

Exhibit C

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence received as of
September 14, 2017**

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: LOP Comments

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

From: Charlie Sottosanti [mailto:casotto@bendcable.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 8:42 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: LOP Comments

I am extremely upset that the commission is considering letting persons with LOP tags hunt off their property, this is a very bad idea & will only hurt relationship between commission & sportsman, big \$\$ should not influence our hunting regulations, thank you.

Charlie Sottosanti

Bend Ore

Sent from my iPad

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Hunting with bait

From: Kitty Carty [<mailto:bvcartyverizon@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 12:41 PM

To: ODFW <odfw.commission@state.or.us>

Subject: Hunting with bait

There has been no true information gathered or any study done on the use of bait for big game! Again we have a bunch of people expounding on subjects they know nothing about. Deer and elk move and feed mostly at night. Ranchers place salt and minerals out for their cattle in the forest and at every watering place for them. Very few animals have been harvested over bait! Use of bait for the handicap Hunter might help them see something. I know of only one elk taken over salt in 20 years of bow hunting. It's not like you see on DVDs. I think we need to get more solid info on the subject and then decide what is right.

Thank you,. Vaughn Carty (25 yr Hunter Ed Instructor

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Baiting for Big Game

From: Kris Christensen [<mailto:kris@spot-hogg.com>]

Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 9:58 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Baiting for Big Game

I am against banning or restricting baiting for big game in Oregon. While I personally do not hunt over a bait site, I do use minerals to get animals to stop in front of a game cam for a quick picture. I've found that having a salt lick and a camera set up is a great way to introduce my young children and include my whole family in my hunting endeavors. My kids really enjoy going and checking the cam to see what interesting animal has stopped by. So far we've seen bear, coyotes, bobcats, deer and elk.

I'm also not in support of a ban simply because it opens the door to start limiting other methods that aid in hunting such as game calls, tree stands, blinds etc. I think it is important for the ODF&W to protect legal methods that are already in place. The hunting and fishing dollars are what pays for the department.

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Roxann B Borisch

From: crowemagnum <crowemagnum@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2017 9:33 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Baiting of deer and elk

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I have heard that one of the reasons you are considering banning bait is the concern that animals are more concentrated and that disease is spread more quickly. Blacktail do not normally travel far distances. Groups of blacktail in one drainage usually stay in those areas their entire lives. When using alfalfa and mineral blocks deer are not gathering from other areas or in large numbers. In fact I see the same deer year after year. These deer interact with each other all year long. If a disease were to enter the group they are already in contact with each other every day in other parts of their range. The alfalfa does not attract deer from other areas and does not unnaturally congregate the animals. And in the 5 years I have been using alfalfa and mineral blocks there has not been a single deer that has any sign of disease. One of your biologists in Southern Oregon said that my use of a trace mineral block with selenium was good for the deer. These deer use other food and mineral sources other than what I put out and are in contact with each other at those sources most of the time. The majority of the time these deer are together at natural food and water sources. It would be more likely for animals to get a disease at their natural gathering spots where they spend almost their entire time than from my putting out a small amount of alfalfa and mineral block.

So, a question I have for you. If you think that baiting of deer and elk is so bad, is ODFW going to discontinue putting out alfalfa and mineral blocks for deer and elk, which really congregates the herds unnaturally? Will you make ranchers stop putting out mineral blocks and feed for their livestock which deer and elk also use?

And on the question of fair chase. I am 60 years old. I can't walk the miles I use to. I guess I should just quit hunting. What about disabled hunters? Are they no longer considered ethical or not using fair chase methods of hunting?

When will hunting out of a treestand no longer be considered fair chase? How about using calls or rattling antlers during the rut? When will setting up a blind at a waterhole be considered unfair? Antelope have to drink. Is it unethical to wait at their source of water? How about a rifle with a scope that can shoot 1000 yards? Is that fair? Maybe for this group of elitist hunters that has your ear, anything that they don't do isn't considered fair chase.

Why don't you concentrate on the real issues instead of eliminating legal ways to hunt? I'm sure your group of elite hunters doesn't mind if the rest of us slobs drop out. More game for them. Less revenue for you to deal with the real problems such as loss of habitat, poaching, predation.

I think you really need to leave this method of hunting alone. Whether you personally hunt this way or not. This method does not negatively impact the herds, is legal, and is ok for the majority of the hunting community. Just the elite hunting group seems to have a problem with it.

Gerry Crowe

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Wapiti Bowmen

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August 8, 2017

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
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RE: 2018 Hunting Regulations

Dear Commissioners:

Wapiti Bowmen, the archery club based in Lebanon, Oregon, offers the following comments for your consideration regarding the 2018 big game hunting regulations being considered at your September 15, 2017 meeting in Welches, Oregon:

First, Wapiti Bowmen strongly supports the ODFW staff proposal to limit LOP tags for late Metolius archery buck hunt and other special-opportunity hunts to 5 tags or 10-percent of public tags offered for a hunt, whichever is greater. We believe that the distribution of tags for the late Metolius atchery buck hunt has been extremely inequitable to this point and we believe that the ODFW staff proposal reasonably addresses that concern while still reflecting landowners' important role in providing wildlife habitat and nourishment in the area appropriately.

Second, Wapiti Bowmen urges you to reinstate the week ahead of the beginning of the late archery Blacktail deer season to that season in the northwest Oregon units where the hunt now occurs. This week was taken away from bowhunters years ago to make calendar room for a muzzleloader hunt on the basis that it would be unsafe to have a firearms hunt and an archery hunt running concurrently. In recent years, ODFW has created numerous firearms hunts that overlap archery hunts. Since the rationale for taking the week ahead of the current opening of the late archery season away is obviously no longer relevant based on the many overlapping hunts that have been established more recently, that week of hunting time should be restored to bowhunters.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

Don Smith, President
Wapiti Bowmen

Roxann B Borisch

From: Stephen Doyle <sdoyle_77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 1:07 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Sled Springs unit closure

Dear Sir or Madam;

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns on such an important matter. I am writing you in regards to the recent decision on Hancock Forest Management's part to completely close access to the hunting areas in the Sled Springs unit. I feel that this is a violation of the agreement in place with Hancock and the ODFW. Their decision to completely close the area does not match the fire precautions for all other parts of the state. I understand completely they have a right to protect their property during heightened fire danger by putting restrictions in place. They have already closed the area to all motor vehicles and to overnight camping. A complete closure to even walking in is excessive and unwarranted. The fire danger rating is the same as it is every August practically. This decision is strange and very atypical of other fire seasons.

I understand that Hancock owns the land and you ultimately cannot force them to change their decision. I strongly feel if they maintain this complete closure that preference point reinstatement is warranted. We all take the risk of wildfires interfering with our hunting plans, but there is no fire in this unit. No danger to the public. In your regulations it clearly states with hunts with very low percentages of public land that it is our responsibility to obtain landowner permission prior to applying for the tag. This was not the case for the Sled Springs hunt. Permission was granted through the agreement set in place between the ODFW and Hancock. There was no warning that they could suddenly close all access even without an active fire in the area. In 2015, the ODFW allowed tag holders in the Wenaha unit to return their tags and have points reinstated because so much of the unit was closed from a fire. The situation in Sled springs is similar if not worse. There is only 20% public lands in this unit. The hunt and all of the tag numbers are based off the Hancock lands being hunted. Without that access 377 bowhunters will be forced onto an extremely small area of public land. This a premier hunt that takes 6 points or more to draw. Some of the members of my party had even more. One had 11 points. Thats 12 years waiting to draw this hunt, only to have the rug pulled out from under him 2 weeks before the season. Not from some uncontrollable act of nature, but by a corporations decision.

Please grant parties the ability to return their controlled tags and reinstate their preference points. Thank you, Stephen Doyle

Roxann B Borisch

From: Erik Pronold <epronold@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 7:11 PM
To: ODFW.Commission@state.or.us
Subject: Deer and Elk Baiting
Attachments: Baiting Letter.docx

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have attached a letter to this email for full details of my opinion on the issue of baiting while hunting for deer and elk. In short I am for the practice of baiting for the purpose of humanely taking animals while hunting. I am a disabled veteran who relies on the practice to effectively harvest animals that provided needed meat for my family and myself. There are other reasons as well and I hope my opinion is heard.

Thank you,
Erik Pronold

Dear Sir,

I am contacting you because I am concerned about an issue the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is taking up at their next Commissioners Meeting. The issue at hand is that of baiting for deer and elk hunting. I would like to point out some benefits and arguments in favor of continuing to allow hunters to bait both deer and elk in our state.

1. I am a disabled veteran who uses bait to get animals to come to me rather than put on extended miles chasing animals that can travel a mile in a couple of minutes over rugged terrain. Elk hunting especially is physically challenging and requires hunters to traverse steep and rugged terrain on a daily basis. Disabled hunters are not always capable of finishing a hunt because elk move so much.
2. Baiting allows for a humane kill more often than spot and stalk hunting and is thus more ethical. Spot and stalk or ambush hunting normally puts a hunter in a position where there is not a clean angle into the vital organs of the animal leaving hunters to take shots that leave animals wounded. Wounded animals that are recovered normally have meat spoilage and is not ethical having an animal suffer longer than need be. Wounded animals are not always recovered either leading to less animals in the forest for other hunters to harvest. Sitting near bait allows the hunter to get an approximate range of distance for the shot before it happens. The hunter over bait also gets a shot at an animal that is at ease and gives a better shot angle leading to a higher kill percentage and a faster kill.
3. Not all baiting is a "slam dunk". Just because someone puts a block of salt in the forest does not mean that animals will come. Baiting is not as easy as some might think. It still requires time to look over maps and find an area where animals might be. After the bait is out the hunter still has to make sure it is freshened up so animals continue to come in. Animals rarely visit the sites every day and still requires patience and time in the woods to be successful and still not a guarantee. Defining bait is hard too. Would an alfalfa field be considered bait? The "average Joe" cannot afford a private land hunt most of the time and baiting is a cheaper and smaller version of sitting on ag fields.
4. Baiting adds to the economical span of influence for the hunting industry in Oregon. Not all hunters bait animals but those that do buy locally from farm supply stores or local ranchers and that just adds to the amount of money is added to rural economies.
5. Enforcing this ban would be close to impossible on the ground. Our State Police Fish and Wildlife Patrol Officers do a great job and I am grateful for what they do but they don't have time to be out walking the forest looking for bait sites all over the thick backcountry. This law would only keep good people from continuing this practice while those that are unscrupulous would just continue to do it. If we could just catch all the poachers alone that would have a larger impact on the wildlife population than anything other than increased predator harvest.
6. One argument I have heard is that people are using wireless trail cameras to get instant photos of where and when animals are at bait sites and this is an unfair advantage for the hunter. This is a crazy argument as not everyone can afford these super expensive cameras and wireless phone plans that even support this type of hunting. Ranchers and farmers would still be

afforded this luxury anyway as they sit at gates into desirable fields. If people are against this than just ban wireless trail cameras.

7. Baiting animals does not infringe on anyone else's right to hunt.

I am sure I can think of more reasons in favor of baiting elk and deer but I will stop there for now. I would be happy to discuss this further in person if you would like. I would appreciate if you could talk with the ODFW Commission to voice an opinion in favor of NOT banning baiting elk and deer. I will also write a letter to the Commission and encourage other hunters and disabled veterans to do the same. I appreciate all you do in service to this state!

Sincerely,

Erik M. Pronold

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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Recommendation on "controlled hunt preference points"

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

From: Spjanego [mailto:spjanego@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 6:33 PM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Cc: Kevin Herkamp <kevin.herkamp@state.or.us>; Jennifer Luke <jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us>

Subject: Recommendation on "controlled hunt preference points"

Hello Curt & Holly,

I hope all is well with both of you. Our son was successful this year in taking a nice antelope buck in the Wagontire unit and is a very happy guy! Thank you both so much for Oregon's Big Game Management practices. As I was mowing the lawn today, I thought about my 20 preference points in my "bank" to hunt Hart Mountain some day for antelope. I also thought about all the old timers like myself that may be accumulating many points to have a lifetime hunt, but due to health issues or some terrible circumstance lose their life. In the spirit of "pass it on", would you please consider an option on our draw hunts to assign or pass on preference points to an immediate family beneficiary in the event of death by the points holder? I use to joke around the campfire about hoping I get to hunt one of the great units before I die, but have been taking that a bit more seriously as the years go by. I can't think of a better departing gift than to "will" a ton of preference points to one of our kids to remember me.

Please consider this proposal at an upcoming commission meeting, many of us senior big game hunters would appreciate it.

Respectfully,

Steve Janego

ODFW Volunteer

STAC Member - Eastern Oregon

Sent from my iPad

Roxann B Borisch

From: crowemagnum <crowemagnum@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 7:44 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Baiting for deer and elk

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I have information on this subject from a very reliable source. It's too bad I can't get any information from ODFW.

I understand that this subject was brought up last year from a bowhunter who thought it unethical to hunt over bait. I hear that it was even brought to court to get baiting stopped. The court dismissed the case. Now it has been brought up that baiting is contributing to the spread of disease in deer and elk. This should also be dismissed.

I have been hunting blacktail deer over bait for about 5 years. During that time I have never seen any disease or unusual behavior in the deer. There have been no outbreaks or even a single deer with disease. This past winter was pretty harsh. When I put out the mineral block this spring, the deer were in excellent condition. The deer in the area were in excellent condition. I did not witness a single animal in poor condition.

I feed the deer alfalfa pellets and trace mineral block, no junk. I use the same things ODFW uses. There is no indication of disease or that my baiting of a few deer has contributed in any way to a decline in the numbers of deer or their health. In 5 years the animals are in excellent condition. If I were ever to observe anything unusual it would have been reported immediately to my local ODFW. But again, there has been nothing to report other than the deer are healthy.

There is no evidence to link hunters using bait has contributed to a decline in population or the spread of disease.

I would hope you will leave the subject of baiting alone and that you will move on to other, more important issues impacting our wildlife like loss of habitat, poaching, and predation.

Thank you.

Gerry Crowe

Happy Connecting. Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S® 5

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michael Treat <treatmj68@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:39 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: LOP tags, baiting for deer and elk

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Commissioners,

ODFW is planning on presenting LOP tag restrictions on some of the Special Opportunity Deer Hunts and I urge you to follow their recommendations. I'm particularly interested in the 139R Metolius hunt which is getting close to taking 20 preference points to draw. It seems quite unfair for an archer to put in for controlled hunts for so many years, yet LOP tags are unlimited and allow all who apply this special opportunity year after year after year. Please support the staff position and move these Special Opportunity hunts to restricted LOP status.

In regards to baiting deer and elk, I don't see this as a big concern. I have been archery hunting for 40 years and have seen little evidence of this. There are probably more people hunting the edges of crop fields or food plots than baiting, yet I understand that they would be hunting legally if baiting restrictions were imposed. I know that you are going to be asked to entertain these restrictions, but believe there are more important issues at hand that deserve your time.

Thank you for commitment to our wildlife, Mike Treat Sent from my iPad

August 20, 2017

ODFW Commission
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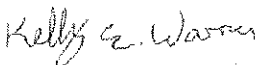
Dear ODFW Commission Members

On behalf of landowners in the Finley Sub-unit we would like to thank Director Curt Melcher, Deputy Director Shannon Hurn, Wildlife Division Director Doug Cottam and Assistant Wildlife Division Director Kevin Blakely for their dedicated efforts to collaborate with landowners on viable solutions for adaptive management of the Finley Elk herd. There have been numerous issues raised (bag limit, damage, data available for decision making, exclusion zone) by landowners dating back to 2015 when regulations were set impacting landowners. Management of this herd is complicated and finding balance is difficult. Director Melcher and designated staff met with landowner representatives in spring of 2017 to hear updates, concerns and proposals. ODFW developed the following adaptive management options that, in our opinion, address those concerns.

- *The Department is proposing one bag limit change in one general archery season area. In the Monroe Subunit of the Willamette WMU, the bag limit will change from "One Antlerless Elk" to "One Elk" during the general archery season. This change will allow some bull harvest while still meeting objectives for the area which includes Finley National Wildlife Refuge.*
- *For the Willamette Plus No 1 controlled hunt (215A1), the bag limit would change to include spike elk, part way through the season. Aug.1, 2018 - Mar.31, 2019 (Spike or antlerless elk from Aug. 25-Oct. 31, 2018 in Monroe Subunit, one elk for the remainder of the season).*

We are grateful for the collaboration by the above mentioned staff to work with us and look forward to carrying that relationship and collaboration into the future for reaching shared goals and effective management of the Finley Elk herd.

Thank you,


Kelly Warren

Landowner in the south Finley Subunit


Stan Steele

Landowner in the north Finley subunit

Roxann B Borisch

From: Kelly Warren <kellywarren009@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:47 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Monroe/Finley Subunit changes letter
Attachments: Scan ODFW commision letter 8-25-17.pdf

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ODFW Commision

Attached is a letter from landowners in the Monroe/Finley subunit to show their appreciation for ODFW's Director and associated deputy and administrative staff to alter regulations to assist landowners with impacts caused by elk in the unit. We thank ODFW for their approach on adaptive management and look forward to working with them in the future to to achieve shared goals.

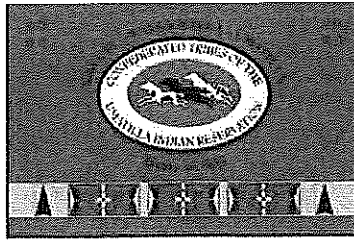
Thank you,
Kelly Warren
(Landowner in the South Monroe/Finley Subunit)



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**Confederated Tribes *of the*
Umatilla Indian Reservation**

Fish and Wildlife Commission



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August 31, 2017

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Provided Electronically to: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Dear Chairman Finley and Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioners:

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) supports the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission's proposal to ban baiting in any form for big game mammals including elk and deer. The practice of baiting animals, particularly with mineral blocks and salt, increases the potential for disease transmission by increasing the concentration of animals. It also jeopardizes water and archaeological resources around which the bait is often placed. We encourage the Commission to ban this practice to protect the rights and resources the CTUIR reserved in the Treaty of 1855.

Baiting of big game often occurs around water sources to maximize the potential attraction of wildlife. The salt and minerals leach into the soil and subsequently leach into the streams and wetlands, impacting various aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. The concentration of wildlife adjacent to wetlands can also cause increased sedimentation to streams and erosion due to trampling wet soil.

Archaeological sites often exist in association with water features - including springs and creeks - because people have always needed water to survive. By concentrating big game in these sites, archaeological and cultural features face an increased risk of being damaged or destroyed.

Finally, the CTUIR has learned that baiting occurs on Forest Service and other federal lands and that federal agencies have not acted to stop it because it is legal under state law. Banning this practice will protect the treaty reserved rights and resources of the CTUIR by protecting wildlife, aquatic and riparian habitat, and archaeological resources. We urge you to adopt this ban.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Wolf", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Wolf, Chair
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Fish and Wildlife Commission

Roxann B Borisch

From: crowemagnum <crowemagnum@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 4:38 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Baiting of deer and elk

Mr. Finley,

Hunters can be their own worst enemies. Instead of banding together to deal with the major issues facing wildlife management ie loss of habitat, poaching, and predation, they will fight amongst themselves as who's method of hunting is better or more ethical. I am concerned that if hunter's don't quit all the squabbling and infighting, we will lose the very thing we love to do!

The question about the ethics of baiting deer and elk came up to the Commission. The issue was dismissed as it was legal and not considered detrimental to the herds. Recently the issue of baiting was again brought before the Commission, this time in the guise of it increases the risk of spreading disease amongst the herds. There was some anecdotal evidence presented that said there were a certain number of deer found dead and that there were 2 mineral blocks found in the area.

I have 5 years worth of photos showing that the few deer that come into my trail cams are healthy with no sign of disease. I use the same alfalfa pellets and mineral blocks that ODFW uses to feed deer and elk. If there had been any sign of disease I would have reported it immediately to my local ODFW biologists. I would think that the baiting of deer and elk would help ODFW monitor the health of the herds.

I hope the decision to make baiting of deer and elk illegal hasn't already been made. I do not want to see another method of hunting done away with. I hope you will consider leaving the baiting of deer and elk in place as it is legal and doesn't negatively impact the herds.

Thanks,

Gerry Crowe

Happy Connecting. Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S® 5

Roxann B Borisch

From: G. Art Knapp <artlynnknapp@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 12:17 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Ochoco Antelope Tags

I feel that I should have had some kind of notification about the eclipse events that were planned for the Big Summit area. With the big one on the West end and the smaller one on the East side, that amount of people in the area made a huge difference in the game habit. It took me 12 years to draw this tag and at 72 years of age this will probably be the last. Had I known of these events I would never have purchased the tag for this year. After we got home I found out these events had been in the planning for at least 2 years. We are informed about areas that are largely private lands and I feel we should have had this info as well. I know that there are other parts of the unit to hunt but the big and little summit are (were) a very popular part that the Antelope move in and out of. Usually we have seen groups of 15 to 20, this year there was one of about 16 the first part of the week (8/14) and after that we spotted one west of Big Summit. We cut the time up there short and came home early.

Thanks
George A. Knapp
Hunter # 195831

Roxann B Borisch

From: Jake Greer <jakegreer1977@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 8:08 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Angry Oregon sportsman

To whom it may concern...

First off, I'd like to start out by saying that I'm an avid hunter and fisherman in Oregon. With that said, I'm angry with ODFW. I think all sportsman should be angry with ODFW! I think I speak for probably all sportsmen when I say that it's ridiculous that our fees keep going up, while numbers in game animals are on the decline. While predators numbers are at an all time high! There should be a fee freeze for license and tag fee until ODFW figures out how to fix the problem! We are paying more, for less, every year!

Another reason I'm angry with ODFW, is because as a hunter and fisherman, I'm tired of being lied too! That's like biting the hand that feeds you. One particular thing I'm angry about is the wolves! I'm not totally against wolves, but I've already watched areas with wolves get demolished. The herds are already gone! I'm tired of being lied to about how many there are! I'm tired of being lied to about how they got here! ODFW needs to stop catering to the bleeding heart liberals, who never leave the cities, and start helping those who are paying into this every year! Those anti-hunters are not paying into the system. Without hunters paying for license and tags, ODFW would be broke. Hunters also dump tons of money into the economy when seasons roll around. Bleeding heart liberals don't! So please, start helping those who are paying your wages. If we could boycott ODFW for a year or two, serious cuts would need to be made. Am I right? Sounds like something that should happen.

Here's some things I'd love to see happen in the next few years. These are things that I think would help Oregon become a great state again for sportsman.

1. Start listening to your sportsman! We're out in the forests all the time and see more than most of you guys sitting in an office. We're also out more than any anti-hunter who has no idea of what's really going on, cause they've never left the city. Most hunters who are willing to step up and say something, are generally pretty honest in my opinion. We want what's best for fish and game here in Oregon.
2. Bring back hunting with dogs on a draw system. 10 permits issued with each permit allowing 3-5 cougar and 3-5 bear tags in each WMU, at least until predator numbers are brought back under control, then those numbers can be decreased. Most hunters know that bear and

cougar numbers are out of control. Now we have thrown wolves in the mix, which wasn't smart at this time.

3. Freeze or lower tag and license fees. More hunters are going out of state then ever before. It's actually becoming cheaper to go out of state, and have a better chance of harvesting an animal. Again, we're paying more for less every year. Since hunters are going out of state, ODFW is raising costs of offset the difference. Not really fair to those who are spending our hard earned dollars to hunt right here at home, in Oregon.

4. Do a better job at promoting youth in the outdoors. Drop all license and tag fees in half. I've actually known hunters who can't afford to let their kids hunts, because their tags and licenses are costing them to much. Also, raise tag numbers for these youth hunts. These youth hunts are great, and it would be great if more then 10 kids per unit could enjoy it. The youth are the next generation of conservationist. They are also the next generation of putting groceries on ODFWs dinner table! Help make it a great experience for Oregons youth!

These are just a few things that I find that seriously need addressed here in Oregon. Hunters and fishermen in Oregon are not oblivious to the fact that nothing's perfect, but We're not ignorant to what's going by any means. So please, stop putting people who don't even hunt, or leave the cities, first. Remember who are the biggest conservationist in Oregon! The hunters and fishermen! Think about what happens when there is no more game, or numbers are too low, to hunt in Oregon. Think about all the money leaving Oregon, to go elsewhere to hunt and fish. Think about the upcoming outdoorsman. The future!

Signed, Jake Greer
Oregon sportsman

Sent from my iPhone

Roxann B Borisch

From: Margaret Wahl <margaretsecretary@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 4:19 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us

I hear that bow hunting started this weekend in southern Oregon. Whoever made the decision to open that hunting season must be totally brain dead, let me guess a man who is a total idiot. With the severe fire season this year and the smoke and present danger of another fire starting, that had to be one of the stupidest decisions ever. If a fire starts from the stupidity of some hunter, the person who made the decision to open the hunting season should be charged as a criminal. It is about money . . . only money, money, money not the safety of our citizens and our state.
Margaret

Roxann B Borisch

From: Jeremy <jecoleman26@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:44 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Bans on baiting deer and elk

To whom it may concern,

I have a hard time trying to figure out why the state would want to ban baiting deer and elk in Oregon. I'm not sure if people realize the benefits to it. I myself have baited for over 10 years. I can tell you from personal experience that some of the benefits include less wounded animals, for the simple reason most people have animals they are shooting under 20 yards and a lot higher chances of a good shot. Another thing is the fawns and calves get a chance to get the extra nutrients they need from baits, as they are not allowed to be harvested. I think a lot of people misinterpret baiting and think that it is too easy? But I can personally tell you that of all the years I have baited, I still have to hunt hard to try to fill my tags. If I do fill them. Out of a whole season, you may get a couple opportunities if you're lucky. There is so much that comes into play, just like any other hunting scenario. Human pressure, and natural habits of the animals. It also allows people in a situation like me who has kids and have a wife that loves to hunt but not able to hike around on her own or with me, she gets the opportunity to sit in a blind and get to still get out and enjoy the outdoors and still be a family event. It is also become a hobby for a lot of people, getting to check trail cameras and passing on skills to their children and be able to give them good opportunities to get involved in the outdoors. Is this not what we always are saying? So it makes no sense to me why the state would want to keep taking opportunities away from the people that work hard and have made hunting part of their lives and their families.

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From: Finder Rv <finderrv@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 7:36 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Wildlife Management

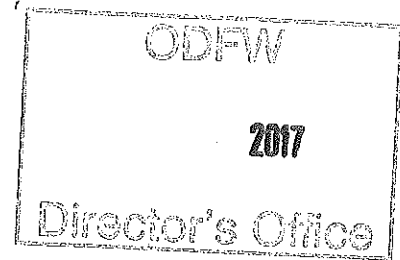
I would strongly urge the ODFW Commission to educate yourself and visit this website to learn how to actually manage wildlife in Oregon; notice I said wildlife, not cattle whom you seem to think is your primary job. That and appeasing ranchers. I would be surprised if you did indeed actually try and learn how to be proactive to protect our wildlife, but put aside the influence and money you receive from the ranching lobby and think about what is best for all of Oregon, not just the lazy welfare ranchers. How about that. Lee Eddie

<http://www.predatordefense.org/index.htm>

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Why-oh-why, does not the State of Oregon allow predatory animals, specifically coyotes, bobcats, and jack rabbits for example, to be hunted at night after dark with spot lights? Oregon has literally hundreds of thousands of square miles east of the Cascade Range where, if asked, cattle ranchers would welcome and even encourage the harvesting of these predators. These predators not only take a huge toll on sage grouse, and pheasants, but also calves of domestic animals, plus deer, antelope and elk fawns.

I fully realize the do-gooders will NEVER be made to understand what it costs to not manage this problem and they likely don't care, because like all the millennials, they have tunnel vision everything should be warm and fuzzy.

To exacerbate the predator problem, Oregon has brought back the wolves and grizzly bears. Sure, there are bound to be violations of the rules, but there are now. There will always be those who can't or won't obey the rules. It always has been this way and likely always will be, just like violations of rape and murder. Soon, Oregon will be facing the same problems with feral hogs, not in my lifetime as I am in my 84th year, but sooner, rather than later.

Just look at the revenue that sage rat and coyote shooting has brought into east central and southeastern Oregon, for the local economies.

Join the 21st century, Oregon. Big game hunting has constantly gone in the toilet since I harvested my first deer at age 15, not only for big game, but for upland game birds and waterfowl also.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Herb Troeh".

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