

# **Exhibit I**

**2014-2015 Game Bird Regulations &  
2015-2020 Upland Game Bird Framework**

**Supplemental Public Correspondence  
As of July 31, 2014**



## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Nick Marlow, <mightyhunter4576@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2014 12:49 PM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Eastside unit reservation change

I personally like the idea of knowing where you stand when utilizing the opportunity of a reservation hunt.

My biggest concern is regarding "parties."

As I understand, the current holder of a reservation (blind reservation) can take up to three people with him/her fulfilling the requirement of 4 hunters to a blind (I know roam units have a maximum number of hunters per area, such as Foot Bridge has a limit of four).

I would be all for this new method if this standing guideline can be maintained.

Thus, a group can take the individual members and have each apply separately allowing for better odds of the group hunting in a blind location together.

Please let me know if these changes will effect this.

Thank you,  
Nick Marlow

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Ed & Chris May <cemay@coho.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 01, 2014 7:02 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Columbia River Refuge

Hi Brandon,

I support opening the Columbia River Refuge to hunting and managing it with the same rules that currently apply east of Arlington.

Thanks,

Ed May

7/1/2014  
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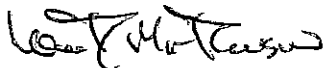
Brandon,

Good to speak with you at the Waterfowl Festival. Regarding a couple of things: I am puzzled about why Ron Saylor would care about the snipe season. Just a guess, but he likely has never shot one. At least during the many years I have known Ron, about as far as he would be willing to walk would be from the living room to the kitchen to get a sandwich.

As for the Eurasian, yes, they are still largely in urban areas. But I think they are now starting to spread out, slowly. As just one example, the population at Perrydale has now reached our place, two miles west. And they are certainly being shot "out of season." There was once a good number down the road at McCoy. A fellow let his grandson shoot them, and they are apparently all gone, or at least I don't see them. And over at Ballston, there is a farmer who allowed a father and son shoot them around his grain building, and he told me that they shot over 30 last December/January.

As you know, I think it is a total lack of common sense not to have a controlled season on the dove. Like it or not, your Department is very much a business, based around selling hunting and fishing licenses. Any business needs products to survive. In western Oregon, aside from waterfowl and snipe, you have no products to offer. So is there any question why the sales of hunting licenses continue to drop off? I think your Department should view the Eurasian as a gift in an otherwise bleak setting.

Best,



Worth Mathewson

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**From:** Allan Hopp <allanh@hoppinsurance.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 01, 2014 9:31 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Columbia refuge

I understand that the ODFW is looking at potentially opening the stretch of the Columbia that is currently closed. Personally I think this is a wonderful idea. As a waterfowler I find that it is increasingly difficult to find access to hunt. Growing up in the valley I've seen many areas that I hunted as a kid become unavailable through development, clubs, and refuge system. We hunted the Baskett Slough area, throughout the Wapato lake basin, and at Earhart Steinborn's which is now part of the TWR. If the waterfowling culture is to be preserved it is critical that access to hunting areas be available. Youth is the critical component of all our outdoor activities and if we can't give them an opportunity to experience hunting and fishing on public land the license numbers will continue to dwindle. Clubs are great for individuals that can afford them but Sauvies Island is a perfect example of the clubs vs. public hunting and it is easy to see the demand for hunting access by the incredible amount of usage at Sauvies.

Sincerely,

Allan Hopp  
Newberg, OR

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** michael lunn <michaellunn@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 8:04 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

With regard to the duck opener. I would prefer you open Zone 1 on Oct.4 and maintain the split with a full season. With regard to the SI WMA Eastside proposal, I will not be purchasing the reservation draw opportunities if this proposal is accepted and put in place. At one point in my hunting history, I waited 6 seasons for a successful draw. If that draw, that I finally got, was a #6 I would be furious.

An additional item I would like to know about that has never been mentioned and, I can not find info on the ODFW site, what is the current state of the Bandtailed pigeon population? Are there any proposals in the works to increase the daily limits?

I have noticed a substantial increase in the numbers the past 3-4 years.

Thanks.

Michael

On Wednesday, July 2, 2014 5:06 PM, Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us> wrote:

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Thanks and have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend!

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**From:** Bob and Barbara <canessab@pacifier.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 7:51 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed waterfowl regulations

Brandon,

Thanks for allowing us some input and comments about the coming duck and goose seasons. Regarding the duck season opener I would favor option 2 to open both seasons on October 11th and utilize all 107 days in each zone (assuming 107 days is an option). I am always in favor of allowing the longest season possible even if it means reductions in bag limits and I think most hunters enjoy the days in the field and would agree.

Regarding the Columbia River Refuge I favor opening the remainder of the refuge for bird hunting as this would open a large area to the public and provide quality hunting opportunities.

Since I don't hunt at Sauvies Island and live at the north coast and am not familiar with the late season South East OR goose situation I don't feel I should make any comments on these issues.

Bob Canessa  
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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Brett Loper <brloper@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 5:24 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** RE: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Thanks for the opportunity to comment Brandon, I believe the Columbia River Refuge should be opened to hunting. More hunter opportunity is critical for recruitment and keeping hunter numbers strong. If the State can give more White Goose opportunity while maintaining minimum population sizes I am all for it too. Thanks, Brett R. Loper Josephine County OHA President

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**From:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons  
**Date:** Thu, 3 Jul 2014 00:03:31 +0000

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**From:** Marie Gadotti <mariegadotti@centurytel.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 9:42 AM  
**To:** katie@oregonfb.org; brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us; Ronald Anglin  
**Cc:** Ron Dobbin  
**Subject:** THE GEESE ARE BACK

Good morning all:

Ron Dobbin called this morning and the geese are back hitting his Crimson Clover fields. The geese left around the 7-8 of May which means that he has only a under two months without worrying, hazing and wasting valuable time to protect his crops.

Please let us know if we should be meeting with USF&W, ODF&W and whoever else sooner than later and before the ODF&W Commission meeting in August.

We need to push for allowing these "local birds" to be treated different from the true "migratory birds" that come later.

Please send me Roger Beyer's e-mail so I can keep him in the loop!

Sincerely,  
Marie and Ron

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**From:** Chad Normoyle <chadnormoyle@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 9:28 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Columbia River Refuge

Hello Brandon,

As a an avid waterfowl hunter and business that is directly supported by waterfowl hunting I'd like to strongly recommend the opening of the Columbia River Refuge. My business is supported by 4 separate companies in the waterfowl market- Beavertail Boats, Dogtra, Legacy Sports, and DND Outdoors. Opening opportunity in this area will increase participation and relieve stress in the nearby basins of the Deschutes and John Day Rivers.

This will be a positive step in the eyes of the resident hunter in an era of increasing hostility brewing between ODFW and license holders. The local economy will see an impact from hunter dollars and areas that have been underutilized will once again see activity.

As an Oregon resident and hunter who spends a great deal of time in the area upland and waterfowl hunting this is an exciting opportunity to expand my time and energy in such a unique environment that this state has to offer.

Please support and encourage the change to allow this stretch of river to be used.

Sincerely,

Chad Normoyle

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**From:** Matt Brimmer <mlbrimmer@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 8:12 PM  
**To:** 'Brandon Reishus'  
**Subject:** RE: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon,  
Thanks for allowing input on Oregon's waterfowl seasons. I personally would like to see both Duck Zones 1 and 2 open on the same day (Oct 11) the week after Rifle Buck opener.

As far as the Late Season Goose in Lake and Harney counties. I would support that hunt! I have concerns with Land Owners allowing Trespass.

Numerous land owners in Klamath County no longer allow hunting in the Spring to General Public as they are requesting Trespass Fees or have it leased out to Outfitters. The Public Land addition to the Klamath hunt was nice but very Non-Productive as far as quality hunting. It also significantly altered some of the Private Property that allow hunting. Unfortunately it is becoming harder and harder to obtain permission on properties that are the ones that complained about the geese in the first place.

Thanks,  
*Matt Brimmer*

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**From:** Brandon Reishus [mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 5:04 PM  
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**Subject:** ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

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**From:** Allen Flanagan <arflanagan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 2:46 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Feedback re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon,  
Here is my feedback on the Migratory proposals:

- Re: Duck season opener

I favor the Second option: *Open Zone 2 the week after rifle buck opener (October 11) and maintain the split duck openers (Zone 1 would open October 18), necessitating a reduction in season length in Zone 1* *Open Zone 2 the same day as rifle buck season (October 4), maintain the split duck openers (Zone 1 would open October 11) and utilize all 107 days for each zone.*

I strongly oppose the third option that shortens zone 1 season: *Open Zone 2 the week after rifle buck opener (October 11) and maintain the split duck openers (Zone 1 would open October 18), necessitating a reduction in season length in Zone 1.*

This option penalizes the Zone 1 hunters that do not participate in the Deer opener for no biological or statutory reason. I dont see it as a problem if some hunters have to choose between two attractive hunting opportunities. Limiting choices is not a benefit to hunters.

- Re: Columbia refuge. I support expanding the areas of the columbia refuge that are open to hunting to open the remainder (Celilo to Arlington) of this refuge to game bird hunting to add additional waterfowl hunting opportunity

- Re: Sauvies Island Eastside check in proposal. I support the new Option 2: Modified Eastside Reservation System. It works well at other refuges and would be a benefit to the Sauvies Island system.

Allen Flanagan

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**To:** Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>  
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**From:** Wsstamp <wsstamp@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 1:09 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Opening Weekend

The third option is the best, I feel the best hunting for Waterfowl on the West side does not happen until later in the season.

Byron

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**From:** Salisbury, Todd M <todd.m.salisbury@intel.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 12:22 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** RE: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon,

Thank you for asking! Here is my feedback.

Duck season.... I believe this option was used in 2008. I prefer not to cut the number of hunt days in zone 1. "Open both duck zones on the same day (October 11), the week after rifle buck opener, and utilize all 107 days for each zone"

### **Southeast Oregon Late-winter Goose Hunts - no opinion**

**The Columbia River Refuge.....** The Department will be asking the Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt a proposal to open the remainder (Celilo to Arlington) of this refuge to game bird hunting to add additional waterfowl hunting opportunity along the Columbia..... YES!!!!!! This would be a great opportunity and open up some fantastic opportunities to waterfowl hunting. There is significant distance from west side metropolitan areas so hopefully the area will not be overrun. This is a great public resource that would be fantastic for public hunters.

**Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Eastside Waterfowl Reservation Check-in System.....** we will be asking the Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt a proposal (option 2 in the attached "Sauvie Island Reservation System" document) to modify the system beginning with the **2015/16 hunting season...** YES!!!!!! This is outstanding and has been needed for a very long time. This will bring equity back into the system.

One other change I would love to see regarding Sauvie East Side is for a way to prevent hunters who get drawn and land a "premium" blind from cycling every buddy they have in town throughout the entire day. You see the same trucks parked week after week in the Johnson unit. I have been at the check station many times when guys pull up at noon (not on the waiting list) to take a blind. What is happening the original hunting party (or a portion of the party) will limit out, call their buddy, the buddy then comes out and takes a the spot. This rotation keeps up all day. There needs to be a provision that anyone not in the original hunting party needs to go onto the wait list. This will prevent abuse that is going on.

-Todd

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**From:** Brandon Reishus [mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us]  
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**To:** Brandon Reishus  
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**From:** Evan alcantara <reeltime9@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 11:52 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon, concerning the east side reservation system. There is no need for a change so I vote option 1. Every person has the option to choose when they apply. If they put themselves in a drawing for a date they can't arrive early enough to get their opinion of the "best" blind, so be it. We've all been first and we've all been last. The guys who are more often than not last, obviously need to rethink the priority of the opportunities they apply for. The current system has and continues to work just fine. I've been utilizing it for 25 seasons.

Thank You,  
Evan Alcantara

Sent from my iPhone

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> <2014 Migratory Game Proposals and Considerations.pdf> <Sauvie Island  
> Reservation System.pdf>

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**From:** Mario Friendly <mario@columbiariverdecoys.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 9:48 AM  
**To:** 'Brandon Reishus'  
**Subject:** RE: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

- Open both duck zones on the same day (October 11), the week after rifle buck opener, and utilize all 107 days for each zone
- Yes on opening up the Columbia River Refuge to hunting (Celilo to Arlington)
- Option 2: Modified Eastside Reservation System  
In order to make the hunt area selection process more equitable ODFW is considering a check-in sequence based on a pre-assigned preference number similar to the systems used at Fern Ridge Wildlife Area and Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.
- I also think that Sauvie Island should adopt the 25 shell rule like most other management areas across the state. This could control sky busting and make the management area even better than it is. This would take some enforcement but would be worth it in the long run.

Mario Friendly  
Columbia River Decoys  
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**From:** Bob Foote <bfoote@acosta.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 9:09 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Migratory Bird Regulations

Brandon,

Comments on the proposals:

Doves: Love it, under harvested bird and with the new Eurasian invader will get more folks opportunity to kill these, may even get some incidentals during duck season

For the Start this year my suggestion is to Start both on the 11<sup>th</sup> or do the split with Zone 2 on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Zone 1 on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Late Winter Geese, don't really partake but it makes sense, these birds are not around December January anyway.

For the Columbia river, all for opening it up. Always see rafts of ducks out there and the Geese are all over those islands.

Sauvie Island: Anything is better than the current program. Would frankly rather see the poker chip program like the west side but this sounds like it works pretty well at Fern Ridge.

Has there been any discussion on NW Permit Goose? Need to change the boundaries, Duskie shot all over the place in the General Zone east of I-5, hopefully the cackler limit addressed back to 4 If possible, a lot of days where we only see them. This is an atrocious system but I don't ever see it changing in the current political environment. Too bad it is a underutilized resource and great hunt opportunity that no one wants to mess with because it's so complicated. I shoot geese 5 minutes from my house and have to drive 23 miles (46 miles round trip) to check them out.

Bob Foote

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Edward Miller <ml18edw@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 7:59 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** late goose hunts

Brandon,  
in the past the public land hunter has lost hunting days during the regular season in order to have this late hunt and not been able to take advantage of the late hunt.

I don't think this is fair to public land hunters.

I would prefer to have the hunt days back during the regular season or at least get to hunt public lands in the late seasons.

Thanks for the chance to voice public land hunters concerns.

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Tulelake Ca.

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**From:** Worth Mathewson <slpress@macnet.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 7:53 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon, Thanks for sending this along. I certainly hope, now you have extra days for doves, that you will seriously consider a split season! As I am certain that you have seen for yourself, we have good (sometimes large) numbers of mourning doves in the valley in November (early December?) I mentioned this to Bales several times, but as with everything else I ran past him, got nowhere. In the late 1950s Chet Kebbe had a (15 day?) November season. I think that was because the Federal framework allowed 45 days. At any rate, I had some good days with November doves. But he only had the season for one year. When I asked him why, he said that some hunters had shot up a pear orchard in Medford. And that was that. Several other fellows I know have mentioned November doves, going so far as to suggest splitting the September 30 days in half. I think you could give us some good days. Hope you will. Best, Worth Mathewson

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**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon,

my vote would be for the Duck season would be this:

**Open both duck zones on the same day (October 11), the week after rifle buck opener, and utilize all 107 days for each zone**

Thank You,

Ron Burke

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**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Columbia river refuge

Hey Brandon my name is Justin Kasmeyer and I fully support opening the Columbia river refuge to waterfowl hunting. It would open a huge area and in my opinion would probably help thin out some other public grounds which would in turn help improve everybody's hunting. Those ducks seem to just hang on the river while the geese obviously fly up into the fields. That's the only downfall I see is that the geese may get pushed off their roost by guys in boats and whatnot making it tougher for whoever is hunting the private fields. But in my opinion that's just a tiny draw back to what is otherwise an awesome opportunity. I'd also like to tell you that I love all the changes you made last year, it really feels like you are "for the hunter" and actually listening. Keep up the great work! Thanks for your time!

Sent from my iPhone

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Martin <martin@schottandassociates.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 10:34 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Comments on possible changes

Brandon:

As far as the duck openers are concerned. Personally, I would prefer having the Zone 2 open at the same time as the Deer opener. This would help reduce pressure, and provide a better hunting experience. It could reduce the initial harvest, and leave some birds for later. There is often a lack of birds following opening weekend, until new migrants arrive.

I'm all for opening up more of the Columbia River Refuge to hunting. I've often hunted the Arlington to Boardman stretch.

I have no comment on the SE Oregon white goose late season hunts. I understand the need and the problems with protecting certain sub-species or races

Martin Schott

p.s. Jodi Reed says Hi. She started working for me three month ago

**Brandon Reishus**

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**From:** jackhart100@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 10:35 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Sauvie Island Reservation System Change

I strongly support the proposed change to the Sauvie Island reservation system.

Jack R. Hart  
Hunter No. 88182

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Keith <keithdce@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 04, 2014 8:11 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Waterfowl opening dates.

Please go with the delay of zone 2 a week. I drew a sweet deer tag east and want to hunt summer lake also. Thanks for all you do. You can never make is all happy but its a tough thankless job.  
So thank you

Keith Moore  
(503)507-3578  
Dc electric

Sent from my iPhone

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Murphy McHugh <murfsretired@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 04, 2014 1:58 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Opinions

I would opt for option #1 for thee duck opener.

I do not hunt geese in Southwest Oregon, Sauvie Island or Columbia river Refuge so I can't have an opinion there.

I would like to see the Oregon Northwest permit zone change the limit to four cacklers if possible or any combination of dark geese to the limit of four.

Thank you,  
Murphy

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Eric Olson <ericolsonmd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 04, 2014 12:52 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon,

My preference regarding the duck season opener would be to open both zones on Oct 11th, or Zone 2 on the 4th and Zone 1 on the 11th.

My brother would like to come down from Washington and hunt September geese with me here in the Eugene area. Can I assume it will open on the Saturday after the Labor Day Weekend, as I recall it has in the past? This would make Sep 6th the opening day. He would like to make his travel plans before the official announcement of seasons in August.

Thanks,

Eric Olson

On Wed, Jul 2, 2014 at 5:03 PM, Brandon Reishus <[brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us](mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us)> wrote:

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Brandon S. Reishus

Migratory Game Bird Coordinator

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** imw1188@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 04, 2014 11:44 PM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Sauvie Island Eastside Reservation System

Dear ODFW,

I am in favor of keeping the Sauvie Island Eastside reservation system unchanged. This allows everyone who draws a unit an equal chance at having the best blind selection. If the system is changed to the proposed one many people would feel discouraged at their odds of selecting a good blind and may not go hunting with a high number. The system used now has been working for years and is a fair one.

Sincerely, Ian Wolf

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Jim O'Leary <joleary@brentwoodgroup.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 05, 2014 12:37 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon,

Thanks for asking for our input!

For opener I vote for the October 4th with split opener. Think about all the families across the entire state who want to take their kid on an opening day hunt to shoot unmolested birds. I know a few guys who take their kids on both openers.

As for SI I also like option 1 and manage the draw like Fern or Umatilla. Even though I a sleep in the rig guy at noon the day before.

Thank you for all that you do to manage this resource.

Regards,

Jim O'Leary  
Brentwood Group  
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[joleary@brentwoodgroup.com](mailto:joleary@brentwoodgroup.com)  
Sent from my iPhone

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** zacrobbi@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 06, 2014 10:50 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2014-2015 Bird Season

I would like to encourage you to go with Option 2.

This option keeps both the East and West Sides on an equal footing and works well within the conservation aspect of hunting

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** CHRIS OR NEAL <cornduck@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 05, 2014 11:22 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Hello Brandon,

Thank you for putting out the information on the waterfowl season options.

It has been made clear that this situation only occurs every 5 or 6 years; that and the fact that next years framework (2015-16) will allow the season to end on January 31st, 2016, Option 2 is the most equitable for all hunters.

East side deer hunters and waterfowl hunters could still Hunt both openers and west side waterfowl hunters who like to hunt the east side, primarily Summer Lake, can still do so. The option 2, opening both Zone1 and Zone 2 on October 11th gives both zones the full 107 day season and the number of people that would actually have to make the "one-or-the other" choice would probably be reduced.

The Sauvie Island Option 2 for the 2016 season does appear to be the most equitable opportunity for waterfowl hunters that draw the permits and should alleviate the need for the 1or "2" day reservation lines.

The new 60 day dove season and 15 bird bag is a good addition to our hunting opportunities. Please, for next years season, petition the USF&W Service for the ability to split the 60 days into an early and late season as so many of the other states already have. We often see more doves staying in western Oregon in late December and January than we do in the September seasons of past.

Appreciate your efforts to sustain our birding opportunities.

**Thanks again,  
Neal Hazel ,**

 **503 709-5000**

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

**From:** Brandon Reishus  
**Date:** 7/2/2014 5:05:45 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Dear Oregon game bird enthusiast,

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** clyde moorhouse <duckkillerclayde@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 05, 2014 12:57 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Waterfowl opening dates

As a waterfowl hunter I prefer to have Zone 1 and Zone 2 open on different weekends.

This allows for more opportunities state wide.

Please do not open them both on the same date.

Please do not take into any consideration deer season. If you're a true bird hunter, deer season is over September 1st anyways.

Thank you.

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Greg Parrott <gparrott54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 06, 2014 11:11 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Keep Sauvie Island reservations the same please!

This is a passionate vote to allow people with more foresight and ambition to continue to be rewarded for their effort to get in line early. It is a sacrifice for all to do this. Those who make that extra effort should be allowed to pick blinds first. Going to a random draw would be just one more step by society towards dismantling the link between effort and results.

Thank you.

Greg Parrott

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Gary LeClair <culturehound@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 06, 2014 11:42 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** duck season

Open both duck zones 11/11 and remain open for 107 days. There are no birds other than locals where we hunt until late in October.

I'd favor opening the Columbia River as you discussed.

Thanks  
Gary LeClair

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Paul Donheffner <4donheffner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 06, 2014 2:08 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Waterfowl opening dates

I understand there is some uncertainty about opening dates for this fall's waterfowl opening dates because of the timing of deer season.

So many things to do, so little time. Fall is full of tough choices. If the Dept feels obligated to accommodate deer hunters so they don't miss the east side opener for ducks, then I would say open both zone 1 and 2 on Oct. 11. Duck Hunters can choose where they want to be opening day. Don't move zone 1 back to Oct 18 and end up shorting us days from the end of season.

That's my nickels worth.

Good luck,

Paul Donheffner  
Salem, OR

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Mike Weis <m\_weis88@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 06, 2014 2:08 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Thank you for the update of proposed changes.

Dove proposal - I am in favor of extending the season and increasing the bag limit.

Duck opener - My preference would be to open Zone 2 the same day as rifle deer and Zone 1 the next weekend.

Geese - I think that the goose seasons in Lake and Harney county should remain as currently allocated.

Columbia Refuge - I think that more public hunting access is a good thing, so I support this proposal.

Sauvie Island - I think that East side reservation system should remain the same. I personally would probably stop applying for hunts there if it changes.

Mike Weis

On Wednesday, July 2, 2014 5:06 PM, Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us> wrote:

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Edward Meyer <ektam87@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 06, 2014 4:45 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** RE: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Dear Mr, Reishus,

I have read the 2014 Migratory Game Proposals and have the following comments:

- \* I support the 60 day mourning dove season. I would like to see it open eave earlier because it seems that the morning doves leave the area after the first frost, and this can be fairly early.
- \* With regard to the duck season, I support opening Zone 2 on either on October 4th or October 11th and opening Zone 1 on October 11th. I do not want to see a reduction in the 107 day hunting season for Zone 1.
- \* I would like to see increase late winter goose hunts for white front geese. Please consider holding such hunts in the Lower Columbia River or Umatilla County areas.
- \* I support opening the Columbia River Refuge. I would like the opportunity to hunt this area, especially for geese. It is difficult to find good public goose hunting areas on the east side.
- \* I support Option 2 for the Sauvie Island Reservation System.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ed Meyer  
Aloha, Oregon  
503/649-6488  
ektam87@msn.com

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**From:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons  
**Date:** Thu, 3 Jul 2014 00:03:31 +0000

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Edward Meyer <ektam87@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 06, 2014 4:22 PM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Sauvie Island Reservation System

Dear Sir or Madam,

With regards to the possible changes to the reservation hunter check-in system for the Eastside Hunt Area, I support Option 2: Modified Eastside Reservation System. This change would make the system more equitable to all who hunt the Eastside. I dislike having to spend the night in the reservation line to get a good hunting spot. I would much rather know that when I draw a unit, I have the second or third choice rather than having to get in line 12 or 18 hours early. Besides, the reservation and non-reservation line are really not set up for overnight camping.

I also recommend that the number of fixed blinds in the Mudhen and Hunt units be reduced and the remaining blinds spread out to reduce conflict between hunting parties. Too many times it become a shouting match or one party shoots just to disturb another party's hunt. I recommend that some of the roam units, such as Dead Willow and Foot Bridge be converted to fix blind units to make up for the reduce number of blinds in Hunt and Mudhen. I dislike the roam units because there always seems to be hunting parties that set up too close to one another. One option would be to set the blinds similar to Johnson where the hunting party would be allowed to set up within say 50 yards of a fixed marker.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ed Meyer  
Aloha, Oregon  
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[ektam87@msn.com](mailto:ektam87@msn.com)

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Rob Maxey <Rob.Maxey@Planar.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 11:41 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed SI Eastside check in changes feedback

Sirs, thank you for asking my input.

I am AGAINST making any changes to the system. I feel the current system has something for everyone and is fair. I understand there are no guarantees in life but many people in our society want guarantees. Life does not need a reservation for every event. Public land duck hunting takes work and commitment. Those who put in more work generally get a better benefit. That is how it should be. I am tired of listening to someone from Portland whine about getting up early to wait in line. I live in Salem and have to get up two hours earlier just because I live farther away. There should be a special line for "out of towners" to be fair as I have to drive farther than those who live in Portland.....

Also the logistics of coordinating dozen blinds at Fern Ridge is simple, small parking lot, small numbers of hunters. Try that at SI with the large numbers of hunters and I believe you will have a mess. The guy with a guarantee is at the back of the line and everyone waits while he works his way up front. You will always be late or require an earlier start.

In short, if there is that much pressure for a guaranteed reservation, take a unit like Racetrack and make those blinds your for the day, like they were in the 70's. That way there are some guaranteed blinds but most of the units stays the same.

Rob Maxey  
(503)871-8959

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Miller, Norman R <norman.miller@hp.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 1:43 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** RE: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon;

Thanks for the opportunity to give my opinion.

- 1) I am in favor of the 60 day, 15 per day dove season. I am curious as to what is driving this change. Could you please reply.
- 2) I am in favor of "Open both duck zones on the same day (October 11), the week after rifle buck opener, and utilize all 107 days for each zone"
- 3) I am in favor of adding additional waterfowl hunting opportunities along the Columbia

**From:** Brandon Reishus [mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 5:04 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** ifindfish@juno.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 6:49 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Duck Season

Brandon,

I am putting my input in for having deer and waterfowl not open the same day. I have 14 year old son that dearly loves both and to make a kid choose between openings is just a crime. We have always traditonally done both deer and waterfowl. After all isn't it best to give our youth the best oppertunities to enjoy these sports? I really don't care if there is spit for east and west and loosing those days on the west side isn't a bit issue to me if they stay with the split season.

Greg

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 9:05 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** FW: Bird hunting in Eastern Oregon

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**From:** Edward Meyer [mailto:[ektam87@msn.com](mailto:ektam87@msn.com)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 06, 2014 5:04 PM  
**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Bird hunting in Eastern Oregon

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please forward this email to who works for securing bird hunting areas in the Columbia Basin. Thank you.

Years ago, there was public hunting on the area that I believe was known as Taggares Farms southeast of Boardman, Oregon. I would like to see if ODFW could once again secure public access to this area. I believe that some of the hunting rights have been leased to goose hunters in this area but I know that there are many areas out by Carty Reservoir that offer great pheasant, quail, and rabbit hunting and even duck hunting in some of the smaller water holes. When this area was closed to hunting, it really became difficult to locate suitable public hunting areas. The Willow Creek area is great, but it is fairly small compared to the amount of pressure it receives. It only takes one or two hunting parties in Willow Creek and the birds flee the area.

Perhaps public hunting could be secured on the PGE property out in this area.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ed Meyer  
Aloha, Oregon  
503/649-6488  
[ektam87@msn.com](mailto:ektam87@msn.com)

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Brian Perron <brian.perron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 2:13 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Oops...noticed that last email went out with my work signature. Should have been my personal signature, so I'm resending, and please disregard previous email:

Brandon--

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the various waterfowl proposals. The only proposal I have a comment on is with regard to the Zone 1/Zone 2 opening dates. I'm in favor of "Option 1" (Open Zone 2 the same day as rifle buck season (October 4), maintain the split duck openers (Zone 1 would open October 11) and utilize all 107 days for each zone) for the following reasons:

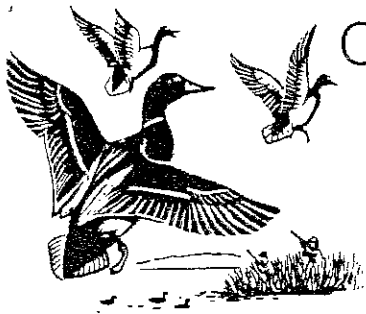
1. Safety: With fewer hunters in the marsh without those who decide to deer hunt instead, the safety factor goes up for those in the marsh. It would be interesting to look at the number of complaints of being pelted with shot at Summer Lake the last time this scheduling conflict arose, compared to years in which the deer opener preceded the Zone 2 opener--my guess is there was less crowding in the year there was a scheduling conflict than other years, and hence less of a safety issue with hunting parties setting up too close to one another.

2. Waterfowlers shouldn't be an "after thought"-- At the outset, the choice as set up suffers from a false analogy--that "openers" are of equal value, and hence "interchangeable" in a negotiation among hunters with generally common interests. Openers are not of equal value--a bargaining chip if you will--to trade off among "hunters"--some of who don't care to ever deer hunt. Also, we don't have a common interests with the deer hunters. We are waterfowlers. We hunt them in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Alberta and Saskatchewan. We chase cacklers in the Valley, sea ducks on Puget Sound, and mallards on the Canadian prairie. I don't try to tell deer hunters when they should start their season and deer hunters shouldn't dictate when waterfowlers start their hunting season. Life will always present conflicting commitments--the waterfowl opener, or my kids' soccer games, or my second-cousin-three-times-removed's wedding...You get the picture. You'll get gripes from the deer hunting crowd, and I anticipate that you'll get more comments from these types, but I think it's bad policy to let "majority rule" here. Let's not make the waterfowler an afterthought. Keep waterfowl season for the waterfowler and maintain separate Zone 1 and 2 opening dates.

Brian Perron  
1816 NE 37th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97212  
503-730-9028.

On Mon, Jul 7, 2014 at 2:10 PM, Brian Perron <brian.perron@gmail.com> wrote:  
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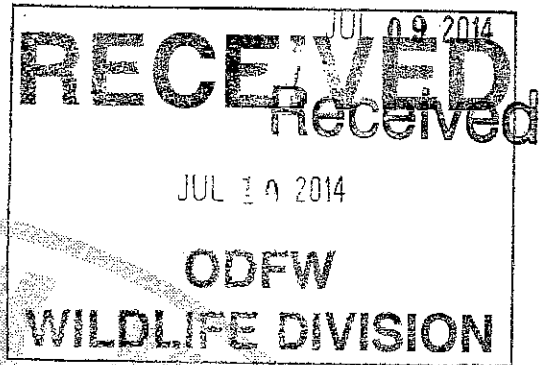


# OREGON DUCK HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION

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July 7, 2014

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ODFW Migratory Bird Coordinator  
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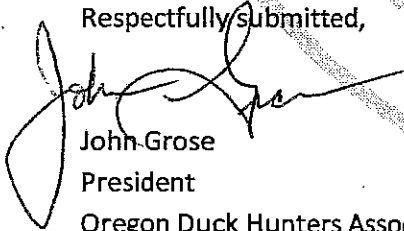
Mr. Reishus:

As President of the Oregon Duck Hunters Association (ODHA), I write on behalf of the full membership in support of opening the Columbia River for waterfowl hunting from the Celilo Bridge to Arlington.

ODHA has a long history of working with ODFW in developing plans for managing waterfowl hunting that promotes both bird habitat and public hunting access. In fact, that is the basis of our mission statement. Opening this stretch of the Columbia River to hunting would provide very much opportunity. While the bird populations may not be as prolific as those in the Arlington to Umatilla stretch, there are certainly a number of resident geese and migratory ducks that will attract many hunters. ODHA seeks this kind of hunting access for its members and for all waterfowl hunters, and ODHA commends ODFW for recognizing and acting on this opportunity.

We look forward to sustaining strong working relationships with you and your colleagues at ODFW.

Respectfully submitted,



John Grose  
President  
Oregon Duck Hunters Association



## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** brinacatrina@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 7:12 PM  
**To:** Brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Duck Opening Dates

Hello Brandon,

We forwarded the email on the proposed duck season opening dates to our Ducks Unlimited supporters and received the following opinions;

Option #1- Open Zone 2 the same day as deer season (October 4), maintain the split openers (Zone 1 would open October 11), and utilize all 107 days for each zone.

68.7% of our responders voted for this option.

Option #2- Open both zones on the same day (October 11), the week after deer opener, and utilize all 107 days for each zone

22.9% of our responders voted for this option.

Option #3- Open Zone 2 the week after deer opener (October 11) and maintain the split openers (Zone 1 would open October 18), necessitating a reduction in season length in Zone 1 from 107 to 100 days

8.3% of our responders voted for this option.

I am pleased that we had this opportunity to survey our members on this issue. If we can ever provide input don't hesitate to contact us.

Terry Thomas  
State Chairman  
Oregon Ducks Unlimited

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Brent <sprig\_1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 2:26 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

I am supportive of the proposed changes for mourning dove, the expansion of hunting on the Columbia River and the modification of the entry system for the eastside of Sauvie Island.

I am not supportive of the expansion of late season goose hunting if it results in fewer days during the general season. Unless public lands are included in the areas which can be hunted. The difficulty in acquiring access to private lands benefits only those who can hunt on them. For those without access it just a shorter goose season.

On Wednesday, July 2, 2014 5:06 PM, Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us> wrote:

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## **Brandon Reishus**

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**From:** Brad Schaal <bradley.schaal@frontier.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 4:48 PM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** comments on Option 2 for Sauvie Island

I am 100% for Option 2 – have a random number assigned to the draw of an East side unit so that hunters don't have to spend the night in line to get a decent blind. If the non-reservation system stays the same and people choose to spend the night in that line that is fine. I have hunted at Umatilla several times and it really makes sense how they do the draw for blinds. I would even recommend taking Option 2 one step farther and limit waterfowl hunters to one box of shells (again like at Umatilla) to reduce sky busting.

Sincerely,  
Brad Schaal  
Hillsboro, Oregon

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Duane Dungannon <dungannon@ccountry.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 10:44 PM  
**To:** brandon Reishus  
**Cc:** David Budeau  
**Subject:** Bird seasons & limits

Gents, can you enlighten us on the rationale for the some of the proposed changes in game bird seasons and bag limits?

I learned about the dove proposal a year ago from a bio who is very up on doves and doesn't support it. He stated there's no data to indicate an increase in mourning dove populations. One of your predecessors used to comment that the dove season doesn't matter because all the birds are gone by the opener anyway, but he didn't live in southern Oregon, where we have resident doves all year, but nowhere near the numbers we have in September. Although I have no idea why 10 doves a day for a month isn't enough for anyone, the bag limit doesn't bother me that much because I don't know anyone who limits anyway. What does concern me is continuing to pound a smaller resident population for another month when there are plenty of other game birds to chase in October.

Also, has OHA asked you gents for the population data to support the expanded turkey and forest grouse opportunities being proposed? And has disturbance to eastern Oregon's wintering wildlife been considered in the latter case? I can recall that the OHA Baker Chapter led a push to close chukar season early during the harsh winters in the early 90s because exhausted deer were being disturbed.

Any insights for me to take to our board meeting Saturday?

Thanks. -DD

Duane Dungannon  
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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Graig Spolek <spolekg@pdx.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 7:45 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon,

I support opening Zone 2 on Oct. 4, 2014, for waterfowl hunting.

Graig

On Wed, Jul 2, 2014 at 5:03 PM, Brandon Reishus <[brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us](mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us)> wrote:

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Thomas Danelski <danhet67@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 11:48 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Waterfowl Opener 2014 - 2015

Brandon - I would favor the following:

Open both duck zones on the same day (October 11), the week after rifle buck opener, and utilize all 107 days for each zone

**or**

Open Zone 2 the same day as rifle buck season (October 4), maintain the split duck openers (Zone 1 would open October 11) and utilize all 107 days for each zone

My main objective is to keep Zone 1 with the maximum number of day allowable (107).

Thomas F. Danelski

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** EBNER Martin J <Martin.J.EBNER@odot.state.or.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2014 3:12 PM  
**To:** REISHUS Brandon S  
**Cc:** MELCHER Curt  
**Subject:** Proposed Waterfowl hunting changes

Here is my opinions:

Zone two opening. I'm a waterfowl hunter only, not a deer hunter. I would forget about zones and open the whole state to water fowling on the same day the weekend after deer season.

I like assigning have assigned choices for Waterfowl draws at SI eastside.

I would like to see Celilo falls to Arlington open to river hunters.

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Rex <rxphilips@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 13, 2014 8:50 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Powered duck decoys

It's time for Oregon to fall in line with the rest of the country as well as west hemisphere and allow the use of motorized decoys. There is no sound argument against the use of these type decoys.

Rex Philips  
Member Oregon Duck Hunters  
Member Ducks unlimited  
Member Pheasants unlimited

Sent from my iPad

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** James Stengle <jstengle@frontier.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 13, 2014 9:55 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** waterfowl opening dates comment

**Importance:** High

Hello Brandon,

I just want to voice in on the waterfowl openers. Just keep them as planned! Yes, I will be in deer camp like lots of us but it is not a big issue for us. People will complain as always but those of us that hunt, like our diverse opportunities. We knew what the projected dates were when we applied for our big game tags. It was our decision based on the available information. As hunters, we have to be able to adapt. It is not an issue we most of us. Anyway, that is my take on the situation. Thanks for listening. – Jim Stengle

James B. Stengle  
Certified Wildlife Biologist (CWB-Retired)  
Oregon Master Hunter

Oh, if you change the hunt openers, be sure to consider any impacts that it may have on some of the areas that have the reservation hunts.

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Dawn <sunriser@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 13, 2014 12:28 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Brandon,

After a quick email discussion between the board members of ODHA, here is our "official" response:

ODHA represents duck hunters, not deer hunters. As such, then, ODHA members would probably prefer to have Zone 2 open a week before Zone 1 so they can maximize their duck hunting opportunity. In no case should ODHA endorse option 3 that calls for a reduction of the season by 7 days; that is in contradiction to our mission.

Do you think battery operated decoys will ever be allowed to be used in Oregon? Oregon & Washington are the only 2 states in North America that do not allow them to be used.

Thank you,

John

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**From:** "Brandon Reishus" <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>  
**To:** sunriser@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2014 4:04:03 PM  
**Subject:** ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

John,  
Here the email I referenced.  
Thanks

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Brandon S. Reishus

## **Brandon Reishus**

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**From:** Kyle Tidwell <kylescotttidwell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 11:36 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Columbia River waterfowl hunting between Celio and Arlington

Hi Brandon,

A couple things: First, I would like to support the proposal to open the C.R. to waterfowl hunting between Celio and Arlington. It has many benefits to the local waterfowl enthusiasts. I hope you can voice this opinion at the August meeting. Second, as July is passing, I imagine you will be getting the banding crews in order. I am still very interested to help with the banding this year. Please keep me informed as you know more.

Regards,

Kyle Tidwell

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## **Kyle Tidwell**

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** lane tidwell <lanegraytidwell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 12:06 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Support of migratory bird hunting on the upper Columbia

Brandon,

I am an avid waterfowler and conservationist. I work in Corvallis and Pendleton. I support the opening of the Columbia to migratory bird hunting between Celilo and Arlington. I hope you will voice this opinion at the upcoming meeting in Salem on August 1st.

Thank you,

Lane Tidwell  
PhD candidate Environmental & Molecular Toxicology  
Food Safety & Environmental Stewardship Lab  
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**From:** Vaughn Tidwell, DMD <drtidwell@tidwelldental.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 2:51 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** support for hunting on columbia

I support the opening of the Columbia for duck and goose hunting between Celilo and Arlington.

Dr. Vaughn Tidwell

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Coby Howell <howell.coby@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 10:32 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Columbia River duck hunting expansion

Mr. Reishus:

I wanted to voice support for ODFW's proposed expansion of duck hunting on the Columbia River. My understanding is that ODFW would expand the hunting area from Celilo to Arlington. As someone who lives in Hood River and hunts along the Columbia, I would very much support this expansion. Currently, we typically drive out to the Willow Creek area to hunt for ducks, but this is quite a round trip especially when we take our kids. I believe that by expanding the area it will increase the number of times we can take our kids waterfowl hunting. Thank you for your consideration.

Coby Howell  
503.956.4170

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Steve Stevenson <stevemakayla@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 12:32 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Sauvie Island

Good morning Brandon, I just heard about some changes ODFW are thinking of making to the Eastside check-in. I have been hunting on Sauvie Island for over 30 years, I think the system in place works, I can either put in a res. or get in the non-res. line, I see no need to change, and also heard a cost of around \$100,000 dollars. Waist of money, if there's that kind of money for Sauvie Island put a wildlife trooper on the Island, or do some work on the North Unit.

I was also asking why we cant use battery operated decoys, have not figured this one out yet, I think Oregon and Washington are the only states you can not use them. WHY ?

Thank you for your time

Steve Stevenson  
18924 N.E. Holladay st.  
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(503) 667-8104

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Dennis Ruley <drruley@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 2:26 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

Open both seasons the same weekend for zone 1&2

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

From: Brandon Reishus  
Sent: Jul 2, 2014 5:03 PM  
To: Brandon Reishus  
Subject: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - Regulation proposals and considerations for 2014-15 seasons

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Abraham Goodwin <yygoodwin@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 9:48 PM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeareacomment@State.OR.US  
**Subject:** Sauvie Island Eastside

To whom it may concern,

I do agree with some of the changes proposed in the survey, but there is many better ways to spend the funds. Many of our hunting areas are overgrown and not accessible to handicap hunters. Things like this should be addressed and money used on these issues first. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

P.S. What is the verdict on electronic duck decoys?? Also, what is the reason if there is one why this is even being looked into as a negative thing?

Sincerely,  
Abraham J. Goodwin

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Dan Garrison <dan@drgtax.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2014 8:47 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Duck Seasons

Open Zone 2 early to provide maximum hunting days.

DAN

D. R. Garrison, CPA, PC  
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503-366-0994

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** grich912@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2014 1:17 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Waterfowl Regulation Changes

Hi Brandon,

The following are my opinions on regulation changes that the ODF&W is considering to Migratory Waterfowl:

Opening Day Waterfowl: I would be in favor of separate opening days for zone 1 and 2.

Late Winter Goose: I think this proposal is ok. I would like to see some kind of an overhaul of the hunt. As you know, this hunt has turned into, not a public hunt, but rather a guides hunt. I would like to participate, but guides have leased most of the potential properties for themselves for paying customers. I would like to see a "No Guided Hunt" addendum attached to the Klamath, and proposed Lake County hunts.

Sauvies Island Proposal #2: I am in full support of proposal #2. I hunted Sauvies Island for 25 years, but will not hunt there anymore because of the line situation. Having to be in a line for a day to hunt for a day, just doesn't make any sense to me. I would like to see proposal #2 go even farther with the "Non Reservation Line". I would like to see the non res line become a pick a number for your order of blind pick. That would stop the lining up a day before the hunt, in this line. Camping in line for a day, to hunt a day; is just the worst idea that anyone ever created.

Thank you for soliciting the publics opinion,

Jerry Harris

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** pjcolligan <pjcolligan@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 19, 2014 4:36 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Motorized decoys

Brandon, I just want to voice my opinion on the no motorized decoys bank. I don't think it is reasonable to have to compete with the rest of the duck hunting world by pulling strings. If that is legal it seems silly that making wings, etc spin by some other method is not legal. That's my vote. Thanks for the opportunity to speak up.

Pat Culligan.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S™ III, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Brian Richards <duckman887@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 19, 2014 9:48 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Sauvie Island

I support option 2, I hunt Fern Ridge quite often and the system works good. It would give people out of the Portland metro area a chance to hunt Sauvie Island with a guaranteed reservation spot. My one suggestion would be to strictly enforce the regulations, at fern ridge many reservation holders show up late and bump stand by hunters out of a hunt, the regs clearly state that if you are not there on time you forfeit your reservation. This is not the practice at Fern Ridge, and it should be addressed.

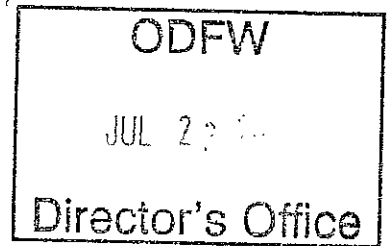
Thank you.

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Kerry Williams <KWilliams@Cherrywoodvillage.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 10:21 AM  
**To:** 'ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us'

I'm putting in my 2 cents again-----I'm agreeing with another one of the SI hunters on Duck Hunting Chat site-----that also changing the reservation line starting time to 2 hours instead of 1 ½ makes a lot of sense. As it is now, some of the non reservation hunters don't have enough time, and this could be made worse if you make your proposed change. Kerry Williams



Steven Pribyl  
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July 20, 2014

Bobby Levi  
Chair, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302

Dear Chair Levi:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the following comments. These comments are my own and do not reflect the views or opinions of any groups I am affiliated with.

It is my understanding from conversation with local and headquarters ODFW staff and attendance at a subsequent public meeting that the Commission will soon hear a proposal to open the longstanding Columbia River Waterfowl Refuge to hunting.

I would encourage the Commission to make that change for the following reasons.

First, there are no identifiable biological or social negatives that would prevent opening approximately 47 miles of the Columbia River to waterfowl hunting. Access to that reach of river is currently very limited by railroad and interstate freeway rights of way. That will not change if the refuge is opened to hunting and hunters will have to work hard to access the area once open. Pressure will not be heavy due to the lack of access.

Second, the area is rural in nature and there will be little opportunity for adverse interactions between hunters and the general public.

Third, opening the currently closed area will provide for greatly increased waterfowl hunting in our local area, an opportunity we currently find in short supply due to various city limit restrictions, state park boundaries and generally poor access to the Columbia River.

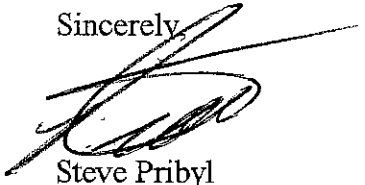
And finally, I think it would certainly be a good idea for the Commission to take action to provide more opportunity for hunting, given the serious budget problems and potential license fee increases you are currently facing. Any action that will sell more licenses and waterfowl stamps will be a good thing.

Additionally, I feel that the Commission should take unilateral action to open the Columbia River Refuge if Washington fails to do so. As regards hunting on boundary waters, I am sure

you recall there is a recognized state line in the Columbia River and hunters have to hunt on the side of the river they are licensed on (assuming they have only one license). This is, of course, different than angling regulations on boundary waters where either state license is valid up to the shoreline of either state, which is likely why the states seldom take unilateral action on angling regulations.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Pribyl', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** popeye@bctonline.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 10:31 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Fw: Proposed Sauvies East side change

**From:** popeye@bctonline.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 2:45 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Sauvies East side change

I am sorry for your troubles in offering the two options for East side Sauvies, But I strongly feel that option One with no change is the best for Hunting on the East side. Simply put don't change what is not broken. If people want a lottery buy a lottery ticket or go to the west side. Some of us have spent a lot of money to Hunt at sauvies and that includes getting there early to preserve our hunting options. I've been doing this for 30 years. I am reminded of a gentleman that camps in his 1957 Chevy station wagon with all original gear that was his grandfathers. By changing this you with be changing hunting history and reducing the quality of the hunt. I understand the "I want it now" part of option two, but that's not part of Hunting.

Thanks Mike Edwards

Master Hunter and Hunter safety Instructor

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Dawn and Mark Duray <fishnduray@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 26, 2014 10:34 AM  
**To:** Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Seasons & Decoys

Please do not remove a week of season for ducks just because the opener lines up every few years. You have a great program right now. Taking days off the end of the season is a decrease in opportunity for hunters.

Also, -please allow the use of electronic decoys. They are legal pretty much nationwide (Less WA and PA). It was a poor decision to not allow them 20 years ago. Please make it right. Everyone has a pull cord as it is. It's not like they don't already have them.

Thanks

Mark Duray

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Justin Wellman <justinwellman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 26, 2014 11:06 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2014 Duck Opener Comment

For what it is worth, I like the idea of having the duck opener in zone 2 open Oct 4th. The Deschutes River flows are ramped down in October which eliminates the water in the sloughs where the ducks hold. (please see the below water graph)

[http://www.usbr.gov/pn-bin/graphwy.pl?beno\\_q](http://www.usbr.gov/pn-bin/graphwy.pl?beno_q)

Currently Wickiup Res is at 45% and lower than average, indicating that the Deschutes ramp down will potentially occur earlier than last year.

After the river flows are reduced the ducks congregate at Drake Park in Bend and travel east to the fields of Alfalfa to feed. The best hunting is had when the river is over 1200cfs when the ducks have the river sloughs as feeding and dabbling areas. This scenario is most probable early in October.

Sincerely  
Justin Wellman

### 2014 Migratory Game Proposals

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This year the Fish & Wildlife Commission's annual meeting to adopt migratory game bird seasons and regulations will occur on August 1, 2014 at our Salem Headquarters Office. There are several proposed changes or considerations for change where we need your input. Additionally, your ideas on anything related to the game bird regulations or game bird hunting are always welcome!

#### Migratory Game Bird Seasons

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has preeminent authority for setting frameworks for migratory game bird seasons and bag limits. They will not set frameworks for waterfowl until late July, however, this season they have approved a new framework for mourning doves which will allow Pacific Flyway states to offer more hunting opportunity than in past years. Specifically, Oregon is allowed to and will propose:

- A 60-consecutive day mourning dove season with a 15 bird bag limit. Under this new framework Oregon will propose a mourning dove season from September 1 – October 30 with a bag limit of 15 per day.

#### Duck Season Opener – Split or Concurrent Seasons for Zone 1 & 2

Oregon traditionally holds a split duck season with Zones 1 & 2 opening a week apart, unless the federal frameworks would force the Zone 2 season to open the same weekend as rifle buck seasons. When this has occurred in the past, we have traditionally held a concurrent statewide duck opener the weekend after the rifle buck opener (last in 2008). This season, if Oregon is allowed to have a 107-day duck season we would be forced to open Zone 2 on October 4, the same day as the rifle buck opener, or hold a concurrent statewide duck opener on October 11. Because of the federal frameworks and the traditional rifle buck opening of the Saturday closest to October 1st, this situation is unavoidable and will occur every 5 or 6 years. We are asking for your opinion on the following possible opening day scenarios:

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Evan alcantara <reeltime9@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 6:01 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Sauvie island east side.

Add me to the list of people who feel very strongly against making any changes to the east side reservation system. The department really screwed up the west side but it's now a place for those unwilling to plan their hunting better. There is no good reason to change the east side. There is also no reason to reward laziness and unmotivated hunters.

Thank you,

Evan Alcantara, a hunter of SI for 25+ years.

Sent from my iPhone

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Ian <iandavidisaacson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 8:49 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Duck Season

Hello Brandon. My name is Ian Isaacson and I am an avid waterfowl hunter who lives in Bend. I am writing to you to ask that you fight to make the opening day of duck season October 4th. That opening weekend is the only time that many of the most productive spots along the river are holding water. Once the irrigation is shut down for the season, these sloughs litterly dry up in days ending all oppourtunities in those spots. There are few great waterfowl oppourtunities around Bend as it is and moving opening day a week later would be devastating.

Thank you.  
Ian

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**From:** Larry Blankenship <blankenshiplw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 5:23 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us; Roy Elicker-personal  
**Subject:** Comments re Waterfowl Regs Proposals

Mr. Reishus:

My name is Larry Blankenship and an avid ( some say rabid) NW waterfowler. Your current chief ( Roy E.) is amn old friend, hunting partner, etc and knows me well. I want to provide some comments re proposals for the upcoming synopsis. I hope my comments won't be too late to be considered, but I have been out of state for several weeks and just returned and am going thru my 200+ messages.

I am currently on the Board of the Tualatn valley Chapter of OHA and represent the waterfowlers in our region. The consensus I have obtained is that Option 2 is most desireable: I.E., start both Zone 1 and 2 seasons beginning on October 11 and utilize all 107 days available for both zones w/o a break- run them straight through.

My experience is that waterfowl hunters will go where the largest concentration and potential for success appears to be. Everyone I have talked to loves the idea of the 60-day Dove season. The ammo manufacturers shoould love the added bag limit as well- hunters seem to have a hard time hitting a few doves, let alone 15/day! It just might be time to invest in Remington, Federal, Winchester, etc. ammo!

Late Goose Hunting in Lake & Harney CO's similar to Klammath and Malheur: The general consensus is that is a great idea, and many hunters liked the possibility of potential goose hunting after the regular seasons are over. Since much of the better hunting would be on private lands- perhaps advertising the departments Co-Op agreements and emphasizing the availability of lists and maps could encourage more landowner/ hunter relationships to develope.

Columbia R. Refuge9 Opening Col. R Celilo to Arlington): Every hunter I inquired of thought this was an exceptional idea- potentially providing more hunter access and opportunities. We all hope this one gets a favorable review.

SAUVIE'S IS- Eastside Reservation Check-in System: Option 2 starting in the 2015/16 season is most agreeable. This necessary chnage is a welcome one for anyone who has had to sit in that reservation oir worse the Non\_res line for one or more days! I first came to oregon over 35 years ago- I was totally flabbergasted at how that system even worked, so this change has bene long-awaited.

Summation: It is gratifing to see ODF & W finally make some serious but welcome changes that seriously benefits hunters and I am personally encouraged that these measures are being proposed and considered. As an OHA Board member, like you gentlemen, I hear the negatives much more than the postivies re hunting, access, prices always goihng up, but "Opportunity" and "Access" going down steadily. Just possibly, some of these measure might start to turn around hunter requirtment. In the past 10 years I have lost four hard-core waterfowl hunting partners- they simply gave up hunting altogether ( all wrere retired but thought that the availability of deer, waterfowl, etc and the lottery type application system was rigged- all just got tired of the added costs and hassel factor.

I realize that manpower costs continue to rise- but many in the hunting fraternity ask, " when is the fees and costs going to stabilize"? Ever since the Sports Pac wa sinitiated many of my hunting partners have been purchasing itas they actively hunted a lot of various species; however as many hunters age- they decide the few opportunities to obtain a tag to hunt isn't worth the Sports Pac costs.

Thanks for taking the time to consider my response to the upcoming proposals and my ramblings.

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**From:** jon aamodt <jonaamodt@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 12:51 PM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** SI Eastside

I'm not sure if input has stopped being taken on Sauvie Island Eastside check in....

I would prefer Option 2.

Sincerely,

Jon Aamodt  
5599 SE Sierra ST.  
Hillsboro, Oregon 97123

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**From:** Eric Mousel <emousel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 9:58 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Fwd: Sauvie Island Eastside Reservation Proposal

Hi Brandon,

I've seen several reports lately that you have received very little feedback about the proposed changes to Sauvie Island. I wanted to make sure you received my feedback as I didn't get any confirmation that it was received...

PLEASE do not make the proposed changes. It is very likely that if you do make the changes as outlined, I will simply stop applying for reservations at SI and stop hunting the refuge, altogether. It is simply not worth the cost for applying given the low odds for our preferred unit. We will not make the trip unless we draw a high pick in our unit and since the odds are so low of us drawing those picks, we will simply not apply.

As stated in the proposal, there are already other refuges that operate the way you are proposing. Leave this option for those of us who prefer this method.

Best Regards,

Eric Mousel

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**From:** Eric Mousel <emousel@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Wed, Jan 22, 2014 at 4:05 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Sauvie Island Eastside Reservation Proposal  
**To:** [ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us)

I have been giving additional consideration to the proposal presently being considered to change the Sauvie Island East Side Reservation Process and the more I think about the proposed changes the more I am ABSOLUTELY, 100% OPPOSED to making the changes being considered. There has been a very lively discussion on IFish.net about the proposal with strong opinions on both sides. I believe that if you can, you should very much take to heart the comments that have been posted there.

Here is the discussion that is currently taking place: <http://www.ifish.net/board/showthread.php?p=6244737>

And here is a similar discussion that took place in 2010: <http://www.ifish.net/board/showthread.php?t=336974>

One of the themes that I'd like to bring to your attention is the repeated emphasis that contrary to what might have originally been thought, the proposal is not widely supported by others like myself who live further away from Sauvie Island and that maintaining the current variety of options (west side chip pull, east side reservation process, and non-res sweat line) provides options for all types of hunters no matter how far they have to travel to Sauvie.

I know that IFish is not totally representative of all Sauvie hunters, but neither will your request for comments be representative of them all. The majority of Sauvie hunters are neither on your email list nor contribute on

IFish. However, it is possible that this discussion will bring to light some concerns that have not been brought up in response to your request for comments. Reading the threads, it is apparent that the same arguments and themes are often repeated in both. The members of IFish have discussions about how to "improve" Sauvie Island repeatedly, and there is very little consensus about what changes should be made except that the most popular change to make is NONE. The majority of comments in most cases support making no changes.

In any case, I respectfully request that you include the comments from those threads as part of my comments regarding the proposed changes to the Sauvie Island East Side Reservation process.

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Another alternative that I believe offers merit is the suggestion to implement the proposed changes by making the Flights End acquisition operate as outlined in the proposal, rather than the entire eastside. This will allow for an additional option for applicants, thereby providing more options, rather than reducing options for hunters who prefer the current process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Mousel  
Salem, Oregon

On Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 6:14 PM, Eric Mousel <[emousel@gmail.com](mailto:emousel@gmail.com)> wrote:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to the Sauvie Island Eastside reservation and check in process.

I live in the Salem area, apply for reservations regularly, and hunt the Sauvie eastside 8 to 10 times per year on average. However, due to the travel time and expense involved for me, I only hunt Sauvie when we have a reservation. It is simply not worth my time and expense to travel 1 1/2 hours unless we expect to be able to get a good blind. This also means that I am 100% willing to put in the time and effort to get in line early to improve those odds. Don't punish those of us willing to put in more effort!

There are already two other refuges in Oregon that follow the proposed model (Fern Ridge and Umatilla). They are both a long drive from Salem and both result in the same decision process for me. I apply for reservations at both refuges but only go on those trips if I get a low enough pick. Otherwise, that cherished reservation goes to waste.

I also prefer to drive up the night before, rather than the alternative of leaving Salem at 3am. I get more sleep in line that way and as a bonus get to enjoy the overnight camping experience with my son and hunting partners. Adding a pick # won't change that one bit. I will still arrive the evening before the reservation and camp in the parking area. What it will do though, is reduce the number of times I make that trip. We simply won't go to

Sauvie unless we have a #1 or #2 pick. Depending on results we might simply stop applying if our draws don't warrant doing so.

I am married and I have a full-time job so the argument that this benefits those with families and full-time jobs does not apply to me. If the proposal is implemented it will mean less hunting Sauvie for myself, my son, and my other hunting partners. It will also mean less revenue for the refuge since we simply won't buy those reservations unless they are low enough picks. If I lived closer I would opt for the non-reservation line or west-side chip pull in order to improve my odds of getting a good blind. Either way, reservation sales would decrease.

I would also add that there are logistical problems that will require additional costs to implement the proposed system at Sauvie. I foresee the need to expand the parking area and/or make the check in line wide enough for vehicles to pass one another. Umatilla only gives out 25 reservations each hunt day and only half show up on any typical day. Fern Ridge refuge is tiny in comparison. I can't imagine handling all the reservation holders' vehicles, some with boats/trailers/campers, trying to maneuver in and out of the eastside parking area. Expanding that parking lot will convert refuge land to a parking lot and cost scarce resources to both build and maintain.

Sauvie Island offers viable options for a wide range of hunters. There are options for those who are looking for an easy hunt and for those willing to put in more effort. There are options for those who want to get up late and cruise in right before shooting light. There are good options for those that hunt it occasionally and for those that hunt it frequently. Please don't eliminate the opportunity that Sauvie provides those of us willing to put in that little bit of extra time and effort that the current Eastside process offers. There is nothing unfair about the way it is set up now. The proposed change will reduce my hunting opportunities and cost ODFW more scarce refuge resources to maintain.

Respectfully,

Eric Mousel  
Salem, Oregon  
Duck hunter and ODFW Volunteer

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** paulmikesh@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 9:36 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Duck Season

I have heard through the grapevine that ODFW is considering ending the 2014-2015 duck season a week earlier than what we have enjoyed in years past.

I am an avid waterfowler and if I had only one thing to do waterfowling would be it. Having hunted all over the country since the late 50's I have learned a lot about waterfowling and one thing is perfectly clear to me.....later is better. Opening the season a week earlier when there are few ducks here doesn't make a whole lot of sense, especially as I understand it to accommodate other openers like deer and upland seasons. Sauvies Island is notoriously poor in October and an earlier opening there would serve no useful purpose there.

We had a good season last year and one of the best weeks was the last week of the season here in the Northern Willamette Valley. Our best success depends on weather and the later our season the better chance we will have colder weather and higher water levels.

Please leave the season unchanged.

Paul Mikesh  
LTC US Army (Ret)

Dear Mr. Reiskus:

I am writing about the anticipated expansion of the Dove season.

Here in Eastern Oregon we get early freezes and occasional cold rain. The doves usually leave our area when this occurs. In other words they check out in late August or early September.

As long as I can remember dove and House season open on September 1. What I am proposing is to open dove season on August 15 which will allow us to bag some doves before they fly south.

This means the season would run from August 15 to September 30. Also 10 birds per day is sufficient.

Thank you for your consideration.

John A. McBeir

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Sincerely,

Richard Haines

Hunters and Landowners for Ecological Game Management

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**6-I do not support aerial gunning of coyotes, or the use of Department funds to reduce cougar numbers in key emphasis areas.** I think we need to consider the Idaho Tribune article some months back in which seasoned Department enforcement employees explained that 2 legged predators take more game species then 4 legged predators, including wolves.. Learning from the Highway 97 south deer study, with 600 radio collared animals, that illegal harvest exceeded legal harvest - I think its time to manage predators as one factor in an ecosystem, and stop/reduce the illegal harvest or thief of state property by what appears to be a significant element of our public. We need predators in an ecosystem. And we need to manage predators numbers. My issue is placing such a strong focus on predators as the solution to increasing game populations, without regard to other factors that affect the game populations. Illegal harvest, habitat quality and trend, access/disturbance pressure, or lack of access to private lands where many animals reside. I also struggle with the idea of paying people to reduce cougar numbers while we consider reducing front line biologists and clerical people that carry out very important work.

Sincerely,

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