

Exhibit I

**Public Correspondence received as of
July 17, 2014**

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Thomas Thornton

To: Michelle Tate
Subject: RE: Turkey bow hunting

From: Phil Huntley-Franck [mailto:johnp@whereartmeetstheheart.com]
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 1:28 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Turkey bow hunting

I just want to make a statement.

I think you should not have a turkey bow hunting season.

I have "No Hunting" signs posted on my property, yet every year, I find arrows around my yard. This past spring, I found 3 arrows: one arrow was stuck in a tree (It looked like it was shot from my front gate); one arrow was stuck in the dirt about fifteen feet from my back deck (it looked like it came from my neighbor's yard, which is also posted "No Hunting" - the neighbor is seasonal, an 85 year old woman who asked me to keep an eye on the property while she's away); the third was in a jake I found mortally wounded and wandering around my yard with the arrow through it (I contacted OSP, but they weren't able to do anything, except to kill the poor thing.) I've also intercepted bow hunters trespassing my neighbor's yard, cornering turkeys in her field, and when I confront them, they run off like the true criminals they are. (I'm actually surprised none have tried to shoot me or my wife.)

My neighborhood is 3 to 10 or so acre parcels, and there are quite a few homes, many with young children or old folks. It's too crowded an area for any sort of hunting to take place. I spoke with several neighbors, and they also indicated they find arrows in their yards, even though they too have "No Hunting" signs posted. Some have said they see drive-by turkey bow hunters come by at sunrise with a total disregard for private property. The drive-by criminals see a turkey, take a quick shot, and if they hit a turkey, they run into the yard/field, grab the bird and run off, like thieves in the night. If the bird is hit but not killed, the bird runs off and hides to die a miserable death, then the bow hunter just drives off and looks for another "illegal" kill. If they miss the bird altogether, they'll sometimes try for a second shot, but usually they just consider themselves lucky that OSP wasn't around to snag them.

It's just a matter of time until one of those wild arrows comes crashing through a window or zipping through a yard and kills a human.

Also, in spite of my "No Hunting" signs, I still get bow hunters coming to my front door, asking to kill turkeys. How stupid can they be? Can't they read? It seems to me that turkey bow hunters are stupider than they claim their quarry to be.

Apparently, turkey bow hunters are illiterate and have no regard for private property or obeying hunting regulations. They are a low-life breed of human who cannot and should not be trusted with a lethal weapon.

I'm sick and tired of all this barbarism which ODFW seems to condone!

Sincerely,

Phil Huntley-Franck
Elkton, OR

David Budeau

From: Michelle Dennehy
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 4:50 PM
To: David Budeau
Subject: RE: Non resident license cost for turkey hunting

Is a three day license enough for a non resident turkey hunter

From: Kock, Tobias [<mailto:tkock@usgs.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 10:12 AM
To: Michelle Dennehy
Subject: Non resident license cost for turkey hunting

Hi Michelle,

I e-mailed last year regarding a short-term, less expensive license option for non-resident turkey hunters in Oregon.

It looks like the new 3 day (\$26) license satisfies the license requirement in lieu of having to buy the full non-resident license (\$140). Is that true? In other words, a non-resident can now buy the 3 d license + the non-resident turkey tag and be good-to-go for turkey hunting in Oregon (for that 3 d period)?

Thanks for your time,
Toby

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David Budeau

From: Brandon Reishus
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 8:07 AM
To: David Budeau
Subject: FW: Klapperich hunting regulation comments

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From: Brian Wolfer
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 5:01 PM
To: Thomas Thornton; Brandon Reishus
Subject: Klapperich hunting regulation comments

Jay Klapperich (phone 541.726.0812, email jbksr6712@yahoo.com) stopped by the Springfield Office today and asked that I pass on a couple of regulation concepts.

Mr. Klapperich would like to see the forest grouse firearms restriction eased to allow hunters to use pistols that fire .410 shotgun shells. Mr. Klapperich would like to use his .410 derringer for grouse while rifle hunting for deer and elk. He feels his derringer is light enough to pack along on his hunt and should be allowed since .22 rimfire pistols are allowed.

Mr. Klapperich is both a Pioneer Angling/Hunting license holder and an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit (ODHFP) holder. He is disappointed that the number of units with expanded deer and elk bag limits for disabled hunters has been reduced in recent years. He would like to propose that hunters possessing both a Pioneer license and an ODHFP should be allowed an expanded bag limit for deer and elk statewide. He believes the number of hunters meeting both of these criteria is low enough that the expanded bag limits would not have an adverse effect on deer and elk populations.

I told Mr. Klapperich I would pass along his suggestions but also encouraged him to submit his comments directly to the Commission.

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FRAMEWORKS

Public Correspondence received as of
July 17, 2014

From: Robin & Charlie Corrarino <chasrobcorrarino@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 5:20 PM
To: David Budeau
Subject: Re: game bird regs.....quick question

Thanks Dave. Not too long ago (pre-retirement) I had a discussion with Roy about extending the upland bird season in Umatilla and Morrow counties from its current closure date (Dec 31) to Jan 31 for chukar, huns and quail.....not pheasant. This would provide some additional opportunity in a large piece of real estate and at the same time simplify the regs. Roy was very supportive. I also asked several landowners in Morrow County and they were supportive. I spoke with Steve Cherry about the proposal this past fall and he told me he had discussed that same proposal with several landowners and they were also supportive or at least had no objections. Seems like a win-win for everybody and given our proposed fee increases, it may help out. This would apply to the 015/2016 season and beyond. What do you think, is it worthy of moving forward with this proposal?

Thanks.
Charlie
971-219-1742

From: Robin & Charlie Corrarino <chasrobcorrarino@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 2:59 PM
To: David Budeau
Subject: upland bird season

Hi Dave,
Does the upland bird season open Oct 11th this year? I sure like the later opening date better. Less conflict with deer hunting and cooler conditions. Plus roosters are easier to ID one week later. Please consider this as public comment on the next five year framework to consider changing the opening date one week later than under the current rule. This proposed change would be for ALL upland game bird species (simple....just like it is now).
Thanks.
Charlie

Upland Game Bird Framework Comments

Re: Turkey Proposals

From Phone Conversation with Fred Walasavage, May 6, 2014

Statewide Spring Season bag limit of three turkeys.

- Have concerns, since those getting third bird opportunity in eastern Oregon or likely to be the most successful hunters. Areas like White River already receive high hunting pressure.

Need better population information to weigh cost/benefit from more liberal regulations

Concern about multiple turkeys in the daily bag.

- May be tough to enforce. Hunters buying additional tag after harvesting an additional bird.
- Single bird daily bag helps spread opportunity – keep it that way

We already have long seasons and allow 2 birds during the spring, why push a good thing?

Do not favor general fall turkey season in western Oregon without better population data. Especially the White River unit which already gets hunted hard.

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Charlie

From: Ryan Torland
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 1:15 PM
To: Thomas Thornton; David Budeau
Subject: Comments on the Turkey season

Tom/Dave,
I had a gentleman, Andy Day, came into my office and wanted to comment about the proposed increase on the turkey bag limit. He does not support the proposal and thinks it should remain the way it is. He does think three birds is okay. He is concerned that we will overharvest the male population.

I thought I would pass this along as part of public comment. I did ask him if he would be interested in writing a letter but he did not want to.

Thanks

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NOTE: Confirmed with Ryan that Mr. Day did not support harvesting multiple turkeys on the same day, but allowing a three bird season limit in eastern Oregon would be okay.



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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
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June 19, 2014

Chair Levy and Members of the Commission:

The Oregon Hunters Association is writing this letter to share with you OHA's comments on ODFW's potential hunting regulation changes and concepts.

1. Extend season for quail, chukar, and Hungarian partridge in Umatilla and Morrow counties and the eastern Oregon forest grouse season through Jan. 31: these seasons currently end Dec. 31.

OHA Question: Why did ODFW end the quail, chukar and Hungarian partridge season in Umatilla and Morrow counties Dec. 31 in the first place? Has something changed to justify the additional hunt time now?

OHA Comment: Without adequate justification, the season should not be changed. We know of no data to support extending the forest grouse season in eastern Oregon to include the month of January. In fact, the opposite may be true. Grouse wing collection in Wallowa County has dropped from 736 wings in 1987 to 93 wings in 2013. This alone suggests it may be time to evaluate forest grouse populations and take steps to increase populations not allow additional harvest. Disturbance from hunters and dogs to big game during this critical time on winter range must also be considered and may be the most important reason not to allow the extension.

2. Replace eastern Oregon controlled fall turkey hunts with a general fall season and limited number of tags.
ODFW rationale: simplify the regulations and provide some additional hunting opportunity

Increase the daily bag limit for turkey – ODFW rationale: an attempt to spread hunting opportunity

Increase spring turkey season limit to three statewide – ODFW rationale: None given

OHA Comment: While the effort to provide additional hunt opportunities is laudable, the rationale and supporting population data is questionable. The Oregon Wild Turkey Management Plan 2004 cited the need for better population management and additional research for biologists to develop a usable, scientifically valid survey method to monitor turkey populations. It is our understanding that little or no progress has been made in this area. It is of concern that these changes are proposed without credible science and data to support these additions.

Given that it has been 10 years since the development of the management plan, this plan should be reviewed and updated prior to making changes to the existing season structure. The concerns expressed in 2004 regarding population modeling and data collection are still with us today. These plans are developed to promote

responsible management of our wildlife, and unless taken seriously, decisions can be made based on questionable data, social factors, or monetary reasons.

Thoughts or concerns to consider regarding ODFW proposal:

- Lack of quality population data to support an increase in harvest both in the spring and fall.
- Lack of a scientifically valid survey method to monitor turkey populations.
- Lack of efforts to survey and monitor turkey populations.
- The Wild Turkey Management Plan has not been reviewed or revised since 2004.
- Fall seasons allow for hen harvest, which has a higher effect on future populations. Do we have scientific data to support increase in harvest?
- General fall seasons would likely increase harvest. Do we have scientific data to support increase in harvest?
- Allowing more than one turkey in a day would encourage flock shooting and takes away opportunities from others, especially on public grounds where birds can be scarce.
- Enforcement issues need to be evaluated.

3. Western Oregon deer bag limit change

OHA Comment: In response to the ODFW recommendation to allow spike harvest in some NW Oregon units during western Oregon general season, OHA is hesitant to encourage additional harvest of black-tailed deer in areas where the populations are trending downward. It is very important for us to know the biology behind this recommendation and for this reason we would ask for that data in order to make an informed decision on whether we would support it or not.

While we understand that spike bucks might be an indicator of inferior antler genetics, we also are concerned about overharvest of bucks that are future breeding bucks.

In response to the ODFW recommendation to change the bag limit for 600 series deer hunts in some or all areas from “Antlerless or Spike” to “Antlerless”, OHA again needs to understand the reasoning behind the recommendation as well as see the data behind it to make an informed response to it.

In general OHA is against antlerless deer harvest in all areas that are under the carrying capacity of the land. That being said, OHA is aware that some hunters target spike bucks and that there is concern associated with that. This seems to run contrary to ODFW’s other recommendation that encourages spike harvest. We also are aware that spike blacktail bucks – more so than larger mule deer spikes – can be mistaken for does during antlerless only seasons. As a whole we want to see harvest commensurate with maximizing deer populations.

4. Cougar Zone Quota Modification

OHA requests that for the remainder of the 2014 hunting season, and beyond, the following modifications in the cougar zone quotas be made: 1) the quota in Zone A be increased 10%, from 120 to 132, and 2) the quota in Zone C be increased 23%, from 65 to 80.

OHA Rationale for this request:

Zone A quota: Prior to adoption of the Cougar Management Plan in 2006, the quota had been increased in this zone from 116 in 2003 to 128 in 2004 to 132 in 2005. In 2006 the quota was reset back to 120 and has been the same for the past 9 years. From 2003 to 2012 the estimated population of cougar in this zone has increased from 680 to 805. The population has now stabilized above 800 in this zone. Total mortality in this zone has increased as follows:

2003: 80, 2004: 87, 2005: 80, 2006: 82, 2007: 96, 2008: 95, 2009: 99, 2010: 103, 2011: 120, 2012: 121, 2013: 130.

In both 2011 and 2013 the zone quota was reached prior to the end of the cougar hunting season. For 2013 the quota was closed on Dec. 6; an additional 10 animals were killed through Dec. 31 by means other than hunting. OHA believes hunting opportunity will continue to be lost in this zone without an increase in the zone quota.

Zone C quota: The zone quota in this zone has been set at 65 for the past 9 years. The estimated population in this zone has increased from 449 in 2006 to 852 in 2012. That is an 89% increase in cougar population in that 6-year period. According to the 2006 Cougar Management Plan the minimum cougar population for this zone is 120; as of 2012; this zone is 610% over the minimum required cougar population. OHA believes hunting opportunity can be increased in this zone for 2014 with little impact to either the age-class or gender structure of the cougar population in this zone.

Sources referenced: 2006 Cougar Management Plan

Staff Summary, Informational Briefing on the 2006 Cougar Plan (delivered to the Commission on Dec. 6, 2013)

5. Elk Damage Tag Implementation

OHA Comment: In the narrative language staff says that "Patterned after the successful SW Damage Pilot program, the new elk damage program will provide elk damage tags to landowners in areas where elk are currently causing damage, in areas where there has been a history of elk damage."

OHA Comment: All damage must be verified by ODFW. Remove "in areas where there has been a history of elk damage." OHA strongly believes no antlerless tags should be allowed where a unit is below Management Objectives.

6. Proposed Fall 2014 Regulation Changes

The Department is proposing the Commission extend the 2014 season for 165R from Nov. 8-19 through Nov. 30, 2014. This extension will provide deer bow hunters the option of hunting early when deer densities are highest or hunting later when fewer rifle elk hunters are likely to be in the field.

OHA Comment: OHA does not support the extension or addition of hunts in this unit if populations are below management objectives.

7. Proposed General Season Bag Limits and Dates: Central Trask Elk Hunts

Next year, for the 2015 season the area of the Central Trask encompassed by this expansion will be included in two new antlerless hunts.

OHA Comment: Is the population of elk in the Trask unit above MO? If not, why have more antlerless hunts?

8. Proposed General Season Bag Limits and Dates

Adding days at the end of the season in at least some units in southwest Oregon.

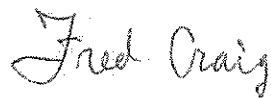
OHA Comment: OHA supported the removal of the 5 days from the end of the black-tailed deer season some years ago and we have not taken a position to change that. OHA opposes this change.

That concludes our comments. If you have any questions please contact our lobbyist Al Elkins at 503.580.6824.

Sincerely,



Joe Ricker, OHA Chairman of the Board



Fred Craig, OHA President

FW Comments on the Turkey season

From: David Budeau <david.a.budeau@state.or.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 8:05 AM
To: David Budeau
Subject: FW: Comments on the Turkey season

From: Ryan Torland
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 1:15 PM
To: Thomas Thornton; David Budeau
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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: Upland bird regulations

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 9:52 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Upland bird regulations

From: Robin & Charlie Corrarino [<mailto:chasrobcorrarino@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, July 13, 2014 8:43 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: Roy Elicker; David Budeau; Robin and Charlie Corrarino
Subject: Upland bird regulations

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

What follows is my testimony on the proposed upland bird regulations.

I strongly support the staff proposal to extend the upland bird season in Morrow and Umatilla counties from December 31 to January 31. This proposal is consistent with the existing state wide regs, provides additional hunter opportunity without any biological risk, is supported by the landowners I have discussed this proposal with, and simplifies the regulations.

The other issue I would like to comment on is the current opening dates for upland birds. For many years, there were two opening dates.....the first date was for all upland birds except pheasant. The second opening date was one week later for pheasant. Currently there is only one opening day for all upland birds. I believe there is just cause for two opening days.....an early opening day (i.e.Oct 11) for all upland birds except pheasant and an opening day one week later (i.e., Oct 18) for all upland birds including pheasant. Several of the big midwest pheasant states do not open for pheasant until Oct 18. Two opening days provide an additional opportunity for hunters. And often time, the roosters are not fully colored on the earlier opening day so a later opening day for pheasant would reduce mis identification. Two opening days would also create an economic pulse in the small communities that depend on hunter dollars for a significant portion of their business.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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**Public Correspondence received as of
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Brandon Reishus

From: Matt Alex <matt.j.a@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 11:39 AM
To: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us
Subject: Potential Hunting Changes

Hi Brandon,

Congrats on the new job. I wanted to express my opinions regarding potential hunting changes on Wildlife Areas and the Columbia River. I hunt Sauvies quite a bit and I have to say it is a pretty fair system. I think it allows any type of hunter to have a reasonable shot at getting a good pick. The westside appeals to the gambler who wants to play the lottery and gives larger groups the benefit by only needing one guy to draw a good chip. The eastside has options for all type of hunters; those who want to spend the night and those who come right before the line moves. I think this is an 'if it ain't broke don't fix it'. The only potential is could see for the reservation system is if somehow the odds to be successful increase the more you are unsuccessful. Either way some units are hard to draw, others you get every time. It's up to the hunter to pick accordingly. I hope no large-scale changes occur as it is a fair system the way it is.

For Summer Lake, I hope things stay the exact same. I like being able to go wherever in the WA, any day of the week. I think hunters understand what areas are more crowded and where you can get away from people. Other than opening weekend, things seem to work pretty well at Summer Lake and further regulation would be a bad decision in my opinion. I could see justification for a reservation system on opening weekend, but I would hope that wouldn't lead to additional restrictions.

Regarding the Columbia River closure: I don't think there is good reason to open this zone to hunting. Personally, I think there would be little hunter effort in this zone and minimal success, for the most part. There are very few puddle ducks that use this zone other than around Arlington and in the islands downstream from the John Day dam. Downstream to Celilo it is a mix of mostly scaup, canvasback, and goldeneyes. The Columbia in this area acts as a large roost for thousands of Canada geese throughout the season. They use the wheat fields on both sides of the river and use the river as their mid-day and night roost. Other than the islands below John Day, hunters would be limited to shoreline hunting, targeting mostly geese returning to roost, which could push these birds to other areas. As I-84 follows right along the shoreline, hunters would be in plain view of freeway traffic which may not be ideal. I can say this will not be a 'destination' hunt area like Umatilla, Summer Lake, etc, so hunting pressure would come from locals. If guys from The Dalles, Rufus, etc felt strongly about wanting hunting access, I would be fine with it. I think what goes on in the refuge section has minimal impact on the area from Boardman to Hat Rock upstream that winter tens of thousands of mallards and where I concentrate my hunting. I would hope that adding to the closure is not on the table as there is some decent hunting that occurs upstream from Arlington that I would hope would never be closed down.

Thanks,
-Matt Alex

Brandon Reishus

From: ben bertsch <ben_bertsch@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 12:02 PM
To: Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us
Subject: please don't change summer lake to reservation only

i was writting in regaurds to the proposed changes to summer lake wildlife area to a reservation area to duck hunt. i would rather not see this happen i've hunted there since i was 8 years old plenty of room for everybody. Sure theres sky busters but that'll never change, but why change it to reservation only when it's been just fine for years the way it is.

Brandon Reishus

From: Paul Ginochio <prginocx@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 7:45 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Cc: prginocx@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: 2013-14 ODFW Migratory Game Bird Hunting Season Proposals

Brandon,

I would propose a change in the Mourning Dove start date. If you want more participation in hunting, especially families, keep in mind that nowadays many families are split (divorced). The current start date has been set in stone forever, but it is very hard to get visitation on/around the 1st of September every year. Most divorced fathers I know have visitation on weekends.

Other hunting seasons align with starting on a Saturday, so I can take my children. Mourning dove should be the same way. It is a hardship for me every year to negotiate getting visitation on Sept. 1st, but the Judge says I get visitation every WEEKEND.

Subject: 2013-14 ODFW Migratory Game Bird Hunting Season Proposals

Date: Tue, 30 Jul 2013 10:46:38 -0700

From: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us

To: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us

Waterfowlers and other interested folks,

For those of you who don't know me my name is Brandon Reishus and I recently took over as ODFW's Migratory Game Bird Program Coordinator. Previously, I had been ODFW's Assistant Game Bird Biologist for about 6 years. I'm an avid hunter and like many of you my passion is waterfowl hunting.

In keeping with the tradition Brad Bales started, I'm sending you this email to solicit public comments on this season's migratory game bird proposals. Unfortunately, Brad's old email list was mostly lost but I've been able to rebuild it to some degree. Please be sure to forward this message to any folks you think might be interested. If you would prefer to no longer receive these emails please let me know and I will remove your address from the list. If you did not receive this message directly from me but would like to be included on future mailings please let me know and I'll add you to the list.

This year the timeline for regulation adoption is week shorter than in the past. Last week Pacific Flyway biologists and the Pacific Flyway Council met and forwarded regulation proposals to the USFWS. The USFWS is considering those proposals this week and ODFW's Commission will meet on Friday in Eugene to set the final seasons, less than 20 hours after the USFWS hands down their decisions. Any email comments I receive prior to Friday will be forwarded to the Commission for their consideration but if you would like to comment, the sooner the better.

Here are this season's proposals (subject to change based on USFWS decisions later this week):

- For all migratory game birds the possession limit is proposed to increase to 3-times the daily bag limit.

Brandon Reishus

From: Rod Legg <rod.legg@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2013 7:19 PM
To: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us
Subject: Input to Open Columbia River from Celilo to Arlington for Hunting

Please open the area from Celilo to Arlington to provide more Columbia Basin hunting opportunity.

In addition, please add my email address to your distribution list.

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Rod Legg
503-519-7213

Brandon Reishus

From: Eric DeFreest <edefreest@luvaascobb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 9:00 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: RE: Duck hunting shotgun

Thanks for the prompt and clear response. I appreciate your time. My hope would be that in the future, maybe a TC Carbine 45/410 in 21 inch (even if not the 16) would qualify despite the rifling. My rationale is that I would like the boys to learn on a light, easy handling, single shot. Best wishes in the new year. - esd

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

From: Brandon Reishus [<mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 8:19 AM
To: Eric DeFreest
Subject: RE: Duck hunting shotgun

Hi Eric,

Because the barrel for a carbine configured TC Contender is rifled, even the 410 choke has straight rifling, it would not meet our definition of a shotgun for game bird hunting purposes. Additionally, even if the barrel was smoothbore the 16" version would also fall outside of the definition of a shotgun for game bird hunting purposes.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.
Regards

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

From: Eric DeFreest [<mailto:>]
Sent: Sunday, January 05, 2014 1:40 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Duck hunting shotgun

Hello, I have a Thompson Contender action for which I was intending to acquire a 410 barrel for teaching my sons to hunt. Single shot, break action. However the barrel is rifled as a 45/410 with a choke. Thus, technically not a smooth bore, but has a choke for 410 shot. It is designed for use with bird shot. Also, second issue, is that the barrel comes in two lengths for carbine configuration, either 16 or 21 inch. While 16 is legal for general hunting, it appears that the 18 inch restriction would eliminate use of the 410 gauge 16 inch shotgun barrel for youth? Can you provide any guidance? Do I need to submit a request to change regulations? Thank you, Eric 541-554-7330.

Brandon Reishus

From: Max Smith <max_s_97448@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 3:43 PM
To: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us
Subject: Solicited Comments, ODFW WMA's

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10 January 2014

Dear Mr. Reishus:

I appreciate that ODFW is soliciting comment on prospective changes to the operation of certain state-controlled waterfowl hunting areas. Please enter the following comments for consideration in those future decisions.

My primary interest is operations at the Fern Ridge Wildlife Management Area. Long association with this facility and its management have given me a strong appreciation for the benefits FRWMA provides in close proximity to the second-largest population center in Oregon. The habitats, wildlife benefits and recreational opportunities for sportsmen and wildlife viewers provided are, in my view, invaluable.

I am constantly impressed that personnel at FRWMA can do so much with relatively few resources. Area Manager Wayne Morrow and his assistant Kevin Roth manage to farm hundreds of acres of wetlands, maintain heavy equipment, manage multiple hunting seasons, coordinate with city, state and federal agencies, efficiently provide the reporting requirements and promptly respond with polite informative information to all who inquire, even those who do not (in my opinion) deserve such treatment. This is accomplished with an annual personnel budget of 2 FTE's and 6 months of seasonal time, exemplary efficiency for either private or government businesses. I hope ODFW's administrators share my appreciation.

None of the following comments should be considered as critical of the FRWMA programs, just suggestions for improvement.

1) Take steps to improve the quality of the hunting experience and reduce crippling losses during the reservation hunts.

The East and West Coyote unit reservation hunts include 15 blinds squeezed into, as ODFW waterfowl areas go, a relatively small area. Each year multiple comments on the hunter check-out forms complain of imprudent shooting, often noted in hunter comments as "skybusting". During the 2012/13 season hunter comments on the daily checkout sheets noted intrusive indiscriminate shooting on 11 of the 31 controlled hunt days (Reference A). This not only results in user conflicts and ruins the hunting experience but increases crippling losses.

Crippling loss is an unsavory statistic common to every waterfowl hunting area, but can be controlled to a degree if hunters can be motivated to choose their shots more prudently. Reference B notes that the duck harvest during the reservation hunts in 2012/13 totalled 1,744 ducks "second highest in the 29 year history of the Reservation Waterfowl Hunt". These hunters also admitted to losing an

additional 291 birds to crippling loss (Reference A). Every documented study that compares actual in-the-field observations to hunter reports concludes that crippling losses are substantially underreported, sometimes as much as 100% or more.

There is only so much a management agency can do to limit indiscriminate shooting. Jawboning at the orientation session has proven very little value for hunters who enter the field with unlimited ammunition and little regard for other hunters or the wildlife resource.

I recommend that a special regulation be applied to the reservation hunts at Fern Ridge that limits each participant to 25 shells in a hunt day. In the past, a majority of hunters polled at Fern Ridge said they could accept a numerical restriction on shells carried into the field. During the 2012/13 season 527 hunters reported taking 9,127 shots, or 17.2 shots per hunter (range 0-90 per blind). Only 75 (14%) hunters took more than 20 shots and 32 (6%) reported shooting more than 25 times in a days hunt (Reference A). Twenty-five shells seems reasonable and should not impose a serious restriction on any prudent hunters experience, but would certainly create a reason for that small proportion of "sky busters" to choose their shots more carefully.

Past objections heard to this proposed shell limitation appear to center on (a) further complication of the waterfowl synopsis through through addition of a new regulation and (b) inconsistency with regulations applied to other ODFW waterfowl management areas.

It is a valid objective for ODFW to produce an uncomplicated annual waterfowl regulation synopsis. However, the reality is that the 56 page 2012/13 synopsis included 65 notations in red that signified "significant changes from last years regulations", and the 55 page 2013/14 regulations booklet, by rough count, included 96 changes. Obviously, the annual regulations are dynamic and frequently change with emergent needs and altered management objectives, requiring frequent rule modifications.

The contention that regulations must be consistent among ODFW WMA's is belied by the reality that four fine-print pages (33-36) in the 2013/14 synopsis outline specific regulations tailored to the needs of the individual state wildlife areas. Each area has individual regulation needs based on differing geography, huntable area, seasonal considerations and management goals. One more rule entry under FRWMA seems an insignificant concern.

In the 1980's when closely regulated waterfowl hunting was still allowed on the Federal refuges in the Willamette Valley (Finley, Ankeny and Baskett Slough), a shell limit was imposed on these controlled hunts and was readily accepted by the sportsmen. Limiting ammunition is worth a try and, if need be, could be conducted as a test at Fern Ridge to quantify how this restriction would affect reports of indiscriminate shooting and crippling loss. Perhaps a reasonable shell limit would also be a good idea at other ODFW controlled hunt areas, adding a measure of quality to the apparent current philosophy of providing as much quantity as possible.

2) Expedite the check-in process. Although check-in to the FRWMA reservation hunts begins 1.5 hours prior to legal shooting time, registration is often slowed by early participants dithering about which blinds to choose. If ODFW provided an easel board with the recent (and perhaps seasonal to-date) blind results outside the check-in trailer, registrants could approach the check-in window armed with prior knowlege of which blinds have recently been successful.

3) Reject the idea (promoted by some hunters in the daily check-out forms) of providing additional reservation hunt blinds on the recently constructed large un hunted pond north of the West Coyote unit. This pond provides needed sanctuary. Waterfowl incursions from this area into the currently-

hunted area are largely responsible for the improved duck harvest seen in the reservation hunts in recent years.

4) Reconsider the option of allowing properly controlled goose hunting for appropriately credentialed goose hunters during the reservation hunts. Obviously, there are huge harvestable populations of legal geese available. The hunted portion of the East and West Coyote units are not a favored sanctuary area for geese, and a 5,000-plus-acre sanctuary lies directly adjacent to the north in the form of Fern Ridge Reservoir. Under NW Goose Season regulations hunters are already under severe restrictions, having passed a stringent goose identification class, face elimination from goose hunting should a single Dusky Goose be killed, time and day restrictions and threat of a total unit season closure should an established quota of protected Dusky Geese be reached. The reservation hunt area is directly adjacent to a goose check-in station at the FRWMA headquarters. As long as all the applicable regulations and participation requirements are observed, there seems little reason to deny reservation-area hunters this option, and the legal harvest of geese could alleviate some depredation problems in the surrounding fields.

Unrelated to FRWMA operations, I urge ODFW to coordinate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to promote reestablishment of a controlled duck hunt program at USFWS's Willamette Valley refuges. According to reports, a pilot program of very limited scope has recently been enacted at Baskett Slough. Given the vast geographic area these refuges encompass there seems no valid reason why specific locations within these federal holdings can not be hunted on a very controlled basis while effectively preserving all federal management objectives.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,

Max Smith
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Date: May 23, 2014

To: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission:
Copies for Commissioners:

Re: Late Season, Private Land Only Goose Hunting

ODFW Mailroom

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Dear Fish and Wildlife Commissioners,

As a waterfowl hunter and conservationist for nearly 50 years, I strongly urge you to discontinue the late season, "private land only" hunts for whitefronted and white geese in at least the Klamath Zone for several compelling reasons. As the retired chairman and commissioner for the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission (California), I worked tirelessly to protect and enhance waterfowl and hunting opportunities in the Klamath Basin for 16 years. The non-refuge, "private lands only" hunts for whitefront geese and white geese is harmful to hunting and waterfowl hunting in particular, because it excludes a large segment of the hunter population from participating. It sets a bad precedence. In addition, it fails to accomplish US Department of Fish and Wildlife Pacific Flyway conservation goals for the whitefronted and white goose populations. The reasoning behind this change several years ago was poorly thought out and the results were discouraging. As a resident of this area, I can testify that overall, very few people benefited from this change and many more were angered. Here are my observations and concerns.

- 1) Over the past several seasons, the regular whitefronted goose and white goose seasons have been significantly and hap hazardly shortened by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on public refuge hunting areas, at the expense of the vast majority of hunters that are confined to public land hunting. Then, the goose hunting days deleted for hunting for the general public, are added to an exclusive, late season hunt where only a select few hunters, with money or privilege could hunt. Only elite hunters who bought hunting privileges on private property, including the expensive "for profit" guiding operations and exclusive land owners and their select friends, were able to hunt in this "late season" goose hunt; at the expense of the majority of waterfowl hunters. Consider that the regular waterfowl hunter that diligently purchased his hunting license and all the associated stamps and permits at considerable expense, are excluded from waterfowl hunting for a significant amount of time during the federal waterfowl hunting framework meant for everyone, so that a few elitist, wealthy hunters could have the only access to a truly public resource. It is even worse and more insulting for the nonresident waterfowl hunter. The result of this decision last year significantly shortened the whitefronted goose and white goose seasons in the Klamath Basin for a vast majority of us, at a time when the

whitefronted goose and white goose populations are greatly exceeding conservation goals. This decision was harmful for hunting and I urge you to abandon this practice. Many of us that wanted to hunt were unable too because the private property owners were either hunting themselves, saving it for their "friends" to hunt, or they had sold the hunts to guiding operations. Our public resources are not meant solely for the enjoyment of a small group of wealthy, elitist waterfowl hunters, but are meant for all waterfowl hunters!

2) I understand the conservation theory regarding this decision, but I have always felt that the reasoning is flawed, and does not fit the circumstances. I do understand that white goose and whitefront goose populations are at an all time high and there is some degradation of private farmlands at certain times of the year, as well as arctic nesting areas. I understand that in theory, allowing hunting on private lands surrounding the wildlife refuges, that the affects of crop depredation on private lands would be minimized by forcing the swarms of geese back on to the refuge through hunting. This reasoning is not valid for several important reasons:

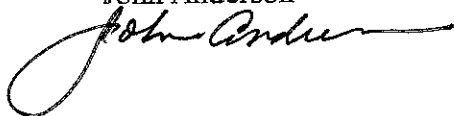
a. The Klamath zone is a high desert area and very cold. The time of year that these hunts are scheduled (February and early March), it is still winter and no crops are even growing! There is no crop depravation then and the reasoning is not valid. It isn't until the season is well over in mid-April and May, that the geese could posse a depredation threat, which in my opinion is minor.

b. Land owners and guides put out decoys and lure the geese in their fields in large numbers so that they could charge money for hunting privileges. Again, there is no crop depredation because the growing season had not started and the objective by them was only to sell limited hunts to a privileged few or for the landowner and his friends to hunt at the expense of the majority of other hunters.

c. There is an economic loss when goose hunting days are taken away during the hunting season for white geese and whitefronted geese, only to be traded to the elite hunter at the end of the season. This results in many hunters staying home and is an economic loss to local communities.

Recommendation: I strongly urge you to discontinue any type of hunt, particularly these private land hunts, that excludes a large portion of the hunting population from participating. Instead, I recommend that the whitefront goose and white goose seasons end on the last day available within the Federal Framework and encourage hunting on all lands, particularly public refuge lands, so that all hunters can participate. I support late season goose hunting to curb depredation, but only so long as everyone gets to participate. As a commissioner in neighboring Siskiyou County, I consistently voted to enhance hunter opportunity and always voted against exclusive hunting privileges by an elite few. Please provide the opportunity for all to enjoy.

Sincerely
John Anderson



SAUVIE ISLAND

**Public Correspondence received as of
July 17, 2014**

Brandon Reishus

From: Matt Alex <matt.j.a@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 11:39 AM
To: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us
Subject: Potential Hunting Changes

Hi Brandon,

Congrats on the new job. I wanted to express my opinions regarding potential hunting changes on Wildlife Areas and the Columbia River. I hunt Sauvies quite a bit and I have to say it is a pretty fair system. I think it allows any type of hunter to have a reasonable shot at getting a good pick. The westside appeals to the gambler who wants to play the lottery and gives larger groups the benefit by only needing one guy to draw a good chip. The eastside has options for all type of hunters; those who want to spend the night and those who come right before the line moves. I think this is an 'if it ain't broke don't fix it'. The only potential I could see for the reservation system is if somehow the odds to be successful increase the more you are unsuccessful. Either way some units are hard to draw, others you get every time. It's up to the hunter to pick accordingly. I hope no large-scale changes occur as it is a fair system the way it is.

For Summer Lake, I hope things stay the exact same. I like being able to go wherever in the WA, any day of the week. I think hunters understand what areas are more crowded and where you can get away from people. Other than opening weekend, things seem to work pretty well at Summer Lake and further regulation would be a bad decision in my opinion. I could see justification for a reservation system on opening weekend, but I would hope that wouldn't lead to additional restrictions.

Regarding the Columbia River closure: I don't think there is good reason to open this zone to hunting. Personally, I think there would be little hunter effort in this zone and minimal success, for the most part. There are very few puddle ducks that use this zone other than around Arlington and in the islands downstream from the John Day dam. Downstream to Celilo it is a mix of mostly scaup, canvasback, and goldeneyes. The Columbia in this area acts as a large roost for thousands of Canada geese throughout the season. They use the wheat fields on both sides of the river and use the river as their mid-day and night roost. Other than the islands below John Day, hunters would be limited to shoreline hunting, targeting mostly geese returning to roost, which could push these birds to other areas. As I-84 follows right along the shoreline, hunters would be in plain view of freeway traffic which may not be ideal. I can say this will not be a 'destination' hunt area like Umatilla, Summer Lake, etc, so hunting pressure would come from locals. If guys from The Dalles, Rufus, etc felt strongly about wanting hunting access, I would be fine with it. I think what goes on in the refuge section has minimal impact on the area from Boardman to Hat Rock upstream that winter tens of thousands of mallards and where I concentrate my hunting. I would hope that adding to the closure is not on the table as there is some decent hunting that occurs upstream from Arlington that I would hope would never be closed down.

Thanks,
-Matt Alex

Brandon Reishus

From: Merrill, Eric <Eric.Merrill@aktanker.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 4:10 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in

I really like the idea of this but my concern is vehicles in the reservation line getting congested by someone with draw number lower than theirs. I can see people waiting up at the check stations for their number to be called.

Which units go first and how do you plan to ensure traffic from the reservation line moves all at the same time? It can be done I think by not letting the first vehicle leave until the last person with a reservation gets his or hers blind tag will work sufficiently.

I like the idea and it's well worth implementing seems you have retired guys living in the lines all winter.

Eric Merrill
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Brandon Reishus

From: Salisbury, Todd M <todd.m.salisbury@intel.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 4:25 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in

Brandon,

After review of the new proposal I think it sounds FANTASTIC!! It sounds like ODFW is keenly aware of the situation out there in regards to morning reservations.

One other point I would like to comment on is how the good blinds that are shooting well (ie Johnson) never free up during the day because guys in the blind start calling their buddies at 10:00 rotating out. I frequently notice the same trucks parked in Johnson. I would like to see an ordinance where ALL members of the hunting party need to be checked in by 30 minutes after shooting time starts or they go on the wait list. Or put another way: no more than 4 hunters per blind and all members of the originally party (1st party of the day) must be checked in 30 minutes after shooting time starts. I would also be ok if it was stricter requiring all members to be checked in before the reservation check-in process has ended. I have been out there more than once with name on waitlist only for someone strolling in at noon coming off work because his buddy said the shooting was great. Maybe I need to get more buddies ☺

-Todd

Brandon Reishus

From: Bob Foote <bfoote@acosta.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 4:27 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: RE: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in

I don't hunt Sauvie Island very much anymore because I run a private duck club in the valley but I love this idea. The fact that some hunters literally camp there all season long and tie up the best blinds has always been a frustration.

Sauvie Island is a great opportunity for new or occasional hunters and it would be nice for them to have the access to the same good blinds or areas that the veterans always seem to tie up.

I think the west side really improved with a similar concept.

Thanks for including me in the Survey.

Bob Foote

From: Brandon Reishus [mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 3:56 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in

Waterfowlers,

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Thank you and I hope you have a successful final few weeks of the duck season!
Brandon Reishus

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Brandon Reishus

From: Bob and Barbara <canessab@pacifier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 5:13 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Reservation System

I would prefer option #2 for the reservation system for the Eastside Unit.

Bob Canessa

Brandon Reishus

From: David Simon <simond@onid.orst.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 5:35 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Eastside reservation system.

I strongly prefer the Option 2: Modified Eastside Reservation System.

This system has worked fantastic at the Umatilla NWR McCormack Unit and at Fern Ridge. If the logistics can be worked out at Sauvie Island Eastside, given the many hunt units and large numbers of hunters, it seems to me that implementing this system is a no-brainer and far superior to the existing system.

Dave Simon
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Brandon Reishus

From: Philip Sperr <bearflip@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 5:20 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: New East Side Regs

Many years ago I was a regular user of the East Side. (Probably one of the biggest users including building & brushing up blinds.) Hurrah for a long needed change.
Too many times I arrived & others with campers, trailers or equivalent had arrived up 30 hours early & got the best blind selections.
As a result I frequently traveled to Umatilla for the "fairer" system.
I have since utilized the lower Columbia or private clubs.
Make the much need change for next year.

Sent from my iPhone
Phil Sperr

Brandon Reishus

From: Thomas Massey <thomas.j.massey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 7:21 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: FW: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in

I prefer Option #2 by far over Option #1 (current system). This option takes the unfair advantage away from guys camping overnight in plush RV's and travel trailers.

My only concern/recommendation is:

A) Option #2: When Reservation hunters are called to the check station window, this scenario would require a more open parking area or wider paths for vehicles to maneuver at the Eastside Check Station. The current path to travel is very narrow and leads to a parking lot that can hold maybe 6 trucks, not including utility or boat trailers.

B) Option #2: Please allow Eastside reservation hunters assigned to roam units to go through the reservation line first. Since there are not blinds to compete for, because those hunters are hunting in a wide open free roam area, you might as well hand all of them their unit passes at the same time and push those hunters out the door. This will free up a lot of unnecessary wasted time and excessive vehicles waiting to hunt.

Thank you,
Thomas Massey

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From: Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>
Date: Wed, Jan 15, 2014 at 3:56 PM
Subject: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in
To: Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>

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Brandon Reishus

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From: Meyer, Howard <howard.h.meyer@oregonstate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 11:13 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside reservation system

It would appear that under the current system, being drawn for hunting but being unable to arrive for check-in well in advance would consistently assure access to only the least desirable blinds. Therefore, in the interest of increased fairness of blind allocation, I support option 2.

Howard Meyer

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Brandon Reishus

From: Evan alcantara <reeltime9@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:49 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in

I feel very strongly that the proposed changes to the east side are a horrible idea. Nothing is broken so please don't try to fix it. The current system has functioned perfectly fine for decades. It rewards those willing to sacrifice their time and others still have advantage over the non reservation line. The west side already fell victim to unneeded changes, please do not do the same to the east side.

Thanks, Evan Alcantara

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 15, 2014, at 4:57 PM, "Brandon Reishus" <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us> wrote:

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Brandon Reishus

From: Brian Ansley <fishin.fool61@frontier.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:08 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island proposed reservation changes

Hello,

I read the proposed changes to the east side reservation system. In my opinion, this change is long overdue. When you see people with reservations parked in line in the early morning the DAY BEFORE a hunt day, it seems a bit unfair to those who are not able to do that to get the best chance at getting a spot on a highly desirable unit. I have been through the routine before of getting there the afternoon before the hunt day just to get to the head of the line. I hate sleeping in the backseat of my truck all cramped up just to get "the spot". I vote for option 2 to give everyone that applies an equal chance of getting a good spot. I think this option is long overdue to level the playing field for those that have limited time to duck hunt and want to make the best of the little time they have, me included. Thank you for your time.

Brian

We have enough gun control. What we need is idiot control.

Brandon Reishus

From: Rob Maxey <Rob.Maxey@Planar.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 1:52 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed Sauvie Island Eastside reservation changes

I say leave it alone.

It works for Fern Ridge as there are only a dozen blinds and everyone can fit in one parking lot. Without major changes to the reservation parking lot at SI there is no way this can be pulled off quickly. The first guy in line will be one of the last picks and no one else will be able to move until he has chosen a blind. Also the extra timing required to manage this will put the non-reservation hunters in the field after shooting hours or you will need to start the reservation line check in 2 hours ahead of shooting hours. This added process WILL take extra time.

Aside from the logistical problems to make this change, I am philosophically opposed to changing the system. Hunting public land requires SOME effort. Nothing is guaranteed, and hunters who do not want to put in the effort to wait in line and get a good spot are lobbying for this change. Consequences and rewards should match the effort expended. I live in Salem so it is no short drive for me but when I go to SI it is up to me to make the effort. How bad do I want it? I understand some guys camp out overnight to pick Johnson 2 and that's why I never get that blind but, hey, they put the effort in and made it happen, while I had other priorities.

I have another suggestion if there is a lobby of hunters who want guaranteed blinds from their draws that ODFW is trying to satisfy. Take a unit like Racetrack with a half dozen blinds, and instead of drawing the unit, you draw a specific blind. That blind is yours for the day. No non-reservation hunters allowed. If the reservation holder shows up at noon, OK, he goes out there and the blind is his and has not been hunted yet that day. Kind of like the way it was in the 70's. That might be a good compromise to allow some guaranteed blinds without requiring wholesale changes to the wildlife area parking and timing of checking in hunters.

Thank you for asking my opinion. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Rob Maxey
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Brandon Reishus

From: Owsian, Anthony E. (Portland) <Anthony.Owsian@va.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 11:35 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauive Island Reservation

I like option 2. As a long time user of the island I've seen the res line fill up earlier and earlier. I don't understand why it would take a year to install. If this goes forward it should be implemented 2014-2015.

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Brandon Reishus

From: Allen Flanagan <arflanagan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 9:08 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in

Hi Brandon,

Thanks for reaching out to hunters to get feedback on this.

In general - the new East Side Reservation concept sounds like an improvement from the current experience. I would welcome the opportunity to not have to get in line at 2 in the morning when I have a reservation. Of course the devil is in the details. Some thoughts:

- This would take some logistical changes in how the Reservation line and parking is run to make sure everyone is not held up until the full draw is done. I think with the current line and parking system - It would take an extra 1/2 hour or more to do the draw and get out to the blinds, and that would of course have the Non res line going out late with people at the end missing shooting time. At Umatilla - they have a big parking lot, call up everyone on foot, and you can leave as soon as you have your pass. The system used on the West side would work as well -> where there is a passing lane for people to move out of line after they have their pass.

Allen Flanagan

From: Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>
To: Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 3:56 PM
Subject: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in

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Brandon Reishus

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Brandon S. Reishus
Migratory Game Bird Coordinator
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Brandon Reishus

From: jackhart100@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 9:03 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Eastside blind selection

Hooray! I've been hoping for something like the proposed system for years. At the age of 67, getting up at 3:15 a.m. isn't as easy as it once was. And even when I start out at that hour, I'm still not guaranteed anything but the worst blind in a unit. So I'm all in favor of a system that gives me more sleep and a better chance.

Please proceed with the new system.

Jack Hart
Hunter No. 88182

Brandon Reishus

From: Bergner, Kurt <Kurt.Bergner@fei.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 8:32 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie

I read the proposals for the eastside check station and I am in favor of Option 2, it if fair and doesn't require sleeping on the island (or just leaving a camper in line) for 24+ hours.

Kurt J. Bergner
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Brandon Reishus

From: bob alcantara <turboduk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 8:18 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island

I support Option 2: Modified Eastside Reservation System. It gives everyone a fair chance at selecting the best blinds per their hunt unit reservation choice. Will the road be widened to accommodate vehicles needing to pull out of line as their number is called? I would think ODF&W would use the low frequency am radio to notify those in line that they can come to the window to select their blind. Like they currently do on the Westside. This is one of the best ideas you've proposed in the 38 years I've been hunting the management area.

While I have your ear why not create more duck hunting opportunity? You have thousand of acres to develop for hunting as well as maintain for refuge. The growing number of hunters need places to hunt in the Portland area.

Thanks for listening,

Bob Alcantara
Milwaukie, Oregon

Brandon Reishus

From: martytreetop830@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 8:13 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: east side reservation system at Sauvie Island Wildlife area

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like the ODFW to adopt option 2, the modified eastside reservation system. I am too old to sleep in the cab of my truck anymore.

Thank you

Martin Blane Lindstrand
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hunter ID # 148471

Brandon Reishus

From: Scott Vogl <scottv@wildish.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 7:06 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

I would welcome option 2 for the Eastside reservation system. It works well at other refuges in Oregon and Washington that I have hunted that have this system.

Brandon Reishus

From: Scott Kluempke <scott.kluempke@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 9:23 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island East Side Reservation system

I wholeheartedly support changing the reservation system to adding the blind selection pick to be assigned at the random draw. I believe this is outlined as "option 2."

Currently there is too much gaming with hunters showing up early, sometimes days before their hunt, swapping vehicles, etc. All the hobo camping in line has got to be a pain for ODFW staff as well.

Thanks for taking feedback,
Scott Kluempke

On Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 6:14 PM, Eric Mousel <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

From: Chris Ptacek <chris@ptacek.net>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 10:08 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside poll

I think option 2 (number assigned at draw) would be the best option. It would allow a fair distribution to all who want to be able to utilize the area and everyone would know where they stand.

I would like to submit an idea for consideration for the west side as well. A system that allowed hunters to login online, say up to 48 hours prior to a check in, and register for the draw. Then have an assigned number draw that would be emailed out the evening before. I would suggest a combination of the online draw and chip draw. Have the online system assign numbers say every 2 or 3 (3,6,9,12...) (or whatever gap works) and also have chips available to draw the morning of. This would allow some to know what their rank was the evening prior and decide, but also provide those who drew poorly or without access to online services to still draw the morning of.

Brandon Reishus

From: Diane Larsen <dianemlarsen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 1:59 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside

Based on the two options given...I choose option one - no changes.

However, I think a third option should be considered for blind units: Allow hunters to put in for individual blinds. If I want Hunt 5 then I apply for Hunt 5 as my first choice, Mud Hen 3 as my second.

While you are making changes how about making Ray's Lake it's own unit?

Thanks!

Diane Larsen

Brandon Reishus

From: Doss, Steve <SDoss@wlinpco.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 2:01 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed change to Sauvies Island Eastside Reservation System

I am against changing the current reservation system for the Eastside. Reason for that:

- 1) The proposed change would reduce the certainty of where I would be able to hunt in a unit. More than likely I'm not going to draw number 1 or 2 pick for a unit every time. If I don't draw number 1 or 2 then it really becomes questionable where I'm going to end up. But if I go out early and get in line I have a good idea of where I'm going to end up.

Hunting for waterfowl is a equipment intensive project. I don't want to spend the time on it if it's a crapshoot where I'm going to end up in a unit. That's why I quit hunting the Westside when they changed it to lottery. You've already made one major change (Westside to lottery) that favors lazy hunters. Don't make another similar change that hurts the dedicated hunters.

- 2) Managing a priority system would be a time consuming nightmare in the morning. There isn't enough available parking by the check station currently to make it work. This is another reason I quit hunting the Westside. The traffic jams on that narrow two lane road in the morning on weekends are a hassle. People who strike out on the lottery try to leave at the same time successful hunters try to go up and get a permit. It's a bad scenerio especially if you haul a boat or trailer for a duck cart.

Have any of the people who made the Westside change and are involved in this decision ever done any regular hunting on the management area? If not you need to spend time out there in the mornings understanding what really goes on. The current system on the Eastside works great now. Don't screw it up. If your going to change anything change the Westside. It's a broken system.

Call me if you have any questions, Steve Doss 503-702-9364

Brandon Reishus

From: Mario Friendly <mario@columbiariverdecoys.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 2:37 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: RE: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in

I would like to vote for Option 2: Modified Eastside Reservation System

I think it will help more hunters out by being more fair to secure a good draw and a good blind and it will eliminate the line hogs that sit in line and get first pick because they have the ability to sit in line for 24 hours or so. Hopefully this helps bring more young hunters, new hunters or old hunters.

Mario Friendly
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From: Brandon Reishus [mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 3:56 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: ODFW Wildlife Area Hunt Program Review - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Eastside Reservation Check-in

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Brandon Reishus

From: Craig Dietrich <thethcompany@qwestoffice.net>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 3:13 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: eastside reservation system revamp

Dear ODFW,

Thanks for taking a look at fixing the problem on the eastside reservation system. You guys run a nice operation out on Sauvie. Nice to see you taking a look at one of the glitches.

I prefer option #2, having the reservation include picking order when drawn, not by where you are in line.

Here's why.

1. Many guys are now showing up 18-20 hours in advance to get in the reservation line to improve their chances of getting the best blinds. That is showing up at 9:00 or 10:00 am the day before the hunt. I have scouted on some non shoot days and have witnessed this many times during the regular season, not just on opening day. Many hunters simply cannot do this because they have jobs, wives and kids. The system should be fair to all, not just retired guys and unemployed guys who have time to wait in their vehicle for 20 hours in line.

Option #2 would alleviate this issue.

2. The rules, according to the shop staff, say that the person with the reservation must be in line with the vehicle in line. That is not always happening. Some guys get in line the day prior without the reservation, and then on the morning of the hunt, the guy holding the reservation either gets in with the guy in line or simply switches vehicles. THIS IS HAPPENING. And it makes it unfair to the guy who is following the rules. Is there a written rule covering this?

Option #2 would alleviate this issue.

3. Logically, the current reservation line is simply a sweat line (first come first serve). It just categorizes guys in line by which unit they have a reservation for. So the application process is flawed because it just sends the reservation holder into a sweat line. We already have a sweat line, it is the non reservation line.

Option #2 would alleviate this issue.

4. If the current system prevails, at some point the ODFW would be obliged to employ a staffer to check in the vehicles as they show up on non shoot days, making sure the reservation holder is present when the vehicle shows up. At some point guys will just leave a vehicle to hold their place. How early can you get into line? Is there a rule? Heck, just leave a vehicle there on the previous hunt day and show up the next hunt day 90 minutes prior to shoot time. Is there a rule saying you cannot do this?

Option #2 would alleviate this issue.

Currently, guys who have the time (for whatever reason, retired, unemployed, etc.) are stepping in front of the guys with a job, wife, kid, (and life) to hunt in the most desired blinds.

I believe that state funded entities that are run for the public access should be fair and provide equal access to all.

Option #2 satisfies this.

Consider this: A guy with a kid in high school recently went out with a Johnson reservation. He did not want to take the kid out of school on Friday so they waited and got in line at 6:15 pm the day before the hunt. They ended up picking 5th, and got one of the worst blinds. Is that fair? Not fair to the kid or the dad.

Option #2 would give the kid and dad an equal chance to hunt a good blind without having to take the kid out of school.

Not sure if you are answering these comments but I would like to know how to keep up with this very important decision.

Thank you. Craig Dietrich

Brandon Reishus

From: Colin Rowles <crowles0814@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 4:20 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside reservation changes

Leave it the way it is!
Why?

- As mentioned in the proposal, we have the other system at Umatilla and Fern Ridge, no need for them all to be the same, not to mention both of those areas offer decent hunts, IF you want only one decent hunt per year...
- SI has a community of hunters, they are the people that hang out at the WMA, they are the ones that volunteer to clean up the trash someone pointed out above, they are the ones that support the bio's out there, they are the ones that are personally invested, they are the ones that come spend the night in line, and they are the ones that hunt it repeatedly each year. Imagine if your reservation opportunities dropped by 2/3 each year... I only had a few this year, I wouldn't like to reduce that to one. Doing so will certainly bring a new mix of hunters in, kind of like Umatilla or Fern, where everybody shows up and the experienced ones have hunted half the overall blinds over the last decade or two... Experience leads to better hunts for all.
- SI is not a place to reduce the experienced hunters... I get upset when I lose a cripple, I don't want to have to hunt an area once a year and have to deal with never knowing how to set up for a certain wind condition, weather condition or water condition. In many of the areas at SI, this means poorer shots resulting in losing birds into areas where even dogs can't get them. By reducing my, and everybody's experience levels we would see far more cripples, wildlife violations, lost hunters, and conflicts between blinds.
- Financial- LOSS OF REVENUE, INCREASED COSTS. We all buy licenses and all pay taxes. Imagine the parking lot necessary to park 100 rigs by the check station for people to line up... that's going to be paid for by all those people who now don't apply, and those in the non-re line who haven't bought a permit.... (yes that was sarcastic) DON'T WASTE MY TAX MONEY FIXING A SYSTEM THAT IS NOT BROKEN! there is no mention of how much this will cost and how much the taxpayer and hunter is going to have to fork over to change a system that is only broken for those not willing to put in the time and effort
- The perceived unfairness it attempts to address will just be shifted... It will go from those who are willing to work, put in the time, and make the sacrifices to those who are just randomly lucky, live close and can show up in the non-res line every day, and in roam units to those who can run faster. I prefer to be rewarded for being willing to work and make sacrifices. Catering to people from all over the state that aren't willing to show up early is not the right approach. These people would not make the drive if they didn't have the top 2 or 3 picks and the non reservation line will just get longer and those that would apply and show up to hunt wouldn't get a chance nearly as often at a reservation.
- The last reason is tradition. I have been camping out in the car with my Dad since i was 10 years old just to go hunting with him. The excitement of the morning and hoping you get a good blind. I would like to pass on that tradition to my kids someday

Thanks,

Colin Rowles

Brandon Reishus

From: Geoffrey Robinson <robinsg@eou.edu>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 4:38 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie's Island Westside Change

Hello,

I have hunted both Umatilla and Sauvie's Westside. The Umatilla system is preferable to everyone I know who has used both systems. All of the ney-sayers I have heard from have never hunted Umatilla.

Also, I strongly encourage ODFW to try this change for at least a year, and then re-gather data. I suspect the overwhelming majority of hunters will want the Umatilla system once they have been exposed to both.

Thanks for listening!

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Brandon Reishus

From: Joe Reed <Joe.Reed@asm.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2014 8:49 PM
To: odfw.wildlifeareacomments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie east side reservation system

Hello,

I just wanted to voice my support for the proposed changes to the east side reservation process. I think it is silly for people to sleep in their cars overnight in attempt to get a better blind. I also think ODFW should not allow overnight camping in the hunt lines in a wildlife area. I support having the reservation be blind specific.

I also encourage ODFW to thing about making the east side non-reservation line a poker chip draw process similar to the west side. This would also remove people from sleeping in their RVs/trailers/trucks overnight as well. I have heard stories of people leaving their vehicles unattended in line the day before the hunt and then re-enter their vehicle 90 minutes before the line moves. If this is true then that is another reason to have either a specific blind draw or poker chip draw process. Feel free to contact me for any further input. Thanks.

Joe Reed

Sent from my iPhone

Brandon Reishus

From: Wilkes, Bryan <Bryan.Wilkes@ClackamasFire.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2014 8:29 PM
To: 'ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us'
Subject: Eastside Sauvie Input

I support Option 2, Thanks

Brandon Reishus

From: Dennis Larsen <denjlar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2014 8:22 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie changes

I'd love to see the reservation system on the Eastside go to specific draws. You put in for a date and specific blind, like Oak Island. I think that would make it more equitable for more people and the crew at the check station would have an easier job. BTW - They are GREAT people!!!

Thank you for looking into this. As someone who's hunted the East side since the early '80's, I'm VERY thankful for the near-by hunting area.

Oh yeah, I'm the guy who had the "Eastside Shop" sign and several others done in my high school shop classes. Actually, I had the Eastside sign sent out, but we did the rest!!!!

THANKS AGAIN!!!!

Dennis

Brandon Reishus

From: Hank Hanawalt <Inper@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2014 6:35 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Alternative Eastside Sauvie Island Draw System Logistics

I endorse a change to a tighter reservation system, as the games that go on out there are ridiculous and getting worse. However, Option 2, as described in the notice, will not work, IMHO. You would need a check station parking lot four times larger than it is presently to hold all of those vehicles if you are going to "call" hunters to the window as they stand around in front of the check station. Instead, think about this alternative.

- Gate both the reservation road and non-reservation roads at the street.
- Widen both roads to accommodate two lanes of traffic.
- Hunters will use the reservation and non-reservation roads as before.
- All vehicles that enter must stay in the right lane to allow vehicles to pass on their way to the check station as they are called, like on the westside.
- Do not allow entry to the roads until 30 minutes before the designated "call time" and remind hunters that any vehicle parked on the public street more than a few minutes before the gates open will be subject to a citation. Of course, you'll remind the Columbia County Sheriff of this, as well. I reckon a little "fund raising" on their part will stop the "sooners".
- Use a radio frequency, like on the westside, to call reservation hunter's vehicles to the check station in the order you designate for blind selection, as you have described in Option 2.
- With the reservation hunters through, call the non-reservation hunters to the check station a half hour later, as it is done now.

Call me if you wish to discuss this plan.

Hank Hanawalt
503 702-3166

Brandon Reishus

From: Brad Schaal <bradley.schaal@frontier.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2014 9:28 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside Check in

I am in favor of option #2. I stopped applying for Eastside hunts several years ago for just this reason. People have started arriving earlier every year and I must admit when I was younger I did the same thing several times – spending the night in line in order to get a preferred blind – but would have preferred this option had it been available. The non-reservation line will continue to exist as an overnight affair I'm sure because the demand is there to hunt the East side units. I would also STRONGLY recommend consideration of a limit of one box of shotgun shells per hunter on the Sauvie Island units like they have at Umatilla. It would quickly stop all the sky busting that occurs.

Sincerely,
Brad Schaal

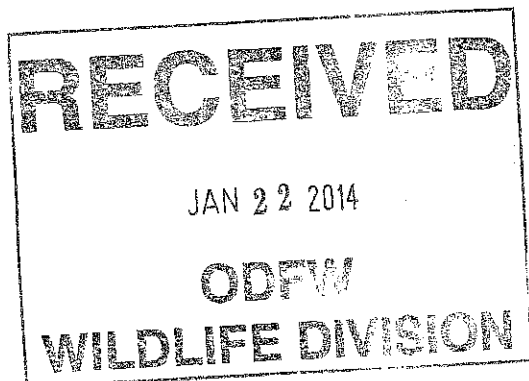
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The following page is in reply to the Proposed changes and specifically Option 2 to the Sauvie Isl. Eastside Reservation system for 2015/2016 hunting season. I was given a copy of the handout by Fish & Game staff on Sauvie Isl.

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Comments on Modifying Sauvie Island controlled hunt east side Reservation system.

Option 2:

Generally it seems like a more fair way to select the Historically best producing sites, however some hunters lineup early for sites that have easy access and distance.

Do to Age and Physical limitations and that don't qualify for the "Handicap" sites. That option in effect would be taken away.

Here are a couple of ideas that might help level the playing field.

1. "Controlled hunt application"

Insert a (check) box on the application asking the system to consider Age and Physical condition to be factored in on assigning "Draw numbers" printed on the permit.

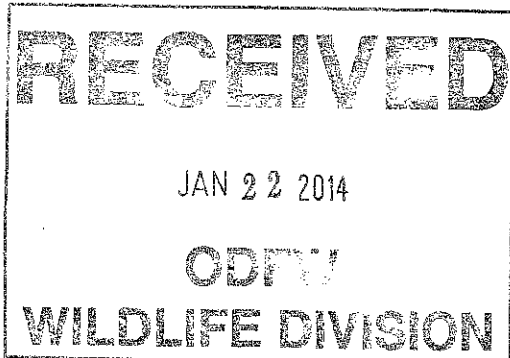
2. "Handicap Sites"

The present rules governing Handicap qualifications actually eliminate many Hunters who are Handicapped to a degree but not enough to meet the Fish & Game threshold.

(In my case the insertion of steel rods & screws in my spine, minor Heart problems and advancing in age) make walking great distances a problem. Qualifying me for the DMV placard, but not for the sites on Sauvie Isl.

The sites on Sauvie island are rarely if ever used, in fact some of the employees I talked to can't remember when they were used last. They sit day-in and day-out, week-in and week-out. Surely with a DMV placard and good judgment by on-site staff we could put these wonderful assets to good use.

Thom Flynn
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Hunter ID: 2060033



Brandon Reishus

From: Josh <bigmonyadams@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2014 5:26 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: East side change

I think the doing it like fern ridge would be allot better its crazy when i show up at 1 am and still cant get a decent blind in mud hen . I work till 7-8 at night some nights makes it hard to get out at sauviess and beat everyone. Basically i feel like the people that dont work or are lucky enough to get the time to spend out here are at a big advantage also i have a family just had my son a year ago i like to spend time with them. Also when hes about 7-8 i wana bring him out here and have a good first experience not realy guna be able to bring him out and stay the night hes young and will freeze. Just my 2 cents

Sent from my iPhone

Brandon Reishus

From: Mike Weis <m_weis88@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2014 9:43 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed Eastside SI reservation system changes

I would prefer Option 1, that Sauvie Island Eastside maintains it's current reservation system. I think it works well and is fair for all that are willing to try.

Thanks,

Mike Weis

Brandon Reishus

From: David M. Sill <DMSill@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 1:19 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Cc: Roy Elicker
Subject: Sauvies I. Reservation System

I learned to hunt ducks on the ODFW managed Sauvies Island Wildlife Area as a teenager in the 1950's and it inspired me to pursue a career in wildlife management.

In the 50's it was a pretty wild free for all to get one of the best hunting spots. To be first in line you had to be first to the check in window. You had to show up real early and sit in your vehicle along with several other car loads of hunters until some one stepped out (often just to relieve themselves) and then it was a mad dash to the window. That meant standing in line at the window for several hours, often in the pouring rain. If you stepped out of line for any reason you could loose your place. Close to opening time the line got a lot thicker as hunting partners showed up and it became a bit chaotic. Then the car and foot races began to the best spots. There were no blind units, everything was wide open, one big roam area.

Since then ODFW has made great strides in improving the quality and quantity of hunting experiences on the Island. We duck hunters are very thankful for that. In my assignments with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service I have not seen any public hunting operation better than on the ODFW managed Sauvies Island Wildlife Area.

Now ODFW is proposing another fine improvement with Option 2 for the East Side reservation system. ***I fully support the Option 2 improvement.***

I would like to suggest a slight tweak be considered for the blind reservation areas. When a blind is assigned it is reserved for that person and any partners (up to the 4 limit) for the entire day or until that person and all partners check out. If that person wishes he may leave the names of possible late arrivals (that may show up any time during the day) and can join that person at his assigned blind. I know that is sort of the way it works now, on an informal basis, but maybe it needs to be formally clarified. It is greatly appreciated, especially for us older hunters, to be able to show up around 10AM or so and join a buddy who went on ahead of us to reserve a blind.

As a rule government agencies are slow to implement change. However it seems to me that the proposed minor administrative improvements can be implemented this coming 2014/2015 season. Why wait if feedback is mostly positive?

Brandon Reishus

From: Ryan Wuest <ryanwuest@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 1:20 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Eastside Reservation System

Thank you for requesting input on the Sauvie Island Eastside Reservation System. This was my second season of waterfowl hunting, which so far has been almost exclusively at Sauvie Island. I participated in every draw.

I am in favor of proposed option 2 which would not assign any advantage to showing up in line early. Some factors that influenced my decision follow:

1. As a large wildlife area close to Portland, I think it should remain as friendly as possible to new hunters. The island is generally very friendly to beginners with an excellent guide and friendly staff. It already takes a while to learn the reservation system, the idea of needing to show up extremely early adds considerably more to the apprehension. I know many friends who have expressed interest in hunting Sauvie but are intimidated by the draw.
2. The whole point of a draw is to be equitable. However, the current system is not equitable to those with work and family commitments in the days and nights preceding the hunt day and to those who do not have an RV or truck bed to sleep in. Look at the hunters in the front of the line and you will not see many beginners.
3. The main complaint against changing the current system noted in debate on ifish seems to be that those who work the hardest should get the most opportunity. I understand this sentiment however I want to note that Oregon offers tremendous opportunities for hard-working waterfowlers to find public locations that do not attract beginners such as Lewis and Clark, the numerous coastal bays, and along the Columbia River Gorge.
4. A personal experience from this year: I had a reservation, on a weekday, for Hunt Unit and took along a friend who had never hunted a blind unit on Sauvie. Knowing how the system works, I showed up an hour before check-in time hoping to gain a slight advantage, meaning we were forced to wake up before 4 AM. However, we were not there soon enough and had only two blind choices remaining. We saw little action while a preferred blind across the pond had a great hunt. My friend has little interest in participating in a blind unit hunt again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ryan Wuest
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Brandon Reishus

From: Scott Susi <scott@haystackbroadcasting.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 4:50 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Hunting Change

The hunting opportunity on the Sauvie Island Wildlife area is a duck hunting jewel. I've been sleeping in my vehicle in both lines on the eastside for 28 years. I choose option #2. I understand both sides to this debate, one being the early bird gets the worm BUT it very very frustrating showing up at 4pm the night before the hunt only to find you are the third person in line on a Racetrack, Hunt, Deadwillow or Johnson reservation. I support increased opportunity for all hunters not just a very vocal select few. Thank you

Eastside reservation system comments

First of all I'd like to thank you for asking us duck hunters for our input on this! I for one would like to see the reservation system stay the way it is (option 1, current system). That's my vote. I have used the other system down at Fern Ridge (draw number) and do not like it that much. I still put in for it every year, but When I get a successful reservation at Fern Ridge, and I get a "draw number" that is to far down the list (for example: draw/pick #10 or #13 or something), I do not buy the permit. I just don't show up. At Sauvie Island, if other hunters did like I do at fern ridge and just dont show up due to a bad draw pick #, This may cost revenue to Sauvie Island (via permit sales). Matter of fact, a new draw pick system may cause a lot of guys to completely forgo doing the reservations system all together and just do the non-res line which could significantly increase the # of vehicles in the non-res line. I'm speculating on all this of course, plus I'm not 100% sure where the permit \$ goes. On the other hand, when I am successful at Sauvie Island for a reservation I always buy the permit, and try to show up a little earlier to improve my chances. I like being able to do that. It's up to me then to get there in time to get a descent blind # for my reservation unit. I drive 1 hour and 40 minutes to get to Sauvie Island and still prefer the first come first serve on the reservations. I always show up because you just never know how many people are going to be in line, you could show up and maybe have a couple rigs in front of you or you could have a dozen or more. But I always buy the permit for that reason. The current system works well, very smooth, and moves right along. I have no complaints. Matter of fact, the staff has it down and does a fantastic job in my opinion! A lot of the hunters have been talking about this proposed change, and I have yet to meet even one hunter that is in favor of changing the system. (Hear say I know, but from my experience anyway) Plus, we already have the other systems AVAILABLE in the state of Oregon (draw number system). If guys like that type of system, it's already available at places like Fern Ridge, Umatilla, etc. Sauvie Island is the only place you can use the first come first serve system for reservations. I like having that as an option and don't want it to be taken from us, to where all we have is the "draw number" options left in the state. Again, thank you guys for allowing us input and a chance to voice our opinions ☺

Greg Huey

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1-21-14

Brandon Reishus

From: vauntcarmen@gmail.com on behalf of Carmen Macdonald
<carmen@vauntmarketing.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 9:55 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Options 2 For Sauvie Island East Side

Hi There,

Just a quick note in support of a reservation draw that includes draw order. I've been fortunate to enjoy a number of successful draws, but have never been in any of the great blinds. The reason is that I hope to never sleep in my truck.

Please spread the opportunity of the better blinds to more hunters. The fact that there is a reservation system should eliminate the need for camping...isn't that the point? Non-res line is a sweat line, the reservation line should not be. I also wonder if the non-res line should be a chip draw and eliminate camping altogether, but that's another topic.

The other upside for me on option 2 is that a draw order will allow me to put in for weekdays here or there. Currently, I will not put in for weekdays because of the fact that I don't camp. It's not worth it to take a day off for a less than desirable blind. With a draw order, should I pull well for a weekday, it'll be worth going. You might find that more people put in for weekdays if there's some surety involved.

Thank you,

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Brandon Reishus

From: ODFW Comments <odfw.comments@state.or.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 10:28 AM
To: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us
Subject: FW: changes on sauvie island wildlife area

From: Tim & Karen Rieman [mailto:tkrieman@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 6:11 PM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Subject: changes on sauvie island wildlife area

To whom it may concern,

I am commenting on Bill Monroe's column last Sunday in regards to changes in the draw procedure being taken under consideration for the eastside wildlife area. I for one am all for changing the process as we have it now. To get a decent blind or hunting spot right now you basically need to be in line the day before your hunt. In the last couple of years I have drawn Johnson unit numerous times and got in line 2 to 3 hours before the line moves and when I got up to the window the only blinds left are on the back lake.

The Umatilla wildlife refuge has a great system where when you get your draw you have a number and that's your picking order, at least you know where you stand and you don't have to waste your time if you have a high number and know your not going to get a good pick.

I also prefer the Westside system for drawing chips, everybody has the same chance of drawing a good blind, luck of the draw.

Thanks, hope you'll consider this,
Tim Rieman

Brandon Reishus

From: Jim B. Muck - NOAA Federal <jim.b.muck@noaa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 12:39 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside reservations

I prefer the option 2 for reservations at Sauvie Island. I do not have the time to stay overnight at the Island to obtain a higher quality hunt. My boys and I travel from Roseburg to hunt.

I also suggest limiting the number of shells to 25. This will reduce sky-busting.

Thank you,

Jim Muck
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Roseburg, Oregon 97471

This email is my personal opinion and does not reflect my employer's official agency position.

Brandon Reishus

From: Mark Nebeker
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 8:58 AM
To: ODFW Info; ODFW WildlifeAreaComments
Subject: RE: Sauvie Island Duck hunting reservations

These types of emails will go to ODFW.wildlifeareacomments.

Thanks,

Mark

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

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 8:46 AM
To: Mark Nebeker
Subject: FW: Sauvie Island Duck hunting reservations

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

From: Chuck Patchin [mailto:chuckpatchin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 7:39 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Duck hunting reservations

I would certainly favor the selection process giving out the priority of picks in the drawing as opposed to having to get in line the night before. I applied for a number of draws this year and then found out that in order to get a good blind in the draw I got I would have to sleep in the car. That is not going to happen so I made a donation this year but would not apply again next year with the same rules.

Umatilla uses the priority draw system and seems to work well there.

It is my by entire unit not just areas but a better system.

Thank you

Charles Patchin

ID#29890

Brandon Reishus

From: NWBILL <nwbill@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 8:55 AM
To: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us
Cc: mark.a.nebeker@state.or.us; roy.elicker@state.or.us
Subject: For what it's worth...

I'm all for the Sauvie east side proposal, Brandon, and will say so at some point (when might it come up again?)...It spreads the "public" aspect of the system to all of the public instead of those who've learned to game/use the system. Thanks for suggesting it.



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My name is Calvin Auvil, as a frequent hunter on the eastside hunt area. I think it is the fairest way, just as the west side changed because those that could get out the day before got the premium blinds. The same is true for the eastside, I don't have the camper to park in line the night, or day before opening. I cast my vote for the change. I have hunted sauvies since 1950
thank you

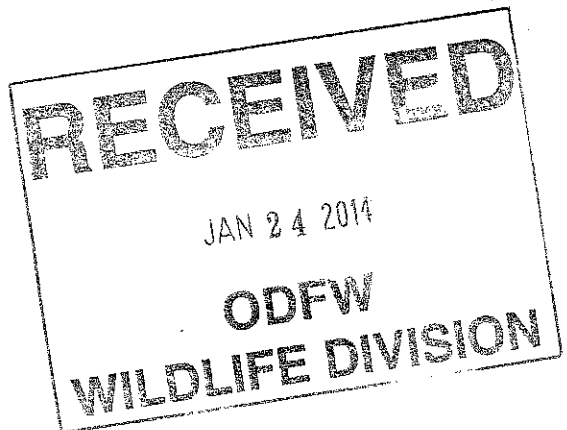
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P.S. I would like to say ODFW is
doing such a great job!!

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Brandon Reishus

From: Uriah Kuehl <ukuehl19@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 6:59 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Comments of New eastside regulations.

I don't really like the idea if the new reservation check-in. But if it goes though they should not let those people that had their number called several time, and didn't show up, be able to pick until its gone thew everyone else because it can easily get mixed up and people will get pisted off and them nonody will want to hunt at sauvies again especially already with all this competition hunting that goes on right now with people wailling "calling" at ducks that are landing on other peoples blinds. Or sky busting at ducks all day not allowing other people chances to get a good shot.

Brandon Reishus

From: John Kirkpatrick <jksurf@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 9:00 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed changes to Eastside reservations

I hunt both sides fairly regularly, and drew for all the reservation hunt periods I applied for this season. I would support the proposed change. it would allow me to better plan for the hunt days (and the nights before). There would have to be some modifications of the reservation line/entry road.

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Brandon Reishus

From: Pat Lenzini <patlenzini@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 3:01 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us

I have hunted every wildlife refuge in central and northern California including Tulle Lake. I now hunt Ridgefield N.W.R. in Washington and Fern Ridge, Umatilla, and Sauvie Island in Oregon. On 1/18/2014, my son drew #14 at Ridgefield and ended up pick #7. This happens all the time with the numbered reservation system. Everyone in the reservation line at Sauvie is there to hunt the next day. The only ones rewarded are the non-reservation hunters when numbered reservation don't show up. If you changed the system, will non-reservation go in by the parking line order or will you issue them random numbers? If it is not broken, don't try to fix it. Sauvie in it's present form is the best.

If you want to make changes, make changes in goose hunting. Right across the river at Ridgefield N.W.R. in Washington they allow dark geese hunting with severe penalties for anyone shooting a Dusky. Cacklers are easy to identify. There can be a delayed opening until the crops are harvested.

Thank you,
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Brandon Reishus

From: Eric Mousel <emousel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 4:06 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Re: Sauvie Island Eastside Reservation Proposal

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.

I would also like to suggest that if, when all is said and done you decide to implement the proposed changes, that you either combine multiple units together so that there are more blinds to choose from with a reservation or that you simply offer reservations that can be used in any unit, much like Umatilla does. So, rather than issuing 12 Mudhen, 5 Racetrack, 6 Johnson reservations, etc., you simply issue 25 (or however many you want) East Side Reservations (with picks #1-#25) That will serve to make those latter picks much more useful and very much simplify the application process. It will also aid in resolving the problem whereby under the proposal you will have the prospect of 12 (or more) #1 picks with the possibility of checking in all at once (if you follow the west side model as I expect is planned). This will also reduce the inevitable shift to the non-res line that will result from the current proposal and will allow reservation holders to take advantage of ducks shifting their patterns based on refuge conditions.

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.

Brandon Reishus

From: Dustin DeHaven <dustydehaven@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 8:20 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside unit

ODFW,

I was recently out hunting sauvie island for waterfowl on the Eastside and was given one of your flyers talking about the new proposal for the Eastside reservations. The flyer was asking for feedback so here you go. I'm for it. I like the idea and think it makes everything safer and easier. Numerous issues can arise if hunters are spending all night waiting for the sacred blind within there unit. Lack of sleep, people sleeping where they shouldn't, etc. The proposal seems like a simple remedy. You get your tag you get your number and you just have to be in line for your number to be called at the designated time. This was my first year going to the island and I plan on putting in for a reservation on the Eastside next year. I would be much more apt to return to the unit if this new proposal was implemented.

Thanks,
Dustin DeHaven

Brandon Reishus

From: Ray <blakeraymond@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 7:12 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside Comments

I have hunted on Sauvie Island for more than 20 years. When I started, even the West Side was a first come first serve. While the current "draw a chip" system is better, for a person with extremely bad luck, such as myself, I am still rarely afforded the opportunity to hunt.

At least with the current system of reservation hunts on the East Side I am able to get a blind. And, I am able to choose, to a certain degree, which blind I would like to hunt from....largely because I am willing to put forth the effort to be in line.

My major concern with the proposed system is that a random draw, with my track record, will assure that I rarely, if ever, am afforded the opportunity to choose where I hunt. I am also mildly concerned about the potential cumbersomeness of administration, as well as where you would put all those hunters the morning of the hunt as they wait for their name/number for their check in as there is not room enough on the road for vehicles to pass one another and move forward. And, what happens if the #1 pick is not there on time? Who gets to go first? How long will you wait? What a congestive mess around the check station...regardless!!!!

Thank you for soliciting opinions.

Raymond Blake

Brandon Reishus

From: Bill Cleghorn <billc_sdio@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 2:30 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island WMA Hunt Choice Selection

I elect Option 1

Keep things as they currently are

Regards,
Bill Cleghorn-Hillsboro

Brandon Reishus

From: mhanson@mail.wou.edu on behalf of Mike Hanson <Mhanson@wou.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 10:56 AM
To: ODFW.WILDLIFEAREACOMMENTS@STATE.OR.US
Subject: Sauvie Island

Hi I would like to send you my comment on the two options that you are looking at for the future of Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. My opinion would be leaning to the 2nd option. I would like to let you know where my view point is coming from. I am a first year waterfowl and upland game hunter. I have gone on a couple of hunts this including two hunts at Sauvie Island and Umatilla (McCormack) refuge areas. My Father in-law introduced me to both areas. The first hunt was a weekend hunt (1-5-14) where we were picked for the Malarky unit (our fault we were not 100% educated, a good 1.5 mile hike out to the unit). We picked that unit knowing it would be tougher to get and unit with a blind on a weekend. Being my first time and my father in-laws first time in 45 years hunting we were starting from scratch. We arrived about 4am to the check in area well this put us in the line about 7 to 10 cars back on the paved road. I am guessing about 40 cars back from the front of the line.

The second time we came out to Sauvie Island was the 15th of January. This was a weekday and we were in the "Hunt" unit. Knowing the blinds are first come first serve we got out the check station about 3am at this point we were still 15 cars or better from the front of the line. After talking to the guys in front of us they said their friend was the second inline to check in. They said that their friends were there at 1pm on the 14th to get that spot. They added the guys in front of them were there at 9am on the 14th. I feel this system is setup to let those who can spend a day or even two for the weekend hunts have more of an opportunity then those who can't spend two to three days for a waterfowl hunt.

This makes me think that a guy could go and park a car at 5pm after a hunting day and come back two days later and jump into the car right before check in starts and be first in line (upsetting other hunters). I feel everyone would have the same chance if it was put to a random draw like the McCormack.

I know there would be additional cost to the system where you would need a bigger parking lot. Why not charge the non-reservation hunters a small fee like you do with the reservation hunters it may not pay for the additions right away but it would help with some of the costs. I understand not everyone would love this new system but it would give hunters who are paying the same amount an equal opportunity to hunt a unit. The only thing a person with a bad draw can do is get mad is their own luck.

I hope this helps make a decision for the improvement of the Sauvie Island Eastside hunting.

Thank you,

MikeHanson

Brandon Reishus

From: nbonnsavage@huronconsultinggroup.com
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 10:20 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Reservation System at SIWA

I became aware of proposed changes to SIWA Eastside Reservation system. My preference is for **Option 2** below. Many of us with younger families do not have time to go and queue in line hours and hours before opening time just to get a reasonable spot—especially after we have already gone through the process of drawing a “reservation”.

I believe **Option 2** would cut down on traffic and crowds on the island as well, and would give some opportunity for younger/less experienced hunters to get “onto the X”, simply because more experienced SIWA hunters who draw a number greater than “3” (for example) may not even go out to the island knowing they will not get their preferred spot. This would give hunters who just want to get out in the Eastside unit a better option to do so and would probably generate more dollars for the program as well.

The reservation system at SIWA can be very intimidating and confusing for hunters new to the process. For example, it is not intuitive and is frustrating for people to “win a reservation” but then have to go queue in line for hours and hours anyway to take advantage of it. Why not just make the whole thing “first come first serve” and eliminate the draw part altogether under that model of a system?

I believe **Option 2** would make this system far more equitable, easier to understand, will reduce crowds, and increase revenue for the system so we can continue to enjoy this local opportunity for years and generations to come.

Thanks,
Nate

Duck Hunters: Your input is requested regarding the Eastside Reservation system at Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

ODFW is not considering changes to other hunting opportunities at Sauvie Island, specifically:

- • The Eastside non-reservation system will remain first-come, first-serve
- • The Westside system will continue to be a morning "poker chip" draw
- • The North Unit will continue to be open daily for hunting with no formal check-in procedure

However, ODFW is considering changing the reservation hunter check-in system for the Eastside Hunt Area to a system that would randomly assign the blind selection order for "Blind Units" and check-in order for "Roam Units". Similar to other managed reservation waterfowl hunts like Fern Ridge Wildlife Area or Umatilla NWR, all hunters who apply for a Sauvie Island Eastside reservation hunt would have an equal chance of drawing a "best" blind or location within their reserved unit.

The Eastside hunt area contains 12 hunt units which each accommodate several parties of hunters. Some units, "Blind Units" contain fixed, numbered blinds to which individual parties are assigned. Other units are "Roam Units" where hunters may go where they choose as long as they hunt within the unit boundary and do not interfere with hunters already in place such as by crowding them.

Hunt location selection for Sauvie Island's Eastside reservation hunt is currently first-come, first-serve for those hunters with a reservation for a specific unit. That is, hunters are drawn for a specific hunt unit through the agency's controlled

Brandon Reishus

From: Colin Rowles <crowles0814@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 12:58 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Reservations

Hello,

I think it is ridiculous to propose changing the Eastside Reservation system that has been in place for many many years. In the 50's and 60' my grandfather would physically stand/sit in line overnight, not in a car. Those that were willing to sacrifice their time would get the best pics. People that aren't willing to put out the extra effort and want a guaranteed spot to shoot great and only show up 1 1/2 hours before shooting are the one that are complaining. This option 2 is expensive and unnecessary. The people that are really passionate about duck hunting the Eastside are the ones that are going to get screwed over in this process. Not the person who drew 1 tag and spent the night with their family and drove out in the morning only to complain that someone who arrived earlier got a better pick. Please do not change the system.

Thanks,

Colin Rowles

Brandon Reishus

From: huntere13@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 4:29 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: sauvie island

I have hunted sauvie island both east and west side. I banded ducks with the fish and wildlife for several years and still hunt their many times each year. I am not happy about the changes you are thinking of doing. Hunters would be lined up for hours just to get checked in it will cause many hunters to stop hunting the public land. The way you are thinking of doing it will not be fair nor will it work. witch unit will go first and how long will it take to get hunters checked in. I do believe that blinds and units should be changed but as far as the drawing and hunting lines (res and non res) should remain the same. The line creates an opportunity for hunters to meat one another and creates good relationships between hunters. Your changes will just cause anger and confusion. Don't just let the higher up in the division that don't work their change things that don't need to change let the workers that run the line make the changes. the system offers fair hunting opportunity as it is now don't let the yuppies from Portland that hunt once a year try to change stuff.

Brandon Reishus

From: Greg Huey <gregoryhuey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 1:00 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: East side reservation system at sauvie Island

First of all I'd like to thank you for asking us duck hunters for our input on this! I for one would like to see the reservation system stay the way it is now (option 1, current system) That's my vote. Now, I have used the other system (draw number system) down at Fern Ridge. I put in for it every year BUT if I get a successful reservation at Fern Ridge but I get a draw number or pick that bad, I end up not buying a permit! I don't go & don't pay the money to buy a permit. Why bother if I get pick # 14 or something. I think a lot of hunters do the same, and if hunters get a bad DRAW NUMBER at sauvie island, it may start costing the state or sauvie island revenue (permit sales). Over the course of a season that could be a factor. In fact a lot of hunters may just not do the reservation system all together if it changes, and opt to just do the NON-Reservation instead, which could significantly increase the number of vehicles in the non-res line!. On the other hand if I'm successful for a reservation at sauvie island, I always go & always buy the permit. It's one of those things that you never know how long the line will be, could get there and there's on 2 rigs in front of you or 12, YOU JUST NEVER KNOW! For that reason I always buy the permit and try to show up a little early to improve my chances. I like being able to do that. It's then up to me to get there in time to get a descent blind # for my reserved unit. Plus a lot of guys like to be in line the night before to bond with other hunters, maybe do a little BBQ, meet new people, etc. It's fun. I drive 1 hour and 40 minutes to get to sauvie Island and still prefer the current system for reservations! The current system works extremely well, very smooth & moves right along in the mornings. I have no complaints, and matter of fact, I have never heard ANY complaints from other hunters about the current system. Plus, the current staff has it down and does a fantastic job in my opinion! A lot of the hunters have been talking about this proposed change, and I have not heard from even 1 hunter that is in favor of the change! So we're not sure where all this has stemmed from as we all like the current system. Plus, we ALREADY have the other systems AVAILABLE in the state (draw number) at Fern Ridge, Umatilla, etc. Sauvie island is the only place that I'm aware of that has the first come first serve system for reservations. I like having the first come first serve system as an option and don't want that to be taken from us, to where the only choice we have for reservations is no choice, only a draw number system in the entire state. Again, thank you guys for allowing us to input and a chance to voice our opinions :-)

Greg Huey
503-434-9950

Brandon Reishus

From: Brian_Borlet@amat.com
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 10:02 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Reservation system at Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

I think option two would be a better way to run this program. Being successful in the drawing without being assigned a priority seems very inefficient. I don't like the idea of people having to spend all night in line.

Option 1: Current Eastside Reservation System

Eastside reservation hunters are processed beginning 1½ hours before shooting time, in the order they arrive to the vehicle line. Once at the front of the line, hunters have their choice of all remaining blinds for their reserved blind unit or they simply receive a tag for their reserved roam unit.

Notes: Hunters near the front of the reservation line have a better chance to secure their preferred blind or hunting location, within their reserved unit. Because of this many hunters arrive more than 24 hours prior to check-in time to ensure a spot near the front of the line.

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.

- Successful applicants for each eastside unit would be assigned a "draw number" during the controlled hunt drawing process that would be provided with their draw results and printed on their reservation permit.
- Hunters who apply as parties would all be assigned the same draw number.
- Eastside Reservation hunter check-in would begin 1½ hours prior to legal shooting hours at the Eastside check station.
- Reservation hunters would be called to the check station window in order of their draw number. All hunters with draw number 1 for their reserved unit would have first choice of blinds, for a blind unit, or would be processed first, for a roam unit. Staff would then call hunters with draw number "2 and lower" to the window. This would allow hunters who arrived after their number was initially called to be processed. This process would continue until all reservations hunters have been processed.

- The non-reservation line would be processed as it currently is, following check-in of the reservation permit holders.

Notes: This system would help Eastside reservation hunters know in advance their chances of securing their preferred hunting location and would provide no advantage for reservation hunters to arrive prior to check-in time. There would be no advantage to reservation hunters who are able to spend the night in line or show up several hours early. As noted above, the process for Eastside non-reservation, Westside, and North Unit hunters would continue "as is".

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Brandon Reishus

From: Lenzini, Patrick <Patrick.Lenzini@escocorp.com>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 6:50 AM
To: odfw.wildlifeareacomments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside Reservation Comments

Bill Monroe's article the other week talked about proposed changes to the first come first serve system for the hunting reservation system and said we could email you with thoughts. Though I see the benefits of it, I do think the current system might be the best system for moving so many hunters through so fast in the morning with the least amount of chaos. I grew up hunting the refuges of the Sacramento valley and remember the nightmare in large refuges like Gray Lodge Wild Life area and craziness in the morning as folks jockeyed and fought to get to the line. And I don't see how you could accomplish it without drastically altering the check station to be a giant parking lot.

The last 20 years I have hunted the refuges in Oregon and Southern Washington and am always amazed how long it takes to check though little refuges like Fern Ridge and Ridgefield who use a numbered reservation system, yet how fast Sauvie is able to move through large amounts of hunters in the morning.

The article mentioned the non-reservation folks would stay first come first serve which seems rather odd as then any problems you might be trying to address on the reservation side will continue to persist in the non-reservation side.

Sauvie's East side refuge is unlike any refuge I have hunted in California, Oregon or Washington. I love the "sub-units" which allow you to focus your reservations on a particular type of hunting that you want (i.e. hunting timber, hunting corn fields, hunting from boats, free roam vs. having a blind, etc...). And watching over the last 20 years the refuge process so many hunters each morning so quickly and (seeming less) effortlessly has always made it an enjoyable hunting destination. It does not seem broken so I don't know if it needs fixing.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Gregory Patrick Lenzini

1-24-14

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I would like to vote (NO)
ON ANY CHANGE AT SAUVIE ISLAND
EAST side. The RESERVATION
SYSTEM NOW IN PLACE WORKS JUST
GREAT. DO NOT MESS WITH IT.

THANK YOU

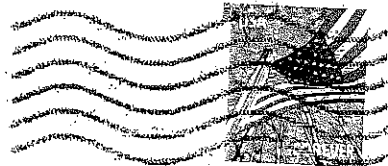
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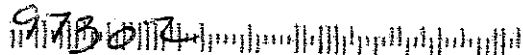
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Brandon Reishus

From: Temple Martin <tollerladu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2014 4:34 PM
To: odfw.wildlifeareacomments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside reservation system at Sauvie Island

I see no reason to change the system as it is now. It works fine. All the change would do is add extra time and extra costs.

Leave it alone.

Paul Martin
Duck Hunter

Brandon Reishus

From: REED TRULL <r.trull@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2014 12:22 PM
To: Odfw.wildlifeareacomments@state.or.us
Subject: East Side Sauvie

Sauvie East side: remain status quo on reservations! Spend monies increasing habitat for migrating ducks. Resolve goose situation. Hunted at Sauvie's for past 53 yrs and never seen current goose populations. Don't hide behind the Fed. Be proactive! Thx for listening! reed trull

Sent from my iPhone

Brandon Reishus

From: Dan Barrett <spchinook@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2014 10:32 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island east side reservations

I think it is about time a change is made to the East side area...I like your suggestions. I hunt this side every year...Thanks for getting on board...make it happen. Dan C. Barrett

Brandon Reishus

From: Symons <stusymons@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2014 7:43 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: sauvies Island

Dear Sir I have been hunting sauvies since I was 16 and am now 54 years old. I am against the new lottery system proposed. I drive 2 hrs to hunt a reservation and get there the night before to get spot I would like to hunt. If I had a reservation for a lake posted number or open lake and was given a 4 or 5 pick I wouldn't even bother to go. If people want the lottery system they can go to the west side. Thank you for letting the hunters have there comments . Sincerely Stuart Symons



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Brandon Reishus

From: Greg Parrott <gparrott54@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2014 9:09 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Reservation System: Keep it the same please!

I vote for good old Option 1, as it is currently. Those with the most drive and desire manage to get in line early and are sometimes rewarded for their efforts. The comraderie of those who get in line with such enthusiasm is infectious and fun for those who choose to do this. The system IS CURRENTLY FAIR I feel and should remain as is.

Thank you.

Greg Parrott

Brandon Reishus

From: Devin Karamanos <devin.karamanos@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 7:22 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island - Eastside Reservation System

Hi. I am responding to the email I received requesting feedback on the proposed changes to the eastside reservation system.

When I was a teenager and college student, I was somebody that took great advantage of the first-come-first-served system on the Sauvie Island public lands. I had the time and the desire to spend a lot of time "in line," and experienced some great days hunting the public lands.

Now that I am older, with a family and career, spending that time "in line" just is not an option. As a result, I rarely hunt the Sauvie Island public lands. So, I would support a change to the reservation system as proposed.

thanks
Devin Karamanos
Sherwood, OR

Brandon Reishus

From: joe kazda <joekazda@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 10:40 AM
To: odfw.wildlifeareacomments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauviue Island

I like the way things are being done now.

Thank You
Joe Kazda
Roseburg Oregon

Brandon Reishus

From: Richard Lieurance <rcleurance@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 12:33 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Reservations

Dear ODFW,

I am writing you in support of the proposed change, Option #2, to the Sauvie Island Eastside reservation system. I think option #2 would be a great improvement.

Currently, I work full time, support a family and cannot spend 24 hours in line to get a chance at a decent hunt. I have discontinued using the reservation system because I feel I am unfairly disadvantaged because of my time limitations.

I would, however, wholeheartedly apply for every hunt, every period if the reservation system were changed, as proposed, to option #2.

Overall, ODFW runs a great program and it is my hope that the Eastside of Sauvie goes through with the proposed change.

Thank you.
Richard C. Lieurance
rcleurance@gmail.com

Brandon Reishus

From: Phil Loen <phil.l@JVNW.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 4:06 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvies Island East Side Check In

I think the idea to have a picking order is a good one for those of us who have jobs, kids, families, and don't have the desire or time to wait in the reservation line for hours on end and even overnight. It would certainly level the playing field.

Not sure how you would implement it unless you had a rather large parking lot in front of the check station. I think doing it like the west side would be an excellent approach leaving the non-reservation sweat line as is.

You guys do a great job out there, especially with the youth hunts. Some of the fondest memories I have is with my kids on youth hunts.

Here's a surprise, I think you could and should even increase the permit fee when you get a reservation but not the application fee.

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Brandon Reishus

From: Rob Griffin <rob@hudsucker.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 8:44 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed Sauvie Eastside Change

I moved to Oregon in 2005 and have been hunting Sauvie Island, particularly the Eastside, since then. I'm not some crusty old-timer, but I'm in my mid-forties and have been hunting out there for almost a decade. I'm part of a group that hunts hard, despite all of us having families and full-time jobs. We apply every period, every year. Further, we do it with long drives—the average drive amongst us is around two hours each way. We average 6-8 trips a year to the island. I mention this all so that you understand where I'm coming from.

First, a question—why is this change even felt necessary? Have there been complaints? About what?

Second, a comment. You mention several times in your letter that people arrive “more than 24 hours.” That's just not the case. Yes, I've seen it rarely, but not often. I know this because I take the day prior off of work and generally get in line earlier than most. We were there at 6 PM just recently, for example, and were the fourth car in line.

Finally, my general thoughts regarding the proposed change. I don't like it. You'll be actually costing me hunting opportunities. Because of my long drive to hunt Sauvie, I spend the night in line. I get more sleep that way. That means, though, that every time anyone in our group pulls a reservation, we get in line early. However, if our group pulls a third or fourth place draw and we know it in advance, we simply won't drive up. As it is, each member of our group only pulls a reservation 2-3 times a year. If 2/3s of our reservations are high number reservations, we'll probably just quit applying and/or hunting the refuge. You will lose revenue.

One of your employees, who handed me a paper copy of the proposal yesterday told me that you were concerned about it being unfair to people with jobs and families. We all have jobs and families and we make it work as it is. Instead, you'll be creating a system that's unfair to those willing to do the extra time. Further, it's unfair to those who live further away. Our trips to Sauvie Island are highlights of our season, not our staples (although the revenue generated might be your staple).

We also hunt Umatilla, a national refuge with a similar system and a five hour drive. It uses a system similar to that proposed. We make weekends out of our one or two trips over there. Why so few trips? It's not the drive, it's because we see “Draw #18” and don't even bother to go. Don't do that to our Sauvie Island.

I strongly urge you to not make any changes to Sauvie Island. The system is not broken, nor does it need fixed.

Sincerely,
Robert Griffin

Brandon Reishus

From: Andy Goddard <gomtgage@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 11:11 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Option 2

I have hunted the East side at sauvie island for 15 years now. I am wholeheartedly for switching to option 2. It is very frustrating to draw a permit and still have to get in line as much as 12 hours early to get the blind or spot you want. At least option 2 you can get a decent night sleep and have an idea of where you will fall in line. Makes the most sense to me. Thanks. Andy.

Duck Hunters:

Your input is requested regarding the Eastside Reservation system at Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

ODFW is not considering changes to other hunting opportunities at Sauvie Island, specifically:

- The Eastside non-reservation system will remain first-come, first-serve
- The Westside system will continue to be a morning “poker chip” draw
- The North Unit will continue to be open daily for hunting with no formal check-in procedure

However, ODFW is considering changing the reservation hunter check-in system for the Eastside Hunt Area to a system that would randomly assign the blind selection order for “Blind Units” and check-in order for “Roam Units”. Similar to other managed reservation waterfowl hunts like Fern Ridge Wildlife Area or Umatilla NWR, all hunters who apply for a Sauvie Island Eastside reservation hunt would have an equal chance of drawing a “best” blind or location within their reserved unit.

The Eastside hunt area contains 12 hunt units which each accommodate several parties of hunters. Some units, “Blind Units” contain fixed, numbered blinds to which individual parties are assigned. Other units are “Roam Units” where hunters may go where they choose as long as they hunt within the unit boundary and do not interfere with hunters already in place such as by crowding them.

Hunt location selection for Sauvie Island’s Eastside reservation hunt is currently first-come, first-serve for those hunters with a reservation for a specific unit. That is, hunters are drawn for a specific hunt unit through the agency’s controlled hunt draw system and then the order in which they chose a hunting blind or check into a roam unit is determined by their position in a single file vehicle line at the check station. Many waterfowl hunters spend several hours or the entire night or more in line to improve their chance of getting a prime location.

This document outlines the current system and an alternative. We would like your comments on the two systems, or other recommendations to improve the reservation system.

Any proposed changes would be considered by the Fish and Wildlife Commission at their August 2014 meeting. The earliest any changes would be implemented is the 2015/16 hunting season.

Option 1: Current Eastside Reservation System

- Eastside reservation hunters are processed beginning 1½ hours before shooting time, in the order they arrive to the vehicle line. Once at the front of the line, hunters have their choice of all remaining blinds for their reserved blind unit or they simply receive a tag for their reserved roam unit.

Notes: Hunters near the front of the reservation line have a better chance to secure their preferred blind or hunting location, within their reserved unit. Because of this many hunters arrive more than 24 hours prior to check-in time to ensure a spot near the front of the line.

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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.

- Successful applicants for each eastside unit would be assigned a “draw number” during the controlled hunt drawing process that would be provided with their draw results and printed on their reservation permit.
- Hunters who apply as parties would all be assigned the same draw number.
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- The non-reservation line would be processed as it currently is, following check-in of the reservation permit holders.

Notes: This system would help Eastside reservation hunters know in advance their chances of securing their preferred hunting location and would provide no advantage for reservation hunters to arrive prior to check-in time. There would be no advantage to reservation hunters who are able to spend the night in line or show up several hours early. As noted above, the process for Eastside non-reservation, Westside, and North Unit hunters would continue “as is”.

ODFW is interested in your opinions and ideas and we would like your comments on the two eastside reservation systems. Please send your comments or suggestions on either system to us via email or regular mail at the following addresses:

ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us

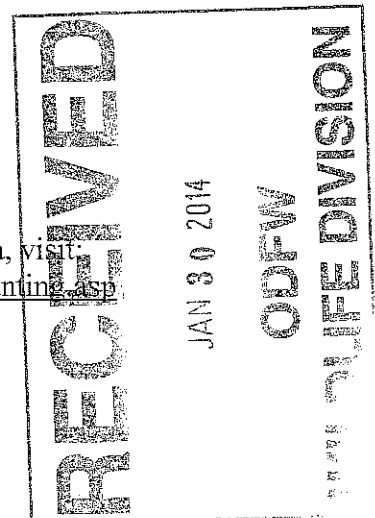
or

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Wildlife Division
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
Salem, OR 97302

For more information about hunting waterfowl at Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, visit:
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/waterfowl/sauvie/waterfowl_hunting.asp

Thank you for your valuable feedback!

*My preference no change.
Thank you of Kayla*



Brandon Reishus

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 10:57 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: FW: Sauvies island reservation change

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

From: Tye Ball [<mailto:goosegunner12@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 10:34 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvies island reservation change

Hi I would like voice my opinion about the proposed sauvies east side change. My vote is for option #1 Leave it alone. With option # 2 I feel the odfw will loose money from less people actually buying permits. I am a Washington resident and doubt I will even buy a Oregon license if the changes are approved. At least the way it's ran now I can some what guarantee myself a good pick. If the draw system goes in to effect you lose that. Say I draw a Johnson #5 choice I wouldn't even bother going down to by my permit. And would find another option for hunting that day. Causing Odfw to miss out on my \$ 2 permit sale that I would buy if the current system remains.

Thank you. Tye Ball

Sent from my iPhone

Brandon Reishus

From: Brenton Plagge <brentonplagge@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 12:08 PM
To: odfw.wildlifeareacomments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island WA Eastside Reservation System

Dear ODFW,

Thank you very much for the detailed outline of the two options for the Sauvie Island Eastside Reservation system.

I am strongly in favor of Option 2: Modified Eastside Reservation System. I put in for every session at SI each year and generally am able to hunt most sessions. However, I work full time and have a young child so I can't spend the night in the reservation line to get a first or second draw in my unit. If I were to draw Johnson, Hunt or even Racetrack, in the current system, I would have zero chance at picking a primo blind due to this. I accept this as it is how the system currently works. However, I think modifying the reservation process to make the reservation not only unit, but draw number specific would be awesome for people like myself. I know there will be some strong opinions in favor of not changing the system from those that are able to spend the night, but because the island is public, I think this change will give all hunters an equal chance at a primo blind.

As an aside, I would also love to have access to the draw statistics for SI similar to what is available for the big game draws.

Thanks so much and feel free to contact me with any follow up question.

Brenton Plagge
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Brandon Reishus

From: Edward Meyer <ektam87@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:31 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Comments on Proposed Eastside Reservation system at Sauvies Island Wildlife Area

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I would like to register my support for Option 2 for the Eastside Reservation system at Sauvies Island. This would eliminate the need to spend the night in the reservation line just to be sure to get a good place to hunt. It is very disheartening to draw a tag to hunt Sauvies, drive out to the reservation line 2 or 3 hours before start time only to find out that that you are 20 or 30 vehicles back from the beginning of the line (and aren't likely to get a good place to hunt). Thanks for your willingness to consider changing the system.

Edward Meyer
Aloha, Oregon

503/649-6488

Brandon Reishus

From: David Mason <DMason@financialadvisorskms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 2:00 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Comment on Eastside Reservation system

I have given up trying to get a blind early in the morning at Sauvie's Island. I look forward to the day that there is a more equitable system to determine who gets to hunt and where.

I have participated in the Umatilla National Wildlife draw for the past several years and it seems that their system affords more people the opportunity to hunt and maybe have a chance of securing a coveted premier blind for a day during the season.

I would endorse your Option #2: Modified Eastside reservation system as outlined.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment!!

Sincerely,

David

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Brandon Reishus

From: Dustin Rolfe <d.rolfe.48@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 5:42 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island East Side Reservation

To whom it may concern,

I personally would love to see option 2 be implemented for the reservation hunters on the east side. It is not legal for people to stay the night in the reservation line in the first place so either the modified reservation system needs to be in effect or there needs to be more enforcement to stop people from camping overnight in the reservation line.

Thanks for listening to our opinions,
Dustin Rolfe

Brandon Reishus

From: Gregory Loveland <lovelandg@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 8:50 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Reservation System at Sauvie Island

Dear ODFW,

Just wanted to comment on my opinions of the current system at Sauvie Island. The current system seems to work ok, but it heavily favors the retired or non-working public. This part is not OK! Every body should have a chance to hunt some of the better blinds without making it a two day process. For us that work and don't have endless vacation, this becomes a problem. I also think it is a little ridiculous to have this many people spending the night on the refuge burning fuel to stay warm and leaving garbage everywhere.

There are several ways to change this system that would work like Option 2. I also think Mudhen has way too many blinds on it. Seems to me everybody would enjoy their experience much more if some of the blinds were eliminated. You could then add these blinds to a new location such as Deadwillow, Rentenaar, Footbridge, or Stutzer and make one more unit into a reservation unit. I know this is challenging due to the work it takes, maximizing hunting locations,etc.. but thought I would throw it out there for food for thought.

Thank you for your time and I definitely vote for Option 2.

Greg

Brandon Reishus

From: Craig <craigreister@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 10:09 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Sauvie check-in process...

ODFW Staff~

I strongly prefer the status quo for checking-in on the Eastside, basically keeping the process the same. My feeling is that the hunter(s) who want an outstanding hunt - the most- will put the time in to get in line early to get the primo hunt.

As you know, there are only seven chances (periods A-G) to draw a reservation. At best, a hunter will draw his or her first or second choice only about 4 to 5 times. If the blind choice order is left to chance, at best, that hunter may get a excellent choice only about 1 to 2 times per season. However, currently the dedicated hunter that is willing to put the time in before the hunt can ensure himself/herself an excellent hunting opportunity 4 to 5 times a year.

Also, a lot of hunters that get low order choices aren't going to take the poor choice, and are going to opt for the non-reservation line or not hunt at all. This will effect the number of reservation permits sold and revenue to the state. Because of this, the number of hunters spending the night in line in the non-reservation line will increase, and in general the non-reservation line will be considerably longer.

Another consideration that might be somewhat difficult to initiate but has merit, would be to use the proposed "chance order" system only on weekends and holidays. There are two types of hunters on the Eastside. There are the guys/gals who hunt during the week to avoid the crowds on the weekends, and secondly, the guys or gals who can only hunt on weekends or holidays due to work or other reasons. The first group usually hunts 2-3 times per week, while the later hunt at most only once per week and a lot of them only hunt a handful of times per year. The weekend hunter who isn't able to be as dedicated to the sport would be able to get a good draw 1 to 2 times per year, which they might now not be able to get, while the week-day hunter would not be effected by a change. This would be the best of both worlds, so-to-speak and I could support that.

In summary, I support the status quo. If you want to play the chance game, the Westside is what it's all about. The current Eastside system works great for the dedicated hunter who hunts the most. The occasional hunter (the weekend hunter) could benefit from the proposed change, but you would be fixing a problem that isn't broken at the cost of ruining a good system for the majority of the hunters on the Eastside.

Thank-you for encouraging comments, and for considering my view-point.

Sincerely,

Craig Reister 503.348.8930

Brandon Reishus

From: Lynne Derbyshire <lynnei.derby@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 8:35 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: modified eastside reservation system

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Lynne Derbyshire i think option 2 is more fair and i like not spending the night down there

Brandon Reishus

From: Graig Spolek <spolekg@pdx.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 2:10 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Reservation system at Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

My name is Graig Spolek, and I have hunted for ducks at the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area (SIWA) for more than thirty years. I hunt primarily on the Eastside, preferably in the Johnson unit, and have participated in the reservation system for a long time. I have watched the reservation system change several times over the years to accommodate hunters who want to hunt the Johnson unit. Hence, I understand the system well and I also know the reasons underlying the proposed changes to the current system.

The underlying truth is that people, Sauvie Island hunters included, complain if they do not get exactly what they want. They fail to look at the broader good or the constraints that might have led development of the current system. The staff of the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area tries very hard to accommodate the wide variety of needs and demands of their clientele. Overall, they do a fantastic job and have done so for very many years. Trying to change the current system to emulate that at the Umatilla NWR is a farce, for that system is inordinately inferior to the current (SIWA) system; it currently takes twice as long to process 25 reservations at Umatilla as it does to process 50 or more reservations at Sauvie Island. That is not a system to emulate nor will it serve the Sauvie Island crowd. No, it will lead yet another round of complaints.

My recommendation, then, is to DO NOTHING. Leave the system as it is.

Alternate recommendation: Create the Johnson Two Unit with one tag. This provides a solution for the one hunting spot in the entire Eastside that is the source of almost all complaints.

Here are some of my specific comments and concerns with the proposal for change.

- The proposal, as written, is clearly slanted to favor the proposed change. The implication is that the current system is unfair because not all reservation holders have the same chance for a "preferred hunting location;" that is not true. Everyone who draws a reservation for a specific unit has the same opportunity. The fact that some hunters make a greater commitment to their hunt by investing time waiting in line does not change the fairness of the system; it is currently equitable.
- To enact the proposed system, the logistics are formidable. For example, when the first round of reservation holders is called, easily 20 or more vehicles (reservation holders plus guests) will be jockeying for a position near the front of the line, plus parking, getting a tag, and heading out. How much room will that require? And how long will it take? While subsequent rounds of permits will be likely smaller, the holding area for vehicles for the first round will need to be large to avoid bottlenecks for hunters to head out. Hunters headed for roam units will be in a hurry, will be blocked for exiting, and problems will surely arise.
- The cost to renovate the access road and parking lot will be very large, and is money that will not go to improving habitat and hunting access. In a time of limited resources, it is unwise to spend unnecessarily.

Brandon Reishus

From: Keith Daellenbach <kdaellenbach@att.net>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2014 1:03 PM
To: odfw.wildlifeareacomments@state.or.us
Cc: nwbill@aol.com; Keith Daellenbach
Subject: Re: ODFW Idea for New East Side Sauvie Island Rules (see attached .pdf)

Please see my attached .pdf letter regarding ODFW Idea for New East Side Sauvie Island Rules. Thank you.

Keith Daellenbach

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17 February 2014

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Re: ODFW Idea for New East Side Sauvie Island Rules

I read in Bill Monroe's column "Hunters stymied by drought" in *The Oregonian* on Sunday 19 January 2014 (p. C2, attached) that ODFW was "floating an idea" and was soliciting comments for this idea that would "alter the (east side) controlled hunt process and include the selection order along with the unit. Then it won't matter where in line the hunter shows up since he or she will already have both a unit and a number for the selection order."

My feedback is I am opposed this idea and request you scrap it and not proceed further. I have hunted the east side, reservation hunts on Sauvie with my Father, Son, and friends for 15 years. I normally choose this hunting opportunity at Sauvie over the lottery-driven west side and the non-reservation east side hunts because the organized, prepared, and committed hunter on the east side, reservation hunts potentially has access to a more enjoyable hunting opportunity.

According to the article, this could "level the playing field" for east side hunting units. There are, however, already a multitude of existing opportunities for a "level playing field" for hunters, e.g., west side hunters, on the spur of the moment and without reservation, can hunt the west side. Here, via a lottery held early the morning of the hunt before a proscribed cut-off time, hunters have access to a early selection hunt. On the west side unit there is no advantage whatsoever to arrive "early" because, as long as one arrives before the cut-off time, the person at the end of the line has exactly the same chance to pull a low number token as a person who has arrive much earlier. This is the ultimate leveler for scores of hunters each hunt day as everyone has the same chance to get a low token number draw. Essentially, your idea would make the east side, reservation hunt the same thing: an east side "lottery" would occur, not while in waiting in line as with the west side, but rather at ODFW upon assignment of hunt unit and, with this new idea, additionally the selection order within hunt unit.

With a so-called "level playing field" already in existence for roughly half of Sauvie and additional opportunities to hunt via the non-reservation, east side, why would it be necessary to impose such a system to encompass all of the public hunting lands at Sauvie? Removing hunt selection diversity would diminish the hunting opportunity for those hunters, like me and my friends and family, who have made the commitment to an enjoyable hunt by setting aside potential hunt days to collect a reservation and, for those who wish to arrive early, also commit themselves for an early place in the east side reservation line. Please scrap this idea! I request that you continue providing those hunters most committed and organized the enjoyment of the hunt they have committed to and rose early for. Would you respond to my comments and, additionally, keep me apprised of any new developments for this idea? Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Keith K. Daellenbach

cc: Bill Monroe, Outdoors columnist, *The Oregonian*, nwbill@aol.com



JAMIE FRANCIS/THE OREGONIAN/2008

Last summer's promise of a glut of ducks in the fall flight forecast has fallen largely flat, in no small part because of unseasonably dry winter weather across the entire Pacific Flyway.

Hunters stymied by drought

Frustration spreads as ducks "just seem to fly when they feel like it"

Anyone jumping ship on global climate change after the recent deep freeze in the eastern United States should turn their attention this week to Southern California, where 90-degree temperatures, a summer-like Santa Ana wind and raging wildfires may bring them back aboard.

That state (and possibly ours if this keeps up) is in its worst drought in recorded history. Gov. Jerry Brown declared a drought disaster on Friday.

I especially liked a Monterey weather forecaster's metaphor, describing the enormous high-pressure system sitting off the Pacific Coast pretty much all winter. He said it's as if the Sierra Nevada were out there blocking weather systems.

Think it's just a California thing? Think again. Look outside (fog/sun/fog). Look at the long range forecast (fog/sun/fog). Look at a river (low and clear). Ask a skier.

Better yet, ask your neighbor the duck hunter. With one week left in a season spawned on the promise of summer, his (and her) pickup is still in the driveway.

"I know, it's like, 'What's going on?'" said Bryan Stone, partner with Oregon duck and goose calling champion Eric Strand in S2 Calls. "Where are the birds? I've never seen anything quite like this."

At the Sauvie Island Wildlife Management Area, hunter harvest is lagging last year's respectable 17,000 or so birds by about 4,000. This, despite a fall flight forecast last summer promising close to the same number of southbound ducks from Canada, Alaska and Arctic nesting areas.



BILL MONROE
OUTDOORS

Last weekend's big blow was an even bigger bust, with some birds pushed off coastal bays, but then kind of disappearing.

"We know they're sitting on Sturgeon Lake ... they're coming to feed at night," said Mark Nebeker, Sauvie Island area manager. "But they just seem to fly when they feel like it."

Hunters may or may not take solace in the knowledge Oregon isn't alone.

I've blogged flyway reports from most of the far west states this season and frustration is common. There are pockets of dense ducks in some areas of north Puget Sound, the upper Columbia Basin, lower Columbia River (to a lesser degree) and portions of Central California. But hunters are hampered by the dry, listless and sunny winter weather.

(Ironically enough, California hunters have been doing much better on public areas than the typically more-productive private lands because the public areas have most of the water.)

Strand and Stone scratched their collective heads this week as they pondered their waning season, although they're both intense enough they'll find birds to hunt; while the rest of us watch the game and our parked pickups.

Stone, with all the optimism of a true marsh-half-full

duck hunter, said he's already looking forward to next year, because "at least it can't get any worse."

NEW RULES FOR SAUVIE?

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is floating an idea -- not even in the proposal stage yet -- that might finally level the playing field for the long-established first-up, first-in process of selecting prized blinds on Sauvie Island's popular and productive east side hunting units.

Currently, hunters apply for permits to hunt in various units, but not for specific blinds in those units. Some are routinely better locations than others.

On hunt days, those drawn hunters who get in line first have the first-come shot at specific (and, thus, the best) blinds. Or, in the case of room units (without designated blinds), are able to hike in before the others to the prime locations.

The selection is important enough that seasoned hunters tend to get in line the night or even day before, sleeping in campers or their rigs.

The department's idea is to alter the controlled hunt process and include the selection order along with the unit. Then it won't matter where in line the hunter shows up since he or she will already have both the unit and a number for the selection order. All first selections would be called to the check station, then second and third and so on.

A non-reservation line would still be waiting to mop up the unused blinds on the first-come basis.

The department is soliciting comments, which can be

made either via an email to: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us; or written to: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Division, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem OR, 97302.

JEERS: To the driver of a small white car on Sauvie Island this past Wednesday who first stopped for four turkeys on Reeder Road, then purposely gunned the engine and ran over a large tom, killing it.

No, there are no known wild turkeys on the island. These are from a well-known domestic flock that hangs out in the area.

There were witnesses and Oregon State Police are aware of the incident.

REPORTING DEADLINE

NEARS: Big game and turkey tag holders for Oregon have until Jan. 31 to report the results of their 2013 hunts, successful or not.

The law requires all tag results be reported by the end of January and allows a \$25 fine for deer and elk tag holders -- resident and non-resident -- who don't comply by that date. The fine is assessed when the 2013 license is purchased and is assessed just once, regardless of how many tags an individual didn't report.

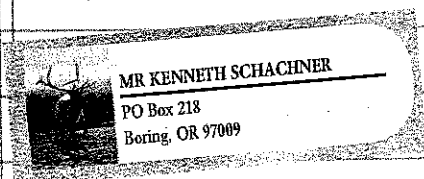
By Jan. 8, the reporting rate for 2013 was only 54 percent, with more than 140,000 deer and elk tags still unreported.

Department officials estimate 33,600 hunters were/will be assessed the \$25 fee for not reporting their 2012 deer and elk tags.

To report, either go online to: www.dfw.state.or.us/oreportmyhunt.com; or visit a department office; or call 866-947-6339.

In regards to the Sauvie Island
eastside reservation system.

I wish that it stay as is. All hunters
have the same opportunity to get in line
early to get the best pick possible. The
hunters that are getting in line early
are making sacrifices to be first in line.
It is only going to benefit the lazy or
at least penalize the hunters that do take
time to get there early to get a good pick.
It seems just like every other item in
our lives. The incentive to be early, or to
make sacrifices is taken away and the
lazy get the benefit.



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Brandon Reishus

From: John Turner <ducksbreth@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:59 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Cc: John Turner
Subject: Eastside reservation opinion

Hello my name is John Turner. I recommend that ODFW adopt option #2 of the Sauvie Island reservation proposal. This option is more balanced to those hunters that have pressing obligations (such as work). I am retired and can devote additional time to waiting in line if I choose to, however working sportsman should not be "aced out" by hunters without such obligations and wait in line for premium blinds.

That said, I would like to make an additional suggestion to the #2 option: break out each of the blinds for each of the "blind units" to specific choices (e.g., Mudhen #4, Hunt #9, etc.). Keep the current ranked choices from 1st to 5th choice on each controlled hunter application and continue to allow hunters to apply once for each hunt period. Blind choices could be filled in the same manner that big game controlled hunt tags are filled as is outlined in the synopsis. Hunters and ODFW staff will know in advance what blind he/she did (or did not) get. Hunters will quickly determine that the perceived "hot" blinds are highly competitive and that applying for a less favorable blind heightens the probability of getting their first choice.

I expect that you have already begun to consider the logistical challenges involving reservation hunters on hunt days if you adopt Option #2. I would suggest the current reservation line can address that problem. A working example would be that reservation hunters would fill up the reservation line as they have for years. When the reservation line opens up 1 1/2 prior to shooting time, the reservation vehicles would file through the check station as they historically have done. The reservation hunter would get the reserved blind that he/she has reservation for (e.g. Mudhen #4). That's what the hunter applied for and that is what he/she would get. Unclaimed or leftover unit blinds would go on a first come-first served basis to the non-reserved hunters.

Is this suggestion fairly radical? No doubt, however it totally eliminates the continued rush to be first in the reservation line. It eliminates the incentive to show up the day before the hunt, and provides time tested order to the check in process. It also potentially saves tax payers money if additional parking does not need to be built. I expect this design will not be adopted based on the fact that it is not part of ODFW's original proposal.

I think this captures my thoughts. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sent from Windows Mail

Brandon Reishus

From: Williams, Kerry <KWilliams@cherrywoodvillage.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 12:52 PM
To: 'ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us'
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside Modification

First, I have been hunting Sauvie since '69 and have a good feel for it.

Second, I can see both sides of the coin for changing it or not.

Leaving it like it is rewards those who are willing to do the work & make the sacrifice to be in line early.

Changing it not only joins the rest of the state, but overall gives every hunter a fair chance at a prime area-----this is especially true for those hunters who do not have a camper or have health problems that make it very difficult to spend a great amount of time sitting in a car. I am one of those. My health also limits the amount of time that I can sit in a blind, but push myself as much as I can.

I know I'm not alone on this.-----I like the way the Eastside is now, but I feel your proposal would be the best for everyone.

PS-----Are you going to " call " up a hunter by calling their phone ? And you would have to make a two lane line so hunters can get through who are called.

You guys do a great job out there. Thank you, Kerry Williams

Brandon Reishus

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 12:26 PM
To: Brandon Reishus; Thomas Thornton (thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us)
(thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us); Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: sauvie island change

From: Drew Hansen [<mailto:dhansen@marustrial.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 11:58 AM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Subject: sauvie island change

I strongly **AGREE** with the proposed change at the Sauvie Island Eastside check station. This would even the playing field for everyone.

I also strongly **AGREE** to open the river area from Celilo to Arlington for waterfowl. This would open up some area and lessen the stress on some already overcrowded areas.

Thanks for your consideration.

Drew Hansen

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Brandon Reishus

From: Christophe Roudin <croudin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2014 3:02 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island East side

I am absolutely in favor of the change you propose in option 2.

The current system favors people that have nothing better to do than spend the night in line, creates a certain level of acrimony and is definitely not fair to the rest of the population.

I hope a lot of people will see it this way.

Good luck.

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Christophe Roudin
Hillsboro, OR
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Brandon Reishus

From: William Slama <williamslama49@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2014 8:40 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: comments

One question about your idea about having the east side checking station check in on the same idea as Umatilla's check in and that will be each unit will have a drawing of hunters and or groups from #1 thru #20 as a guess as its order for draw. At Umatilla everyone is say drawn from #1 thru #50 and everyone parks in the lot at the check station and gets in one line for reservation and non reservation waits till last res. guy goes thru then non res. goes thru. At Sauvies you have all the units where each unit will be numbered 1 thru 20 maybe and how will this work like Umatilla?? To me it does not sound workable. I do not see enough room around the check station for all the vehicles and hunters. At Umatilla they call the Disabled hunters up first so they can get thru is there going to be any change here at Sauvies?

**Thanks
Mike Slama**

Brandon Reishus

From: rwil <rwil@hevanet.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2014 5:42 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: SIWA Eastside Reservation Review

I support Option 2 of the published proposal - the current system is being abused by a small number of hunters which is detrimental to hunting in general - a change is in order!

Thank you -
Rick Williams
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Portland, OR 97233

Brandon Reishus

From: Mark Nebeker
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2014 7:55 AM
To: ODFW WildlifeAreaComments
Subject: FW: sauvie island change

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2014 11:56 AM
To: Thomas Thornton (thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us) (thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us); Brandon Reishus; Mark Nebeker
Subject: FW: sauvie island change

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Brandon Reishus

From: James Norwood <jnorwood4@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2014 6:18 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastside Reservation System at Sauvie Island

ODFW,

I am writing in regards to the proposed change to the reservation system for duck hunting on the Eastside of Sauvie Island. Being an avid duck hunter who spends 40-50 days in the field during waterfowl season, and much of this time on Sauvie Island, I feel that this change is long overdue. I feel the current system is completely unfair to most people who do not afford the time to leave their family or work and spend the night in their vehicles in line on the refuge. Not only is the system unfair, but over the years it seems the Eastside of the refuge has turned into an almost party scene the night before a shoot day. I have noticed more and more people full on camping in line with camp fires and all over the years. I feel this is not in the spirit of the wildlife refuge, where camping is prohibited, and is also having a detrimental impact on the environment of the wildlife refuge. I feel it is ODFW's responsibility to put the interest of the wildlife refuge first and foremost well before the interest of a small group of hunters who benefit the most from the current system. The Option #2 that is being proposed sounds like a satisfactory alternative to the current system. As stated in the proposal, this system seems to work satisfactory at other state wildlife refuges, which I have personally experienced and have noticed how much more efficient it is than the current eastside system. A reservation system should rely on the luck of the draw, but the current system gives a small percentage of hunters an advantage that discourages many hunters from even showing up when they have reservations if they cannot get inline hours before the draw starts or the night before. It should be fair like the rest of the refuges!

Thank You,

James Norwood
ODFW ID#- 3757080

Brandon Reishus

From: Sam Sady <sam.sady.un9y@statefarm.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 3:09 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island east side check in process

I hunt Sauvie with several different people and all of us strongly support the option 2: Modified Eastside Reservation System that was proposed on the ODFW website.

We have all experienced how difficult it is to secure a good blind even with a reservation. We often show up at 2 or 3 in the morning and already there is a large line in the reservation parking area, many of whom stayed overnight – and this is what we normally see happening. This puts most hunters like me in a situation where it is a real burden to try and secure a good hunt and it's not feasible for us to continually get up so terribly early just to end up in the middle of the pack.

Also, we have young kids we are trying to get into hunting and the logistics of getting up so early make it difficult for the kids to get excited about going hunting on a regular basis. By the time 10 am rolls around we have often already been awake 8 hours - it takes almost a full day after to recover from the sleep deprivation.

I believe the option 2 method would provide each hunter with a much more fair opportunity to have a great experience rather than confining the best opportunities to a select few who camp overnight, confining the best opportunities to themselves. A good change to the system like this would share great memories and experiences among more people and ensure that Sauvie continues receiving strong public support.

Thanks for your consideration,

Sam

Brandon Reishus

From: Sanak, Christopher <Christopher.Sanak@fei.com>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2014 7:08 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside hunt chnages

I'm glad to hear that ODFW is trying something new to make the blind selections on the eastside more fair. The old system seem to work, but if you have a reservation, you needed to spend the night just to get or hope to get a good blind selection.

Myself and my hunting buddies just couldn't afford to spend a night in line to get a good blind.

So I'm very in favor of option 2.

I also want to compliment the people who run the eastside check station. They are very helpful and friendly and their advice is always right on. I look forward to more great hunting on Sauvie Island.

Regards,

Chris Sanak
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Brandon Reishus

From: John W. Ogan <JWO@karnopp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 5:53 PM
To: 'ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us'
Subject: Comment on Sauvie Island blind unit check in process

My name is John Ogan and I'm a resident of Sisters, Oregon. I hunted Sauvie Island Eastside blind units 5 times or so each of the last two years. Because I do not have regular access to private land hunting, my son and I are pretty reliant on refuge opportunities. We like having SI in that mix.

I believe that moving to Option 2 (draw number) would be an improvement. This is especially the case for hunters like myself that have to travel significant distance to hunt SI. Under the current system, my son and I leave no later than midnight so that we can be in line around 3:30 a.m. and have a decent chance at a blind that we favor. We have secured our preferred blind once or twice at most (luck, we were still 25 cars back). On the other hand, we have been left with blinds that we would not have made the trip over the mountain to shoot more frequently. Under Option 2, and having a much better understanding if we would get a favored blind or not, we could make an informed decision if 7 hours in the truck and 2 more hours in line was worth it or not. Good number, make the drive; bad number go somewhere else like Summer Lake or Wickiup.

The current system favors local hunters who can hop in and be the front of the line in the wee hours, get the morning shoot in, and then check out and be home napping before the afternoon football games start! For me and others like me, we've dumped \$100 in gas already so we sit in the marginal blind all day and finish a long drive home after dark. We all pay the same license fees wherever we live, the options for a good shoot at SI should also be equal. I encourage you to adopt Option 2.

Thanks for the opportunity.

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Brandon Reishus

From: Williams, Kerry <KWilliams@cherrywoodvillage.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 11:10 AM
To: 'ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us'
Subject: Sauvie Island Eastside

I commented before, but just wanted to add that even if you have all the reservation hunters come up to the window area at one time, it still makes sense to have a two lane wait line so hunters can get going as they are processed through. Any other way could be a real mess and a waste of hunters setup time. Kerry Williams

Brandon Reishus

From: Gary Kimble <gary.a.kimble@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2014 12:13 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: east side draw

I think that the new system that you propose would be great that way everyone would have a chance at the blind they would like to hunt and it would let me sleep in longer. Thanks Gary Kimble

Brandon Reishus

From: michael lunn <michaelllunn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2014 7:02 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeAreaComments@state.or.us
Subject: SI WMA eastside comments

I want to take the time to offer my personal opinion, as requested, about possible changes to the SI WMA Eastside hunting area draw system/method.

I know, in some of the units, if I were to draw and be assigned a number of 3 or higher, I probably would not bother buying the reservation or going. When I want to draw chips in an order, I go to the Westside, it's that simple. I would go so far as to say, if I was to draw eastside under that type of draw more than twice with a number of 3 or higher, I would likely quit putting in altogether.

I can say this, I had a run of bad luck with the draws from 2006-2012. I did not draw for even one hunt period. I can't imagine how disappointed I would have been, if after that long of a wait, I drew my hunt area with a #6, that would be a flat out slap in the face.

While I do understand the issues of people that can not wait overnight or arrive early to the reservation line, that is just part of the way it is done. There are other places to choose from that perform their draw as is being discussed, if that is how they want it.

I personally believe changing the system, as is being discussed, may actually affect the number of applicants and actual number of people that purchase their final draw. I hope that after consideration of this possibility, you will keep it as is. Regardless of the final decision, there will be people who agree or like the system, conversely, there will be people who disagree or dislike, regardless of the chosen system.

Thank You for taking my opinion into consideration.

Sincerely,
Michael L. Lunn