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed License & Tag cost increases

Dear Commissioners,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment upon the proposed increase of license and tag fees. I am aware that costs are rising and that a budget to operate is necessary to carry out your mission for the benefit of all Oregonians. I understand that a proposal to go to the legislature asking for \$11 million in general funds is included in the overall budget. To that, I say it is about time.

Non-consumptive users have plenty to benefit from programs overseen and carried-out by ODFW staff. I also am aware that those funds will be difficult to get approved at the legislative level, but I know many of your supporters are in favor and will be at the legislature to carry that message. Frankly, the amount requested should be at least double. The programs to monitor wolves, cougars, sealions, cormorants, and terns for example, are needed to establish policies to manage all these predators. None of which a vast majority of your license and tag purchasing constituents are happy with in regard to what those predators are doing to the fish and wildlife resources. Many of us pay hundreds of dollars every year to have the privilege to hopefully harvest an animal, only to see time and again our choices for a preferred controlled hunt tag denied. Declining harvest success rates are the norm these days and many hunters are getting very frustrated with the management of our big game herds, or more to the point, the mismanagement of the predators! I realize there are many issues, including federal and state laws that restrict how management is carried out. But it is past time the agency become more proactive in promoting management of predators to optimize healthy big game herds. If, as I suspect, many people of this state are supportive of having wolves, sealions, cougars, etc., then it is time they step up and pay. Hunters & fishers are fed up with our dollars being spent with little real tangible positive outcome as evidenced by the declining numbers of big game and the associated drop in people buying licenses and tags.

(Note. No hunt tags drawn this year, my hunts will occur in MT & WY, no tags purchased in OR)

I am also concerned that our fisheries management is not being adequately funded from the commercial fishery funds. Management of those fisheries is expensive and their harvest is not without huge issues, yet their supportive revenues back to ODFW comprises about 2% of the agencies operating budget. Where is the justice in that? This favoritism to the commercial fishery is blatant and has got to end!

I believe these proposed increases are now counter productive. I stated as much during the last budget hearings. These increases will further distance the agency and those that have been supportive in the past. People will find these increases too much for family budgets to endure. This will hurt and I foresee the continued drop in numbers of license and tag purchasers, thus continuing the downward spiral leaving an even bigger deficit at the next budget cycle. There needs to be proposals to encourage more involvement in pursuit of fish & game, not deter those that may find this too much hardship. Do that and the agency would realize a much stronger base of support.

In closing, I am not in favor of the increases as proposed. They unfairly, again, mean that the very people that already provide about 30% of the ODFW operating budget, are going to be asked to shoulder the brunt of these cost increases while favoring either the commercial fishing industry or the non-consumptive citizens of Oregon. Bring these costs more in line with regard to fairness for all, while actually undertaking management actions to propagate, not just "opportunity", but real harvestable big game. Undertake **management priorities** that will actually result in less apex predators, both on land and in water. Thank you

Dale Ballard
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Lisa Evans

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 4:21 PM
To: Debbie L Colbert; Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: fishing in Oregon

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From: Allan Stockler [<mailto:allanstockler@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 3:38 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: fishing in Oregon

When I retired, I looked forward to relaxing and fishing.

Now many rivers in Oregon make eating fish unsafe

The ODOT has put up solid concrete barriers so you can't even see rivers any more

and finally, finally, ODFW has raised the price of license, tags, attachments, invasive species permits for boats, shellfish license...and whatever is next.

I have boats, first class fishing gear, fly and spinning rods & reels, which I won't be needing now that you are making fishing in Oregon another money making scheme, and will sell at a very high price to policy makers at ODFW.

I am so disappointed at the way your dept. has destroyed fishing in Oregon.

Allan- Eugene, Oregon

You're old when you stop dreaming and start regretting

BA# 38152

Patriot Guard Riders

.....and man of leisure

Lisa Evans

From: Teri Kucera on behalf of Roy Elicker
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 11:46 AM
To: Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: 2015-2017 Budget Comments

From: Dominic Aiello [<mailto:dominic.aiello91@gmail.com>]
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To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
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Lisa Evans

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 12:21 PM
To: Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: ODFW Fisheries Bios CUTS-APWC Letter of Support for Bios
Attachments: 2014-7-25 ODFW Commish Ltr_LOS-Fisheries Biologists.pdf

From: Janelle Dunlevy (APWC) [<mailto:coordinator@apwc.info>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 10:11 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: REP Richardson; REP Buckley; SEN Bates; d1barron@blm.gov; rmacwhorter@fs.fed.us; rmacwhorter@fs.fed.us; Lynell Dewey; Dan Thorndike; Dan Van Dyke; Mark Grenbemer; cwalker@co.josephine.or.us; bcc@co.josephine.or.us; tom.byler@oweb.state.or.us
Subject: ODFW Fisheries Bios CUTS-APWC Letter of Support for Bios

ODFW Commission,

I have attached two letters of support for our local Central Point Fisheries Biologists, Jay Doino and Pete Samarin. Due to ODFW budget cuts, Jay's Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program position is proposed to be cut and Pete's position is slated to be "re-positioned". Included is a letter of support from the APWC and a letter of support from myself for both of these individuals and their positions. I have also mailed or delivered a hard copy to the individuals listed in the cc of the letter from the APWC.

These cuts will greatly affect the APWC's, and all other watershed councils affected by similar cuts, ability to develop and implement habitat restoration projects that benefit our natural resources. Jay and Pete's technical skills and local on-the-ground fisheries knowledge for the middle and upper Rogue Basin are irreplaceable and the leverage that their skills and knowledge give to our on-the-ground projects will cause negative impacts across a very large landscape.

We will gladly organize a tour of the APWC's current and proposed projects, that could not have been developed or implemented without the assistance of these two fisheries biologists, for anyone interested in attending.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Janelle

Janelle Dunlevy, Coordinator
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July 25, 2014

Attention: Commission Members
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive Southeast
Salem, Oregon 97302

Dear Commissioners,

The Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization established in 1992 to help create collaborative solutions to natural resource issues. We have been successful for over 20 years, but what makes us successful are the partnerships we have created with our landowners, other grass roots organizations and our local agencies.

We are writing to express our sincere concern regarding some proposed budget cuts affecting local staffing. We were informed on July 24, 2014 that ODFW management has proposed cutting the Central Point Office's Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program (WOSRP) staff, Jay Doino, our watershed council liaison to ODFW, he is the Middle and Upper Rogue Basin point of contact for assistance on stream restoration design and a local ODFW fisheries biologist that has many years of hands on knowledge of the Rogue Basin and its tributaries.

In addition to cutting Jay Doino's position, we were informed that Pete Samarin's, Assistant District Fish Biologist (ADB) position will be "re-positioned". We are not clear on what that means, but we have also worked directly with Mr. Samarin and believe that he is just as critical to the success of our watershed council and other organizations in the Rogue Basin as Mr. Doino.

We are currently working on the following projects that we would not be able to develop without the assistance that both of these individuals provide:

- Thompson Creek Habitat Restoration Project (TCHRP):
 - Phase 1: We are currently working with 10 landowners between mile posts 5 & 7 in a contiguous riparian restoration project that covers roughly 1.8 stream miles. This project includes invasive species removal, replanting with native riparian species, instream large wood habitat placements and fencing to keep livestock out of the creek and the riparian plantings.
 - Phase 2: An additional 2.63 stream miles downstream from our Phase 1 project of very similar habitat restoration.
- Butcherknife Creek Fish Passage Barrier Removal Project

- Slate, Thompson and Humbug Creek Barrier Assessment Project, which will result in Barrier Removal projects
- Iron Creek culvert and Habitat Restoration
- Humbug Creek/Hwy 238 Habitat Improvement and Invasive Species Eradication
- Forest Creek Habitat Restoration
- Provolt Seed Orchard Partnership

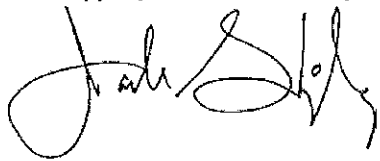
Recently our projects have brought in over \$250,000 of funding to our local economy, but more importantly, Jay Doino and Pete Samarin's assistance have helped us leverage these projects by providing match funding through their in-kind services and technical assistance. We believe that without this ODFW expert assistance, we will be significantly less effective both in obtaining funding to improve wildlife and fishery habitat and actually completing such improvement projects.

We hope that when you are considering ODFW's budget cuts you will consider the fact that when you cut the on-the-ground biologists, you will also inadvertently effect the development and implementation of local fisheries and wildlife habitat restoration projects that benefit our natural resources.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to give all or some of our local ODFW Commissioners a tour of the Applegate "Partnership" and Watershed Council's projects that we have developed in partnership with our local on the ground ODFW fisheries biologists and other local agency partners and landowners.

Thank you for allowing the APWC to provide this information for your consideration. If you or your managers have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

The Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council



Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council
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cc:
ODFW Central Point District Fish Biologist
Jackson & Josephine County Commissioners
Representative Dennis Richardson
Senator Alan Bates
Representative Peter Buckley
Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor Rob Macwhorter
BLM Medford District Manager Dan Barron

"promoting ecological, economic and community well-being in the Applegate watershed through on-the-ground projects and strategic collaborations."



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July 24, 2014

Attention: Commissioners Michael Finley & Bob Webber
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive Southeast
Salem, Oregon 97302

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

My name is Janelle Dunlevy. I am a local Rogue Valley resident, part owner of a small freshwater fishing/guide service and the Coordinator for the Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council. I have very recently been apprised of ODFW's proposed cuts to the Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program (WOSRP) and the proposed shifting of funds to support an Assistant District Fish Biologist (ADB) position. I would like to invite you to a short tour of our watershed and a discussion regarding the importance of the two local fisheries biologists, Jay Doino (WOSRP) and Pete Samarin (ADB) that hold these positions.

Until this week I did not realize how critical the situation regarding our local fisheries biologists' positions were in regards to the ODFW budget cut discussions. I truly feel that this budget cut, the WOSRP program, will not only limit the work ODFW can do but it will also limit the work that all natural resource and habitat restoration groups, including all Rogue Basin, Umpqua and Coastal watershed councils, can accomplish.

My background is in natural resource law enforcement and fisheries habitat restoration and management. I have been married to a 20+ year veteran to the Rogue, Umpqua, Elk and Sixes River fisheries as a professional guide and outfitter for 14 years. Through my professional and private experiences I have been able to witness many different facets of private and public opinion regarding our natural resource and the management of them. I have also been very fortunate to have worked with Jay Doino through my position as an Oregon Plan Trooper with the Oregon State Police (2000-2006), as a volunteer with the Rogue Basin Coordinating Council (2006-2010) and as the coordinator for the Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council (2010-present). Jay is a breath of fresh air in a highly politicized agency. I have been able to work with Pete Samarin through the Watershed Council and have been extremely pleased with the knowledge and experience he brings to the Rogue basin. Both Jay and Pete have extremely informed grasps on the health of our local fisheries and have great ideas and technical expertise that they provide to local grass roots organizations who are attempting to conduct on-the-ground fisheries and wildlife habitat restoration/rehabilitation. Both of these fisheries biologists provide expertise that is irreplaceable to the Central Point ODFW office. However, they both provide different types of technical expertise which makes them much more effective and helpful. Currently, Jay and Pete provided technical assistance to the Middle Rogue (Grants Pass area), Applegate, Illinois Valley,

Bear Creek, Little Butte and Upper Rogue watersheds. This is a huge area to provide service to as an individual, but having two professionals with great skills, technical and biological fisheries expertise and local on-the-ground knowledge that can bounce ideas off of each other is a huge benefit to our local resources.

I would like to re-express my concern regarding the effects that these cuts will have on ODFW and the continued efforts of the watershed councils and other organizations working on natural resource restoration. Without the restoration work that occurs through these organizations there is a very good possibility that the overall affect some of your other budget adjustment measures, such as license and tag fee increases, will make very little difference. I make this statement because I have seen the heightened level of frustration from the public due to the decrease in our currently limited natural resources. The increase in fees and regulations generally cause the public to give up and not participate. This will result in additional or continued funding issues if the public does not feel there is hope that our natural resources will increase. An increase in our natural resources, such as our fisheries, also benefits the natural environment, recreational opportunities and local economies.

I would like to invite you to tour the Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council's current and proposed projects and show you what your investment in the Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program position and our Assistant District Fish Biologist position, or more personally stated as, your investment in Jay Doino and Pete Samarin provides as leverage to the health of our natural resources.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to our natural resources.

Janelle R. Dunlevy



Coordinator, Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council

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"promoting ecological, economic and community well-being in the Applegate watershed through on-the-ground projects and strategic collaborations."

Lisa Evans

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:50 AM
To: Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: ODFW - proposed budget - cuts ODFW staff - North Coast

Importance: High

From: Maggie Peyton [<mailto:maggie@nehalem.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:45 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: 'Lisa Phipps'; Jason Busch; Cory Colburn; leeklingler@comcast.net; Jo Zettler; Fred Oviatt; amiller@vernonia.k12.or.us; Vic Dykstra; Gil McClain; BROWNSCOMBE Brett * GOV; REP Boone; SEN Johnson; Tony Hyde; Jesse Jones; necanicumwatershed@gmail.com; 'Alex Sifford'; Rob Walton - NOAA Federal; Dan Avery; REP Witt; Celeste Lebo
Subject: ODFW - proposed budget - cuts ODFW staff - North Coast
Importance: High

Dear Madame Chair Bobby Levy – ODFW Commission,

I am deeply concerned that the cuts to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff proposed in ODFW budget will negatively impact the progress of native salmon population recovery in the North Coast basin. The positions that have now been clearly identified for elimination are the staff that assists the watershed councils (x10) in identifying, developing, implementing and monitoring the effectiveness of salmon passage and habitat restoration projects in the North Coast basin.

Watershed councils are notoriously under-funded and consequently under staffed and rely on the technical assistance and field experience provided by ODFW and grant funds to perform native salmon population recovery projects. With-out the essential assistance provided by key ODFW staff our on-the-ground native salmon population recovery efforts will come to a standstill.

Over the last two decades the value of the ODFW contribution has enabled watershed councils to leverage millions of dollar in grants funds. Hundreds of miles of essential salmon habitat have been recovered as a result. These projects exponentially benefit our local ecology, economies and societies and clearly stand the test of time. 90% of this work is made possible with ODFW stream restoration biologists and watershed liaison staff.

We have restoration projects that are in the midst of development and scheduled for implementation in the near future - these projects will fall apart with-out the support of

ODFW staff squandering the investment made to date by all concerned. Some of the projects in development are more technically challenging and larger in scale than previously implemented projects.

We need more help from ODFW staff not less!!! It is not in the best interest of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds or the Oregon Coast Coho Conservation plan to eliminate the ODFW positions identified by ODFW proposed budget. With all due respect please do not eliminate these valuable positions. Thank you for your support in this critical matter.

Respectfully,

Maggie Peyton

Executive Director
Upper Nehalem
Watershed Council
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Native Salmon "Born to be Wild"

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Lisa Evans

From: Curt Melcher
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:01 PM
To: Debbie L Colbert; Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: Letter to ODFW Commission
Attachments: ODFW Commission - 2015-2017 Biennium Budget.pdf

For the commission packet

Curt Melcher
Deputy Director
503 947-6044

From: Sue Becraft [<mailto:sbecraft@co.tillamook.or.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 12:35 PM
To: curt.melcher@state.or.us
Cc: shannon.m.hurn@state.or.us; Bill Baertlein; Mark Labhart; Tim Josi
Subject: Letter to ODFW Commission

Attached is a letter to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission that the Tillamook County Commissioners signed at their regular Board meeting this morning.

Curt, please share this letter with the Commission before their Friday meeting.

Shanon, please share the letter with Ed Bowles and Chris Knutsen.

Thank you both for your assistance. A hard copy of the letter will be sent by US mail today.

Sue Becraft
Board Assistant
Tillamook County Commissioners
503-842-3403

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July 30, 2014

Oregon Department of Fish
and Wildlife Commission
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RE: Proposed Budget for 2015-2017 Biennium

Dear Commissioners:

The Tillamook County Commissioners have recently become aware of the Department's proposed budget for 2015-2017. Two items bring great consternation to us and hopefully to you also. While the information is limited at this point in time, we at least wanted to go on the record with our concerns to recommend a course of action. Our course of action, if you approve the budget as submitted by staff, will be to try to get our viewpoints to the Governor's office and eventually to the Legislature before your final budget is adopted.

First concern:

It appears that there is going to be a 60%, yes that's right a 60% reduction proposed in the fish portion of the ODF&W budget for the north coast. Several key positions in Tillamook and Newport are proposed for elimination or not to be filled following recent retirements. We are not sure why this is happening as we don't believe we saw these personnel cuts when one of our Commissioners participated in the EBAC Committee process. These cuts are quite dramatic and appear to be targeted at our north coast area. We had a similar situation a few years ago, when we were singled out for hatchery reductions that were unacceptable. One has to wonder if the cuts were positioned in the area where they don't make the most sense in the hopes that the constituency will scream the loudest. Sorry, for the wording but we are beginning to feel that way. We are quite sure the Department will say that is not our intent and that the cuts are happening throughout Oregon but we are beginning to feel that way. We would hope that with the proposed fee increases that these cuts can be offset with add backs. Let's hope.

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Second concern:

We worked closely with your staff during a lengthy multi-year process in the development of the Coastal Multi-Species Plan. There was a lot of work done to develop a compromise that we all could live with - not perfect but livable for most of us. Our Board had a lot of consternation with the draft plan but in the end supported the Plan. Now we are hearing that the Department's budget does not show allocations for increased spring Chinook production in the North Coast. When we supported this CMP we believed the Department would include the implementation of the CMP as a complete package (POP). It does not appear that it did that from what we can tell. The implementation of the CMP must be included as a complete package (POP). The Department again appears to have left out a vital part (hatchery funding) knowing full well we would fight to get it back in. Again, we hope that is not the case. You can't pick and choose some portions to implement and some not to implement. We would hope that funding can be found through the existing hatchery program. Let the Governor's budget cut it out and then we can go to the Legislature and get the program implemented but don't cut it out right up front because it is a priority for the implementation of the CMP and the Department knows that.

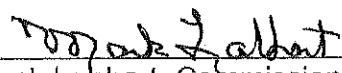
Thanks for the opportunity comment and apologies if we may have offended anyone, but we are talking serious issues that we are not prepared to stand by and let the Department implement at the detriment of the resource, Oregon and what we all agreed to over a period of several years.

Most Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON



Tim Josi, Vice Chair



Mark Labhart, Commissioner

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Lisa Evans

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 3:41 PM
To: Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: Proposed budget cuts
Attachments: Public comment 7_30_14.doc

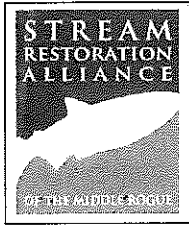
From: Dan Delany [<mailto:dan@sramiddlerogue.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 3:05 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed budget cuts

Please accept the attached comments regarding proposed budget cuts.

Dan Delany
Coordinator
Stream Restoration Alliance of the Middle Rogue
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July 30, 2014

Commission Members
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4043 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302

RE Proposed Budget Cuts

Dear Commissioners,

The Stream Restoration Alliance of the Middle Rogue (SRA) is a state recognized watershed council with a geographic area of 630 square miles. Our mission is to work with the community to restore and maintain the health and productivity of local streams and watersheds. We accomplish our mission through partnerships with landowners, conservation organizations, fishing groups, and ODFW's Central Point Rogue Watershed District Office. These partnerships have resulted in the restoration of more than one mile of high priority stream annually and a shared monitoring program with ODFW which evaluates fish populations on our restoration reaches.

The SRA has been informed of a proposal to reduce two staff positions - the Assistant Fish Biologist and the Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program (WOSRP) Fish Biologist. We encourage retention of these two positions. The proposed staff reduction would significantly reduce our ability to accomplish our mission. The WOSRP position, in particular, is vital to our continued ability to professionally plan and implement high quality restoration work.

Sincerely,

Dan Delany
Coordinator

Teri Kucera

From: Roy Elicker
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:15 PM
To: Teri Kucera; Lisa Evans
Cc: Debbie L Colbert
Subject: FW: 2015-2017 Budget Proposal

Budget Comment.

From: Kevin Madison [<mailto:kevin.madison@tuality.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:35 PM
To: roy.elicker@state.or.us
Cc: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: 2015-2017 Budget Proposal

Mr. Elicker,

I've recently reviewed the 2015-2017 budget proposal information posted here <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/budget/process.asp> and I'm very curious if you honestly believe this will make any significant positive changes to the state of Oregon's fish and wildlife. Nothing in here looks substantial enough to even being to stem the tide that has been running hard against our fish and wildlife for years. Nothing in this that I can see will do anything about the 53,000 blacktail hunters that have quit buying tags over the last 15 years, or the 12,000 Roosevelt elk hunters who disappeared between 2008 and 2012, or the 50+% drop in elk population in one of the state's more popular units, Ochoco.

There were plenty of extremely useful ideas submitted during the public input period from Oregonians like Michael J Morris that would have significantly changed the face of the way ODFW operates and given Oregon outdoorsman like myself hope for the future. Instead, you and your staff seem content with the same low cost, broad based consumptive license and tag based funding model that's helped lead us to where we are today and that offers no hope for change.

If I'm not mistaken, the mission of the ODFW is "to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations." I personally can't see how your leadership is living up to that mission and can't help but think this latest budget proposal only drives you further from following it.

Please, if you can, explain where I'm wrong and why it's not time to either give up hope all together, start spending my fish and wildlife dollars in other states, and/or help rally fellow Oregonians like myself who are fed up and start exploring litigation against the ODFW to change their ways.

Sincerely,

Kevin Madison

Lisa Evans

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 3:20 PM
To: Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: ODF&W Staff Reduction
Attachments: ODF&W Staff Reduction 001.jpg

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From: tndweaver@snowcrest.net [<mailto:tndweaver@snowcrest.net>]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 2:53 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: ODF&W Staff Reduction

Dear Commission members,

Attached are comments regarding the budget meeting scheduled for August 1, 2014 from the Little Butte Creek Watershed Council in southern Oregon. Please consider carefully concerning the proposed staff reduction of biologists in the Central Point office.

Thank you,

Tim Weaver
LBCWC Coordinator

This message was sent using SnowCrest WebMail.
<http://www.snowcrest.net>



Little Butte Creek Watershed Council

P.O. Box 89

Eagle Point, OR 97524

(541) 646-1684

July 31, 2014

Re: Staff Reduction, Budget Cuts

Commission Members
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4043 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302

The Little Butte Creek Watershed Council is in the Rogue Basin of southern Oregon and is a principal watershed for the spawning and rearing of anadromous fish entering the Rogue River. Our mission is to maintain the health and productivity of our watershed through partnerships with landowners, local organizations, and state agencies. The ODF&W Central Point office has assisted our watershed with planning, implementation, and monitoring of stream restoration projects for over twenty years. They are a valuable resource that we depend on in this work.

The proposed staff reduction of the Assistant Fish Biologist and the Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program (WOSRP) Fish Biologist would greatly affect future work in our watershed. We strongly support the continuation of these two positions for improved water quality and fishery enhancement.

Sincerely,

Tim Weaver
Watershed Coordinator

Lisa Evans

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 3:20 PM
To: Lisa Evans
Subject: FW: Concern RE Proposed Budget Cuts to ODFW Staff

From: Horstman, Amy [mailto:amy_horstman@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 3:11 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: Lisa Phipps; Denise Lofman
Subject: Concern RE Proposed Budget Cuts to ODFW Staff

We would like to take the opportunity to express concern over the proposed cuts to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) staff, in particular to the reduction in staff in the North Coast Watershed District team of habitat restoration and watershed council liaison biologists. These biologists have been tremendous assets and catalysts for habitat restoration in Oregon's north coast.

The ODFW biologists play an integral role as part of a restoration team of local, state, and federal agencies and other non-profit groups. Their participation in project planning, grant writing, and project implementation oversight has been key for conservation project output.

These habitat restoration projects meet many goals beyond natural resources. They repair failing infrastructure that poses human safety risks. They stretch limited local municipal budgets in tough economic times. They create an efficient and seamless partnership between local, state, and federal agencies where everyone contributes an essential piece in a complex puzzle. ODFW staff's hard work, technical oversight, and project management assistance have been key to this success and result in more money being spent in local communities to fix local priorities with *economic returns as important as the biological ones*.

We hope Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's will reconsider the proposed budget and provide continued support of the watershed council liaison and habitat restoration positions statewide and in particular on Oregon's north coast.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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Teri Kucera

From: Denise Lofman <dlofman@columbiaestuary.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:18 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Budget Cuts to ODFW Staff In Tillamook and Newport

July 31, 2014

Madame Chair Bobby Levy
ODFW Commission
VIA EMAIL: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Dear Madame Levy and ODFW Commission:

The recently proposed 60 percent reduction in ODFW fish management and restoration staff for the North and Mid-Coast offices will dramatically impact the ability of organizations working for the benefit of threatened and endangered salmon to implement restoration projects from Newport to Astoria. At the local level this is a very serious issue and an unexpected one, as none of these cuts were specifically identified during public hearings earlier this year.

The current recommendation for reduction in ODFW fish management and restoration staffing proposes cutting two stream restoration staff (one from Newport and one from Tillamook), the watershed liaison position in Tillamook, the habitat conservation biologist in Tillamook, and both of the currently vacant Assistant District Fish Biologist positions (one in Tillamook and one in Newport). These cuts will decimate the ODFW support that has helped community organizations implement watershed restoration and enhancement activities by removing the agency's ability to provide services for restoration projects, technical assistance, permitting processes, etc.

The assistance provided by ODFW fish management and restoration staff provides important support for small organizations with limited capacity to develop and implement large scale restoration projects that benefit juvenile salmon and coastal communities. I am currently the Director of the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce and was the Coordinator of the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council for eight years and I can say for certain that without ODFW assistance in designing and implementing watershed restoration projects they often would not occur. Our partnerships with ODFW staff specifically in positions currently proposed for elimination in Tillamook assist in making watershed restoration projects happen on the North Coast, with positive benefits for fish and economic and infrastructure benefits for coastal rural communities.

I strongly encourage the Commission to keep these positions. They are essential to restoring threatened and endangered species in coastal watersheds and bringing multiple benefits to local communities. The partnerships between ODFW, watershed councils and other organizations

involved in watershed restoration are essential to addressing threats to threatened and endangered species and to restoration of rivers throughout the North and Mid-Coasts.

Sincerely,
Denise Lofman

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## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Kory Canaday <korycanaday@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:44 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

Dear Commission,

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ODFW does not deserve any increased funding until they provide something in return to sportsmen and women!

Thank You,



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Jason Brim <jasonbrim1026@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:45 PM  
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Thank You,

Jason Brim

Astoria, OR



**Teri Kucera**

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**From:** tayder4@gmail.com  
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Sincerely,  
Derek LeBlanc  
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Thank You,

Sent from my iPhone



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Roy <rshirakata@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:47 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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What really needs an overhaul is ODFW management!

Thank You,

Sent from my iPad



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** CenturyLink Customer <tlob99@q.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:49 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Ewell Davenport <ewell@edavenport.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:50 PM  
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I think you would do well to focus your attention on how you will retain those of us who are far nearer to never purchasing another license, controlled hunt application, or tag than you must obviously believe. I am giving it another try this year but it could well be my last.

Thank You,

Ewell Davenport  
541 791-7623



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** cnrrosage <cnrrosage@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 5:07 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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Thank You,

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## Teri Kucera

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**From:** ddaltonelk@yahoo.com  
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## Teri Kucera

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**From:** jim brannan <oralphamale@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 5:23 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

Dear Commission,

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Thank You,



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Jeff Red <jrbiker69@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 5:29 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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What we do have an abundance of are predators (Sea Lions, Cougar, and Coyotes in downtown Portland) with no actionable ODFW plan to deal with these populations.

ODFW does not deserve any increased funding until they provide science-based, and actionable management plans in return to sportsmen and women!

Thank You,

Jeff Red



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Bob Rose <bob\_r25@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 5:32 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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Personally, I stopped buying the Sports Pac a couple of years ago due to increasing costs and decreasing game animals. I know I'm not the only one. It's basic economics. Offering an increasingly inferior product (hunting opportunities) while increasing the price will only drive more people out of hunting, consequently decreasing overall revenues.

I also know that my young son's hunting opportunities are pathetic compared to the hunting I enjoyed when I was his age. This concerns me greatly. My family has a rich hunting heritage. It would be very sad to see future generations be more involved in golf and video games.

Thank You,  
Robert Rose  
Lowell, OR



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Jeremiah Atkinson <jeremiahatkinson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 5:33 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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Thank You,  
Jeremiah Atkinson Troutdale Oregon.



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** dkdutcher@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 5:38 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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**From:** Bob Kendall <windyriverarchery@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 5:39 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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Thank You,

Honestly, Prices keep going up and up . It like going to McDonalds, We keep paying more and more and we get less and less. Start showing me better recovery numbers in our deer and elk herds and I will be glad to give you more and more! It has to start with getting these damn predators under control . I am not a big fan of hounds or hound hunting .We have got to get things turned around and if hounds are the only way we are going it done, then so be it. Bring on the hounds. Tell those damn legislators to grow a set !



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Ekdowney@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 5:54 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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Thank You,

Dan and Betty Downey



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Danielle Aust <firefly0005@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 5:54 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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Thank You,  
*Danielle Aust*



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**From:** Lmvdz@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 6:13 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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Thank You,  
Luis M. Valdez



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** terry.ljones@att.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 6:17 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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**From:** James Dundon <jgdundon@q.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 6:50 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** ODFW Budget Increase?

Dear Commission, As an Oregon Hunter and Angler for over 50 years I am opposed to the budget increase as proposed. It is increasingly apparent that the department leaders (I'm not blaming the staff) have forgotten who it's true paying customers are, particularly hunters, and has chosen to pander to those "Mark Trail" types who have little understanding of the concepts of modern wildlife biology. Every citizen in this state and the nation for that part, needs to understand that they owe the abundance, diversity and in many cases the very habitat for wildlife to the true conservationists, the hunters and anglers that **paid** for its stewardship and management for generations. So called regulation to "increase opportunity" amounts to a guise to generate more license and tag sales but puts little in the bag! Regulations so complex and changing that many of my friends have hung it up or go to other states. I myself went out of state, to North Dakota last year and found it to be refreshingly hunter friendly.

Non-consumers need to pay their share comensurate with their dictates regarding predators and its a lot more than just 12%. Wake up! The results of almost 80 years of hunter angler stewardship is going to fast disappear, along with your jobs! Of course "Oregon Wild" or the "HSOUS" could provide something other than lip service and litigation. Good luck. I'm not getting what I pay for and if I have to I will go elsewhere and pay more for a better experience.

Thank You, James Dundon, Salem



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** CenturyLink Customer <o4ovens@q.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 6:55 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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## Teri Kucera

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**From:** llbj@reagan.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:08 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Rodney LaBrosse Sr. <labrosserodney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:42 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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Thank You,  
Rodney Labrosse



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Jerrit Slater <jslater@peak.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:46 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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Thank You,

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## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Steve Makuch <makuchsteve@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:30 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** roy.elicker@state.or.us

To whom it may concern

As an avid outdoors man I frankly am sick and tired of all these increases in tags and license. If the fish and game can't manage what we are giving them now how will a increase help. The fish and game just increased all tags and license by 20% a couple years ago. Its not like it has helped increase the fish and game in the state. This state is one of the worst managed states in the country. How Is it that most states in the mid west offer upwards of 5 deer tags and this state offers 1? Point being they have way more deer than we do and you think it would be the other way around. With all the woods in this state you would think we would have tons of game but we don't. And don't get me started on the draw system. I gave up a few years ago trying to draw an elk tag and went six years before drawing a damn tag. This state needs to get rid of these private game ranches. The last year I hunted elk in Heppner unit, those assholes at Battle Creek Outfitters were pushing the herds of elk on their private property with helicopters. If there are anymore increases I will start hunting in Montana because the cost of tags and licenses won't be any different and I can hunt the rut for deer and elk and have a better chance to get both than in this state. This state also needs to give up on the salmon and stealhead stocking program because it is not working and start stocking more warm water fish.

Thanks  
Stephen Makuch



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Guy <emailgw@aim.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:40 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** No increase in ODFW Budget

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Thank You,  
Guy Whatley

Sent from my iPad



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Oregon Block - Mike <mike@oregonblock.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:40 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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Mike Weston  
Oregon Block & Paver Mfg Inc.  
Office 541-447-6869  
Cell 541-408-0137  
Email [mike@oregonblock.com](mailto:mike@oregonblock.com)



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Jason Sullivan <jns9661@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:03 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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Thank You,

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Richard VanGarde <richard.vangarde@permacold.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:14 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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Sent from Richard's iPhone



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**From:** Colby <colbystem@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:38 PM  
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Worst state for management money hungry with no good hunts u haves ruined quality hunting in Oregon Thank You,

Sent from my iPhone



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** ted rhoads <td\_rhoads@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 11:07 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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**From:** Curt Preston <curtj27@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 11:09 PM  
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**From:** Troy Cummins <tecummins@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 7:56 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Fee Increases

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Troy Cummins



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**From:** Vernon King <vernon.king@flakeboard.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 8:04 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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**From:** Jeremy Wilson <silvieselkhunter@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 8:45 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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Sincerely,

Jeremy Wilson  
Lebanon, Oregon



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Jason Wiest <jaywiest@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 9:02 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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**From:** brian.r.thomas118@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 9:17 AM  
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Brian Thomas

Sent from my iPhone



**Teri Kucera**

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**From:** Dan Kornstad <Dan@centralequip.net>  
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My family and I (5) have hunted the Interstate unit for over 20 years and have seen a steady decline in deer population. 5 years ago we quit putting in for the draw due to the decline!!

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Thank You,

Kornstad Family Medford, OR



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Daniel White <danwhite4098@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 10:49 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Revenue Generation

Hello,

Daniel White. I have been a resident of Oregon for almost 4 years now. I am originally from Idaho and lived in Montana before I moved here. I enjoy hunting in Oregon because of the ample amounts of public land that this state is blessed with. I however do not enjoy the Oregon system of general season hunting tag distribution. In the other states that I have lived in a general season tag will allow you to hunt both the archery, rifle, and muzzleloader season. The state of Oregon forces you to pick which season you would like to hunt before the season even begins. I feel that this is very limiting to someone who enjoys pursuing game. The other states still only allow one animal to be harvested, however they increase the amount of opportunity an individual has. I understand the reasoning behind the selection of seasons to limit the amount of people in the field at any given time, and to influence overall "hunter satisfaction".

What I propose is that the state of Oregon still allow only one animal harvested, but allow you the opportunity to purchase another tag if you do not harvest in the archery or rifle season. This would still allow you to control the number of animals being harvested and increase opportunity for hunters. This solution might help you shore up the budget shortfall that you are currently having. The other option is to begin charging for an archery stamp like many states do.

Thank

You,  
White  
OR

Dan  
Springfield,



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** bigfootexp@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 11:47 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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Thank You, Michael S Dotson



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Woody <lance.wooderson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 12:51 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

Dear Commission,

As an Oregon sportsman, I am adamantly opposed to the proposed budget increase. Our hunt-able and fish-able wildlife continue to decrease. ODFW takes little to no action to change this trend, yet they continue to ask for additional funds.

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Incase sits not obviously clear, the protection of predators has and is destroying all we as conservationists have worked so hard to accomplish in the last 100 years. Our overall deer population has declined by over 33% (according to ODFW data) in as many years. I consider this a "serious depletion!" And the wolves have only begun to play their role in devastated wildlife herds.

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Thank You,

Sent from my iPhone



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Kenny Dirk <dirkkc@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 3:06 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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Thank You,

Kenny Dirk  
Portland, Oregon



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Alan Gronewold <algronewold@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 3:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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Increasing costs will decrease participation, which in my opinion is unacceptable. ODFW should focus on improving quality, not simply increasing revenue at the expense of hunters and fishermen.

Thank You,

Al Gronewold  
Echo, OR

Sent from my iPhone



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Jeff Napoli <jnapthegorge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 6:43 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
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## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Mike Martell <mmartell29@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 8:02 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Les & Leanna <llmc@eotnet.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 02, 2014 10:53 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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Thank You, I am a very concerned oregon disabled veteran.  
Les McMasters



**Teri Kucera**

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**From:** Rick Isaacson <maggiemm1@frontier.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 02, 2014 6:32 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed budget increase/increases to existing license and or tag fees

**Importance:** High

**Dear Commission,**

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**Thank You,  
Richard N. Isaacson  
1802 Z. Avenue  
La Grande, Oregon 97850  
541-963-9735**



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** CJ K <cjkordon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 03, 2014 9:30 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

Dear Commission,

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It's time for Fish & Wildlife to take a proactive stance on wildlife. Deer, elk, cougar populations. They need to earn their money instead of just expect it.

Thank You,  
Gerald L. Kordon  
Colette A. Kordon



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** fahey@bendbroadband.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 04, 2014 7:58 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

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Thank You,

Ian Fahey



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Moade, Joe <joe.moade@cpsagu.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 02, 2014 4:14 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** No increases, Not now give the state of wildlife population!

Dear Commission,

I hunt and fish in the great state of Oregon. If the proposed increases pass I will be looking more to out of state areas that have better quality and quantity of game to spend my hard earned dollars. Nevada, Idaho, Montana, etc.

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Thank You,

Oregon Registered voter,

Joe Moade

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**From:** Clifford <cliffoakley@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 02, 2014 7:56 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO ODFW Budget Increase Without Results!

Dear Commission, I am an avid hunter but have been very disappointed in ODFW and the commissions management of Oregon a big game herds. The emphasis seems to be on maximizing money with little emphasis on good wildlife management. As a retired wildlife biologist I see ample opportunities to address the declining elk and deer populations. We have written to ODFW before about the multiple seasons on elk that run fro Sept. to Jan. With many more tags than the herd can support. The only reason for the seasons with 2% success rate is to increase the coffers of the agency. Oregon needs to get back to one archery season and one elk season with enough time to allow for a good hunt. Limit the number of tags to allow the herds to increase while allowing a quality hunt.

The big problem with the mile deer is the continues overgrazing of fawning and rearing areas. The commission and the ODFW needs to get a little back bone and pressure the BLM and the USFS to stop public land grazing. A look at Hart Mountain Refuge can give some incite into what eastern Oregon PUBLIC lands could be without private land owners abuse of our wildlife resources.

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## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Lisa Phipps <lhipps@tbnep.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 6:06 PM  
**To:** 'Horstman, Amy'; odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** 'Denise Lofman'  
**Subject:** RE: Concern RE Proposed Budget Cuts to ODFW Staff

Nice, Amy!  
Lisa

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**From:** Horstman, Amy [[mailto:amy\\_horstman@fws.gov](mailto:amy_horstman@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 3:11 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** Lisa Phipps; Denise Lofman  
**Subject:** Concern RE Proposed Budget Cuts to ODFW Staff

We would like to take the opportunity to express concern over the proposed cuts to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) staff, in particular to the reduction in staff in the North Coast Watershed District team of habitat restoration and watershed council liaison biologists. These biologists have been tremendous assets and catalysts for habitat restoration in Oregon's north coast.

The ODFW biologists play an integral role as part of a restoration team of local, state, and federal agencies and other non-profit groups. Their participation in project planning, grant writing, and project implementation oversight has been key for conservation project output.

These habitat restoration projects meet many goals beyond natural resources. They repair failing infrastructure that poses human safety risks. They stretch limited local municipal budgets in tough economic times. They create an efficient and seamless partnership between local, state, and federal agencies where everyone contributes an essential piece in a complex puzzle. ODFW staff's hard work, technical oversight, and project management assistance have been key to this success and result in more money being spent in local communities to fix local priorities with *economic returns as important as the biological ones*.

We hope Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's will reconsider the proposed budget and provide continued support of the watershed council liaison and habitat restoration positions statewide and in particular on Oregon's north coast.

Thank you for considering our comments.



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**Teri Kucera**

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**From:** Sherri giffin <squawdancer2002@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 10:53 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** increase

Hi,

My Name is Sherri Giffin I live in John Day and hunt in Grant County.

Your fee plan is unreal. Your not providing the services to deserve fee increase. There are so fewer deer than there were ust 5 years ago. And the elk are getting harder to find if you have a bull only tag.

I speak personally as I hunt and harvest with every tag I draw.

Your greetiness is now effecting the deer population in two ways your letting to many people draw tags with the numbers being there and you allow too many out state hunter to draw when this should be come first then let them have the left overs.

And your letting the wolves in our county. We are not going to have any wildlife to kill in a year a two. just ask ID and MT.  
they elk herds are decimated.

Your not considering my grandchildern's futures with your managment plans. You don't allow me to ride my horse



where I have rode many winter to let the deer and elk have a quiet spring. Instead busting people you take it from all of us.

I don't mess the animals and chase them for their horns after a hard winter, we ride by them and say awesome that buck or bull made it through winter and went on with our ride. on the road to the ranch at Murder's Creek.

This land belongs to us and you work for us as we pay your wages with our taxes. Your taking your government position to far.

Think again before your next major decisions and actually care about what your doing the public who pay your wages and that have actually taken better care of the land most agencies

Sherri Giffin  
po box 552  
JOhn Day OR



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** David Levine <david.levine@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 11:02 AM  
**To:** ODFW  
**Subject:** Tag Fees Increase

Dear Folks

My guess is that you are going to get more than a little resistance over the planned fee increase. I am writing to let you know that I support the increase---so long as it is designated solely to sustain habitat and support of big game populations. I think more hunters would support this if we could see some actual confirmation of this from ODFW. Fears of the increase going to the general fund or other projects, like wolf populations just to pick a more inflammatory one, are a source of the opposition to the tag fee increase. Simple economic opposition is to be expected, but for those of us who want to hunt, or returned to hunting in Oregon, clear dedication of the funds might help and make the needed increase more palatable.

I was not able to attend the town halls discussing the increase, but I would also suggest that an increase in ODFW income could be derived from opening more seasons to hunters as do some other states. Instead of forcing hunters to choose between bow and rifle, allow hunters to purchase bow and rifle tags, for example. Harvest would still be limited to one big game animal, as it is with Controlled and General Hunt Seasons. for example, if you filled your tag during general bow season then you would not be able to hunt rifle or controlled hunt seasons. But if you did not fill your tag, you could hunt the other seasons until you did or did not. My guess is that the tags would already have been purchased and so the income already received. Maybe this would not be significant, but it like would be steady. Frankly, I hunt out of state due to the dismissal chances of success for bowhunters in Western Oregon.

Lastly, I voted in support of of the Ballot Measure, now law, limiting cougar and bear hunting with bait and dogs. In retrospect, this appears to be a mistake and has negatively impacted wildlife management. I have encountered cougar tracks in Jackson County, observed a cougar crossing the road in Eastern Oregon, and am concerned that it is only a matter of time until we start seeing cougar in the Coast Range. From there I think we will see further and perhaps insurmountable deterioration of Western Oregon elk and even blacktail deer populations. I am all for rebuilding some wild wolf and other predator populations, but I doubt anyone knowledgeable really thinks it was chance that OR-7 found a mate in Southern Oregon. Therefore, please realistically look at predator control and not simply predator rehabilitation.

Hunters are still the primary fee payers of habitat and wilderness. Please consider that in your management decisions. Thank you for your consideration.

David Levine  
My Hunter Number #3760563  
Oregon Hunter Association  
Oregon Outdoor Council  
Coastal Conservation Association  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
National Rifle Association



## Teri Kucera

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**From:** Rick cardwell <rcardwell6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 1:40 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Proposal to Increase Fees for Use of ODFW Wildlife Management Areas

Commissioners:

First, thanks to all of you for what I think is volunteer work on all of our behalf in support of fish and wildlife uses in Oregon.

I am writing about the subject. I submit that it is not sustainable charge fees to use wildlife management areas and satisfy the Agency's mission: *"protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations. " ...managing wildlife to prevent serious depletion of any indigenous species and with managing fish to provide the optimum economic, commercial, recreational, and aesthetic benefits."*

The fees restrict usage to those hunters, fishers and birders who have the time, interest and money to pay what actually are relatively hefty annual fees. I submit ODFW's clientele is all Oregonians, including urban dwellers, the poor, minorities, and the many who simply don't have the time or resources to be any more than casual users.

I hope the Department can adopt all Oregonians as their clientele and be more user friendly, actively encouraging and enhancing recreational and aesthetic uses as well and fishing and hunting.

Of course, the counter argument is it takes \$ and FTEs to oversee and manage these properties. But in this age of declining hunting and fishing usage and revenues, is it sustainable to further restrict usage? This only will disenfranchise the majority of Oregonians, reducing exposure of children and adults to a wonderful resource.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these comments.

Rick D. Cardwell, Ph.D.  
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Corvallis, OR USA 97330-2253  
541-754-9341  
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**Teri Kucera**

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**From:** boxsters986@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 2:16 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Sportsman License increase planning

1 I believe that organizations such as the Stealheaders, and frankly all hunting and fishing sportsman's organizations should express an opinion on the priority of projects worked on by our ODF&W organization. We supply a major part of their funding through license fees, and our state and federal taxes. We help via our volunteer efforts.

Sometimes we are asked to support them in Salem with issues or budget request, etc. To this end I believe that we should request a list of projects that they have and prioritize them from our collective views , add our own suggestions and provide the information back to them for consideration. I have personally seen and volunteered on several projects that I believe are not the best ways to spend the limited and decreasing resources that the ODF&W have to utilize. Of course the ODF&W have a broader audience to serve than us sportsmen, however we



should have a major voice in their work on things of interest to us, particularly getting more returning fish to our rivers.

On the direct subject of raising license fees:

We are receiving less benefit each year from the current operation of ODF&W. To raise fees at this point without a major realignment of ODF&W plans, policies and management approach would be to drive more sportsman away from hunting and fishing. If the efforts of the Department were more in line with our needs a small raise might be tolerable, but not as things stand now.

Lon Jackson 541 231 2939

