

Exhibit D

**Public Correspondence received as of
August 30, 2019**

Roxann B Borisch

Subject:

FW: Northside Unit 47

From: Craig Weller <ctwellerlogger10@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 7:01 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Northside Unit 47

As a family who's hunted the Northside Unit(47) for 20+ years I feel like it's our responsibility to voice our opinions. Just like a lot of other family's out there that enjoy the outdoors and love to hunt. I'm a little reluctant to write this email because for one I feel like it will be ignored or some excuse, and that I'm just going to be wasting my time, but I'm going to do it anyway. Otherwise it's will always weigh on my mind but my ultimate goal is to see the Northside unit become good again like it use too. I'm not talking so much about the elk but the deer population is terrible. It is by far an all time low and we have really noticed it the last couple years. I remember several years back you could go for an evening drive and count 50+ deer. Now you're lucky to see one or two groups of five deer.

Last year (2017) around rifle deer season I put up four trail cameras and left them up all year until 2018 deer season.

During that time of having four cameras up all year I had more cougars than bucks on my cameras, and overall I had more predators than deer(buck or doe's).

I had several bear, cougars, coyotes, and bobcats. Also I'd be more then happy to share the photos/videos as proof. My point is the predators out weigh the deer population without a doubt!

Between being heavily hunted by both humans and predators these poor deer don't have a chance!

Things that would be nice to see change is(1)gate off more area and make it walk in only kind of how it use to be. Right now you can pretty much drive every square mile in the northside! The only area that can't be driven or has no road systems is the Nipple butte area.(2) Cut back on tags. I believe it's 1100 tags that are given out, but say you cut back 200 tags and instead of drawing every two years it was every three or four years.(3) Make it fork and better if

not three point and better. Every year you're seeing guys shoot these little tiny spikes and forking horns off the road, but if they'd be given a chance I think it would greatly help.(4) Let people hunt the cats with dogs. If the cats were thinned down it'd help immensely! Granted there's just as many bear but we both know cats are going to have a greater impact on the deer population than bear!

My last comment or I guess question I have mainly because I'm curious. While out hiking I've seen now two deer that are collard. What kind of information is odfw trying to obtain by doing this?

I just know that the unit isn't anywhere close to what it use to be and it's sad to see. If nothing is done there is going to be little to nothing left in the Northside unit.

Hope to hear back,
Craig

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Monday, October 8, 2018 8:54 AM
To: Thomas Thornton
Cc: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: 2019 regulation
Attachments: ODFW.docx

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From: Eichenberger, Scott <Scott.Eichenberger@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 3:04 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: bjeichenberger@comcast.net; Brett Eichenberger (br.eich62@gmail.com) <br.eich62@gmail.com>
Subject: 2019 regulation

Suggestions for 2019 or 2020 changes to the ODFW Big Game Hunting Regulations.

SCOTT EICHENBERGER
SPECIAL AGENT
UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMIN.
LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION
TEL: 213-305-9016

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD
MATTHEW 5:9



ODFW:

I just finished reading an old article about updating the rules & regulations for big game hunts for 2019. I am a born and raised Oregonian. I have been hunting mule deer in Oregon for 38 years with family and friends. Best times of my life. I moved from Oregon due to my law enforcement employment in 1992. Since my move, I have had to purchase an out of state hunting license every year first and then a tag if I were to get "drawn." It usually ends up I get "drawn" to hunt every other year. My issue is I have to purchase the hunting license first before I even know if I get to hunt (the draw system). **It would be nice to have the regulations changed so out of state hunters could wait to see if they get drawn first before having to spend the fees (hunting license and tag) .** This year it cost me \$185.00 to find out I didn't get "drawn". In the past it hasn't been a big concern because I always felt my fees helped out ODFW, the state, and the wildlife in the long run. I'm still an Oregonian at heart.

However, my son has now become a hunter and has passed his hunter safety course. **As the regulations stand today I will have to pay roughly \$400.00 every year just to find out if we get to hunt ("drawn") not to mention the \$860.00 dollar tag fees if we do get drawn.** I realize I'm an out-of-state hunter and expect to pay more, but if there was a way to save some money that's always a good thing too.

The way the regulations are now, and with these prices, to find out we don't get to hunt we may have to quit hunting in Oregon all together. This would be lost revenue for the ODFW and the state.

Any reply would be greatly appreciated. I'm registered with the ODFW with my email: scott.eichenberger@usdoj.gov

Dear ODFW,

I am a lifetime hunter and have been lucky enough to have family who enjoyed and taught me about the woods/forest.

The investment of application fees, tags and resources for hunting is becoming a hard pill to swallow. For my daughter and son-in-law, this year they spent \$230.

This is not counting wage loss from time off, fuel, food and all the added expense of going hunting. The family will spend over \$1000.00 each season with the these expenses we feel that this is no longer a good financial decision simply due to lack of safety, that is as a direct result of poor planning from the state/fed agencies.

Expense aside, the effect on the numbers of game animals are devastating.
The cat population has grown to such a level, the game animals are dwindling.
Due to this:

This will be the last year we will spend that kind of money, which may be spent doing other activities, for a hunting experience that is curbed by Cougar overpopulation.

Our family will not subject ourselves to a dangerous environment, with the cougars just to go hunting. We see the sign and activity each time we enter the woods.

Scat, claw markings for territory and evidence of presence.
Cat tracks OVER our man track, means WE WERE HUNTED!!
This has happened, time and time again.

We have small children, who used to be able to run and play at hunt camp, which is not allowed any longer due to the dangers associated with cat activity.

My daughter recently stated:

'The overpopulation of these dangerous predators used to be controlled by hunters with dogs, this was outlawed in our state. Poor decision, since they now have removed a revenue generating activity, BUT now HIRE a hunter with dogs to control areas.

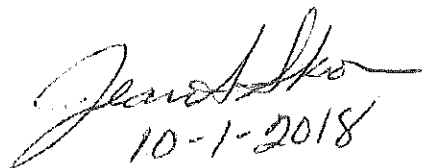
Seems like a lack of budget planning. Just a bad idea. Not logical, just expense.

Why use Taxpayer dollars to remedy a problem, when it used to be State/Federal income and problem control in one!

We will continue spending time in the forest/woods as we are a family who enjoys being outdoors, BUT we will no longer invest in the prospect of hunting until this is resolved. Sadly.'

I agree 100%. Sad for a lifestyle change of this magnitude due to poor management.

Thank You,
Jean Skou
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Colton, OR 97017



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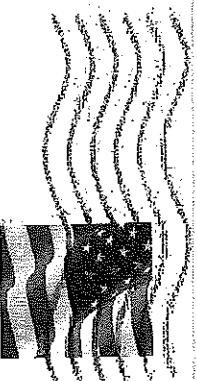
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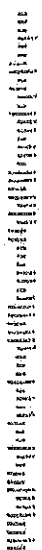
Salem, OR 97302

ATTN:

Director

Gust Melcher

57302-114234



Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Deer Migration

From: Mike Martell <mmartell1957@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 7:41 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; Kevin Blakely <kevin.l.blakely@state.or.us>; Thomas Thornton <thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us>; REP Sprenger <Rep.SherrieSprenger@state.or.us>; REP Witt <Rep.BradWitt@state.or.us>; SEN Girod <Sen.FredGirod@state.or.us>

Subject: Deer Migration

Interesting, I have been reading recent articles about the decline of our deer populations in Oregon. Looks like the blame is being placed on expanding elk herds that are credited with depleting the habitat of our deer species, when in reality that has little or nothing to do with the problem at all. Every wildlife management crisis in Oregon has a bogus explanation behind the real problem, this is what happens when you allow people who have never traveled the state or hunted determine what's best for Oregon and management solutions. Our Highway system is totally obsolete, we can't keep up with the amount of traffic coming through our State. Recently on a trip leaving Lebanon and ending up in Medford via highway 20 santiam pass to Hwy. 97 through Bend, south to 138, then 62, I counted 81 dead deer struck by vehicles, that was mainly on my side of the road that I saw, not to mention how many I missed. Highway 97 runs north and south and cuts through the heart of the winter deer migration route with only one deer protected corridor consisting of around five miles of fence and a newly constructed under pass for deer down by Sunriver. Odot has warning signs posted in LaPine and Chemult cautioning motorists be aware, what good does it do when you have very little space between vehicles and think about opposing traffic and you now have a wildlife death trap. When you sit in an office in the city and think you're going to solve rural Oregon issues is the same problem we have when five or six Counties control the remaining thirty or so. ODFW is in crisis mode where failure to manage out of control predators is concerned, now add the real problem vehicles and quit blaming the decline on poaching and habitat loss which is a problem but minimal in comparison. Do the daily math, insurance claims and add 6600 cougar killing one deer per week coupled with the hiring of USDA Aphis Wildlife Services, who once were called trappers, trapping coyotes now houndsmen and bear snare contractors across Oregon and convince me this is sustainable? What do you do when your pond is almost depleted of fish? You simply add piranhas or better known as wolves in this mix.

Mike Martell

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Muzzleloader hunting

From: Chris Taft [<mailto:ctaft12015@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 6:21 PM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: Muzzleloader hunting

As a concerned hunter I'm writing to voice my concerns after a very unsuccessful hunt during the muzzleloading season. These are, 1 we only have 2 days after the rifle hunters come in and put so much pressure on the deer that we see very few and the ones you do see are running the minute you stop I would like to see maybe there being atleast a week between seasons or letting muzzle loaders hunt first number 2 is that why do rifle hunters get 12 days to hunt and we get 9 number 3 why is there so many tags giving for the fossil unit during rifle season when the majority of the hunters hunt on the national forest. I have never seen the numbers here so low and ive hunted this area for 15 years. In my opinion we as muzzleloading hunters arent treated fairly in comparison with the other 2 hunts.

Sincerely a concerned hunter
Chris Taft

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Dear commission, I would like comment on the proposed change to the reward process connected to TIP program. Although I agree that more needs to be done to curb the illegal taking of game big and small game I don't agree with rewarding those tipsters

From: ray argo <relk@charter.net>

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 1:45 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Dear commission, I would like comment on the proposed change to the reward process connected to TIP program. Although I agree that more needs to be done to curb the illegal taking of game big and small game I don't agree with rewarding those tipsters w...

Roxann B Borisch

Subject:

FW: Elk in the Gaston area

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

From: Al Moreno <al.moreno27@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 4:20 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Elk in the Gaston area

Hello my name is Allan Marino I've been out in Gadsten for over 25 years when I first got here and we're about 50 to 60 head of elk in the valley today there are over 200 head of elk they cause a lot of damage young man was killed and 2000 because of an elk and at that time they were over 100 head in that group presently with 200+head they are a constant problem with fences crops etc. I live across from the nursery and that two of them and they have a of large crop damage from them. It's the time something was done to thin the herd out Or transplant them somewhere.

Sent from my iPad

October 25, 2018

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

ODFW

OCT 29 2018

Attention: Curt Melcher, Director

Director's Office

Subject: Deer Hunting Report

Dear Director Melcher,

I recently returned from the Malheur River Unit (MRU) and saw few deer and no bucks for the fourth year in a row. A survey of other hunters in the area roughly 12 miles southeast of Juntura revealed a success rate this year of one small buck for 20 – 25 hunters making this the worst year that most of these hunters can remember.

I have hunted this region of the MRU for over 35 years and remember many great seasons when deer hunting was the best time of the year for our family and friends. A significant downward trend in deer populations has been very noticeable over the past 5 years and to a lesser extent even before. Discussions with other hunters this year confirm there is an out-of-control cougar population based upon numerous tracks and droppings, and a number of us have come upon cougar kills in recent years.

Three years ago, I emailed the ODFW biologist in your Hines field office to report my concern about cougar-related impacts on the deer population. The reply I received stated that ODFW's census statistics show the Unit to be at 80% of "management objectives" with an acceptable buck/doe ratio and, as such, no special cougar control measures were in order since ODFW does not pursue any actions until the deer population falls below 60% of management objectives.

I have no information concerning where ODFW collects its census information or what procedures are used. The MRU is comprised of two distinct regions – the area north of hwy. 20 that is primarily forested and the area south of hwy. 20 that is primarily desert terrain. These are extremely different habitat regions and I question if brief census counts really represent both distinct regions. Even ODFW recognizes this difference for elk hunting by splitting the unit into north and south regions with different hunts assigned to each section. The southern portion of the MRU has the lowest deer population that anyone I encounter can remember. And, nothing is being done by ODFW to address the cougar problem. Considering the significant habitat differences why isn't this unit split into two sections for hunt management purposes?

Even near my rural home near Corvallis the cougar problem has changed from insignificant to a major neighborhood concern over the past three years as deer and pets are frequently being taken by these major predators as documented by eye-witness reports. ODFW has spoken to neighbors but reported there is little they can do because of limited availability of approved trappers and a budget shortage. Neighbors were encouraged to just learn how to live with these predators.

ODFW has an ongoing campaign to "Take a Friend Hunting". That sounds like a good campaign motto but why would I feel compelled to invite someone hunting when the quality of the hunting experience is being diminished by poor success numbers and more rules to sort out each year? Frankly, ODFW seems

to be merely "sitting on the fence" trying to balance political correctness between those who think major predators and humans can easily co-exist and hunters who continue to experience declining hunting success and more rules to control hunting alternatives. This present management philosophy is not working!

Hopefully more feedback like this will help ODFW get off of the fence and actually manage big game populations primarily for the benefit of sportsmen who buy licenses and thereby provide the major funding source for ODFW.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Amoth", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan Amoth
8194 NW Wynoochee Dr.
Corvallis, OR 97330

amothfam@proaxis.com

cc: biologist, Hines field office & ODFW Wildlife Division

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Rifle season

From: welldriller1984 <welldriller1984@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 9:42 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Rifle season

Hi this is just my opinion but rifle season in southern oregon should be extended do to heat conditions it was a very unfair season do to heat

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: preference points

From: snopalmer85 <snopalmer85@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 1:40 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: preference points

Would like to see rule change on preference points. That being for example if you have 5 points saved up make it so you can choose how many points you would like to use on a certain hunt application. Thus saving the rest of the points for another hunt or year.

Thanks

Mary Palmer

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Public Comments from the Web

From: Kelly Ribail
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:37:18 PM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Subject: Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Decline of Hunting
Name: Kelly Ribail
E-mail: grizz58@outlook.com

Greetings

Most of the elk where down on Silvies private cattle Ranch, do I still want to pay out of state prices when there is a very small chance to harvest an elk? I had a 272y elk tag.

Thank you

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Chesnimnus Green Dot System

From: Brian Senz <beez3311@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 11:12 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Chesnimnus Green Dot System

Hello,

I have been hunting Chesnimnus for deer for around 12 years. Most recently I elk hunted it this year. I like the Green Dot system and propose that it be implemented for all hunting seasons. Start during archery season through rifle elk season. There are a lot of roads and during deer season people are driving everyone off of them. It was nice during elk season to know if you were willing to walk you could get away from people and didn't have to worry about ATVs driving by you. I think this would also help the deer numbers that have been declining. I would imagine the archery hunters would appreciate this also. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks, Brian

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Cougar hunt closure

From: Richard Baltz <baltz526@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 4:33 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Cougar hunt closure

As I look at the Cougar Quota map and consider the recent closure. It comes to my attention how the coast is one single quota area. This seems to be very arbitrary. Looking at the map This should be two Quota areas with their own quota. North coast Willamette then South coast. Each with a quota. Talking to Coastal OHA members, They tell me they see Cougar sign on most of their trips into the woods or Dunes. Siuslaw north boundary south to California border seems to be the logical quota area as South Coast. I know my South Coast hunter contact is small, But they all say the same basic thing. Cougar tracks on almost every trip into woods or dunes. Richard W Baltz 16219 Pinedrop Lapine Oregon. OHA life member.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject:

FW: Cougar Quota

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

From: Matt Hamilton <deltau257@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 12:05 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: Cougar Quota

To whom it may concern,

My name is Matt Hamilton. My family and I live in Polk County Oregon. We farm for a living and are all avid hunters and fishermen. We were very concerned seeing the email yesterday about the closing of the cougar season in our area because the quota was reached. Over the last 10years we have been noticing a drastic increase in the cougar population in our area. It does not seem like this is common knowledge by reading some of the information available? Just last year my wife and I found 5 different deer kills within 1/4mile from our house with pictures of a cougar at 3 of the locations. This year alone I have more pictures of cougars on my trail cameras than I do of 3pt or larger blacktail deer on property we farm. This has never been the case before. Multiple pictures of these apex predators during the middle of the day. We are not only concerned for the now even more limited deer population we have but also for the safety of our young children. I have pictures of multiple cougars within 150yds of our house. We never have had this level of activity prior to a few years ago. We hope that some effective management such as controlling the cougar population with recreational hounds could be suggested along with increasing or modifying the quota to account only for a hunted quota not to include problem animals taken by a state hired hounds-man or killed by vehicles.

Thank you for your time and hard work managing our wildlife.

Sincerely,

Matt Hamilton
503-559-4206

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Uniformed Services

From: ryan clarke <sh0824@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2018 8:12 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Uniformed Services

Good day Commission,

I'm writing you today to display my disappointment with the ODFW regarding the Uniformed Services section of the licenses. I'm not sure how long that ODFW has recognized that any Veteran of the Uniformed Services qualifies for this license, and resident rates for non residences. This was awesome for non residence Veterans to take advantage of the great opportunities that Oregon has to offer for hunting and fishing. This year (2018) I heard that the ODFW is no longer taking this avenue, and is restricting this opportunity to only active members of the Uniformed Services.

I have had some discussions with Fish and Wildlife of OSP, and discovered that even under the current definitions that a retiree who is on "retired reserve" Status wouldn't even qualify even though they are part of the reserve component.

I'm not sure if you are aware that Hunting and Fishing is a great way to deal with the stress that Veterans often deal with. Hunting especially is a way to reconnect with a life that they are familiar with.

If you look at from a Military Operation perspective look at planning for a hunt as a mission preparation. A packing list to gather all the necessary items. Planning the hunt is equivalent to reconnaissance, and the actual hunt is similar to putting all your planning together to go Hunt the "enemy" (the game they are perusing). This is a very quick explanation, but it gives you the idea. Bottom line is that Hunting and Fishing is a way to relax, and escape from current problems. It also is a healthy way to deal with stress.

I'm not sure what the numbers are for Veterans that take this opportunity are, or how many suicides this has prevented, but I do know that 22 Veterans commit suicide each day. If by allowing Veterans an opportunity to partake in Oregon's great resources as a non resident, and allow them to do it at resident rates than 1 suicide prevention is enough to keep the interpretation of this license as any Veteran qualifies is well worth it.

Thank you for your time in reading my email, and I surely do hope that you consider this.

Sincerely

Ryan Clarke
1SG (Ret) US Army

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: deer populations

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

From: DON SENEAL <dons@bendbroadband.com>
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 11:48 AM
To: odfw commission <odfw.commission@state.or.us>
Subject: deer populations

Ladies and Gentlemen, I understand that some recent harvests have been smaller due to fewer animals. This is generally attributed to larger predator populations (depending on location), winter kill, disease and development of habitat as well as more hunting restrictions on private and corporate lands. I am interested in the statement that revenue for your agency is also down due to fewer hunters and tags being purchased as well.

In light of a diminishing deer population, I'm wondering if any consideration has been given to the capture and relocation of suburban and urban deer populations. In Bend I can easily state that there is a substantial population that lives and thrives inside the city limits and immediately on it's borders. In our own neighborhood of Foxborough/Tillicum Village there are presently four large bucks (each with 4 point/western count) and a harem of at least four does and as many yearling fawns. These animals are not unique to the area. They represent a small portion of a much, much larger deer population throughout the area. They also present a hazard to motorists, small children and personal property especially gardens, plants and shrubs.

If you have contemplated the removal of some of these animals and their relocation to adequate but more remotely situated habitats, I believe you will be serving a true service to these communities where deer populations have been steadily growing while outside numbers have been dwindling. You will also, through proper public relations about such efforts, be encouraging more hunters to purchase licenses and tags. Another "plus" could be the recruitment of hunter's organizations to assist in the capture and relocation efforts.

If I can be of any assistance in putting such a plan together, I would be honored. All the Best.
Don Senecal 541-633-0854

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: You just don't get it

From: Tyler Carnes <hunt18packs@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 2, 2018 9:14 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: You just don't get it

I quit, after a life time of hunting and fishing in this state. With new regulations, licence complications, and the flat out mismanagement of the resource, I will no longer buy tags nor participate in hunting. Come on lets raise prices on everything. Yet the hunting and fishing declines. If I go hunting around Jackson County I see more wolves than elk. With so many free fishing weekends, I will just time my fishing accordingly. With the new road kill law I'll fill my freezer during the deer rut when the roads are full of fresh meat. So have fun not making money you short-sighted dumb asses.

P.s. there is to many turkeys in this state so quit trading elk for them. Besides they're basically an invasive species around here and should be treated like wild pigs.

December 3, 2018

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Director's Office

To whom it May Concern,

I am an ardent Bow hunter and have hunted game ever since I was a toddler. I have six grandchildren and plan to introduce them to hunting at the appropriate time. We all fish and enjoy the Oregon great outdoors.

I'm concerned with the decreasing numbers of hunters and the ensuing support for hunting in Oregon. I believe your office has some great programs to attract our youth into the sport. Keep up the good work! However, I am now turning 70 and find it increasingly difficult to shoot my compound Bow. I love the sport but now I'm afraid that the mechanics of shooting will put an end to a sport I truly enjoy. This past year I had to visit my brother in Wisconsin to hunt for Whitetail deer because crossbows are permitted. I cannot pull my Bow back even with the minimum legal amount because of my sore shoulder. So I ask, why not permit crossbow hunting for seniors, like me, in order for us to continue the sport we cherish. What's prohibiting this from occurring? What needs to be done to permit folks 70 and over the opportunity to hunt deer and elk with a crossbow?

I appreciate your efforts and will continue to support ODFW in providing a quality outdoor experience.

I look forward to your response.

Cheers,



Tom Lupes
3752 Cherry Lane
Medford, OR 97504

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Oregon Coast Elk Hunt Rifle Seasons VS Archery Coast General Season

From: Richard Hampton <rickp21@centurytel.net>

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 12:25 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Oregon Coast Elk Hunt Rifle Seasons VS Archery Coast General Season

This is a comment on the current Seasons on the Oregon Coast Elk Seasons vs the seasons length of the Roosevelt Elk Archery Season. The first complaint is your data is from 1979 which is old out dated Statistics plus the numbers of Bull to Cow ratios have surely changed from 1979 to 2019 plus the thirty days season has been tradional it needs changed. There needs to be a more fair hunting Seasons for hunters using rifle vs Archery hunters who already get to take advantages of the Bull Elk being either in a rut or post rut condition. This makes it easier for them to be called in Elk closer for the Archer to harvest an Elk. With new technology of faster more powerful and accurate bows it makes it easier for them to kill an animal then with the Bows of the Seventies. There is also the concern the more time length of the Archery Season the more Elk that are either wounded or lost by hunters with bad shooting skills. These hunters could possibly kill or meme several Bulls with out one Elk being harvested. This to be my own observations out in the field hunting deer. I had found two Elk shot by Arrows just this year not found by their shooter and in other units in past years. Plus there are several Hunting Programs on the air which clearly documents the wounding of Elk by these careless hunters which were never found. However is also possible by the rifle hunter. This is one reason for a two week Season on Elk in the General Season Archery for the whole State with (no Cow limits) or (Any Elk bag limit) unless it is by a drawing or a special permit like it is in Eastern Oregon. Plus there would be less pressure on the Elk. I don't think this is a unreasonable request. There needs to be a way to improve the Elk numbers in our State with a (No Cow Hunt) or (Spike Only Seasons) especially in the Siuslaw Unit.

Now for the Rifle Season I would like for the Commission to change the Oregon Coast first Season to 7 days and the Second Season to a five day hunt this makes less pressure on the Elk. Further more the Second Season is a Spike only Hunt in most units there now. This allows the rifle hunters a more level fair opportunities to hunt Elk. I have found for myself by the time I find where the Elk are located the Season is over because of the brush and the terrain and weather of the Oregon Coast. This is why for many years I have not hunted the Coast Range. Also most of the Elk have moved from National Forests to Private Properties because the Archery Season hunting pressure. Making these changes might entice more Elk Hunting opportunities for the rifle hunters. To even see Elk a the Oregon Coast is challenging at most. I think by making these changes would be a more fair hunting field for all hunters in the State and would increase the Elk herds in Oregon.

Thankyou,

Richard Hampton

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: MULE DEER HERDS ARE GONE

From: Brandon Johnson <brandon.johnson@edstaub.com>

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 8:08 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: MULE DEER HERDS ARE GONE

Just writing because I am very concerned about the almost extinct deer herds in southern Oregon I live in lakeview and have my whole life the first year I deer hunted would have been 1992 and you could drive from the swimming pool to Adel which would be the back way through the south warner unit and on any given evening you would see between 75 and 100 deer just driving the road you can drive that now and maybe see 5 some night you won't see any it's very sad to see how horrible it has become. I spent 10 days in this unit during bow season and only saw 48 deer 4 bucks 2 forked horns 1 spike and a 3 point that I killed that is less than 5 deer a day and some days you wouldn't see any and this unit is on a draw that's pretty pathetic. My honest opinion is that you guys are over harvesting them in all aspects from to many tags and to many predators and not only the south warner unit the interstate herd is in big trouble to the deer numbers are very low out there too. The north warner unit has a few more deer but still not even close to what it was 26 years ago. The way you manage the north warner unit should be the standard for the hole state until the deer numbers come back. I am afraid if it keeps going the way it is there will be no deer in 5 years especially with the wolfs coming there's not enough deer to feed all the lions and bears much less a bunch of wolfs. The unlimited over the counter bow tags has to stop and giving 1400 hundred buck tags for interstate is a joke there's not 1400 hundred deer out there much less 1400 hundred bucks. If you took the deer numbers from 30 years ago and compared them to the deer numbers now all bet there is a 90% reduction in the herd and I think that is a red flag that they probably could be put on the endangered species list if the right people got a hold of the numbers. This is very scary times if you don't change your ways before it's too late this is what will happen.

Sincerely Brandon Johnson a very concerned outdoors man

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:15 AM
To: Thomas Thornton; Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Senate Bill 373
Attachments: DSC_0287.JPG; DSC_0109 (2).JPG; IMG_E3005.JPG

PC

From: Mike Martell <mmartell1957@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:24 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Senate Bill 373

Greetings Commissioners

By now you understand, I'm a no nonsense individual, conservationist, Oregon life time houndsmen. I want to address SB 373, The pilot program sponsored by Sen Hansell, Rep Barreto, both these fine men got this one wrong! I have spent a lifetime in rural Oregon, every corner except the NW Oregon by design. I have watched our deer dwindle to unprecedented levels due to failed management!

I enjoy wildlife photography as a side line hobby, my subject here in Oregon is in trouble. This rural communities bill is wrong! Killing deer seeking safety in these rural towns is all these deer have left, they stay on the winter grounds, if they make it past the hwy 97 traffic, they die from predators! I can offer many examples across Oregon, let me just give you one perfect example that illustrates how SB 373 is flawed.

I photographed several hundred mule deer in Burns Oregon about a month ago, bucks breeding does in peoples yards. I drove the Steens mountain loop to Fields and back, this is 210 mile round trip, all day adventure, we saw under 100 deer total, that's counting the huge alfalfa circles just before dark, those fields not long ago contained thousands of mule deer, now most are empty!

Joseph, Enterprise, Burns, Prairie City, John Day, Athena, Weston, Pilot Rock, Heppner, you name the town and deer are everywhere, just drive a few short miles out of town and observe, the area you had the cougar target removal program was successful in and around the Heppner area, it's starting to look like it did prior to the cougar ban of 1994.

By allowing these rural towns to eradicate mule deer isn't helping these ungulates as they struggle to survive. Why don't we kill the mule deer that take up residency in Wallowa Lake State Park? They eat out of your hand and make a mess and poop everywhere? Because they are a tourist attraction is the only difference, some of the nicest mulie pictures I shot are in Joseph and Enterprise Oregon, right in town!

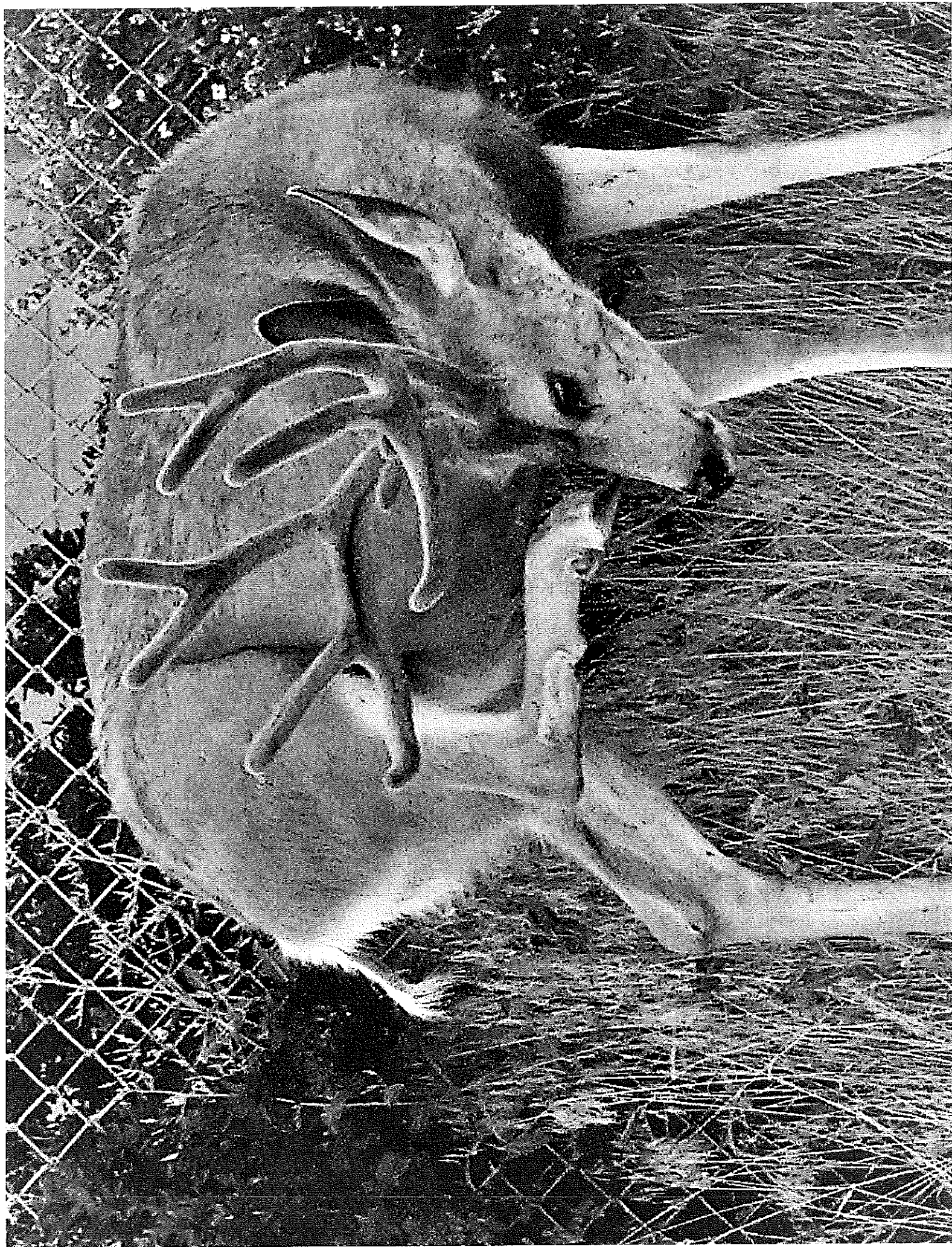
I don't have a stake in this, I don't hunt deer or elk in Oregon, I just spent over four decades hunting predators in every location in Oregon and don't like what I'm seeing! Drive around Sisters Oregon on the back roads and see if you can find any mule deer, just a few years ago there were hundreds of mulies in the fields surrounding Sisters, now they're gone. Failed management practices got to make you folks sick, hopefully as much as it does me!

The first picture was taken in the spring in Enterprise Oregon. The second represents what normal should look like, this is after the cougar target program just out of Heppner Oregon. The third is at Cross Water golf course, just south of Sun River, these bucks don't live much beyond this stage here and the only reason for seeing as many as I do? The density of homes that protect these deer from predators!

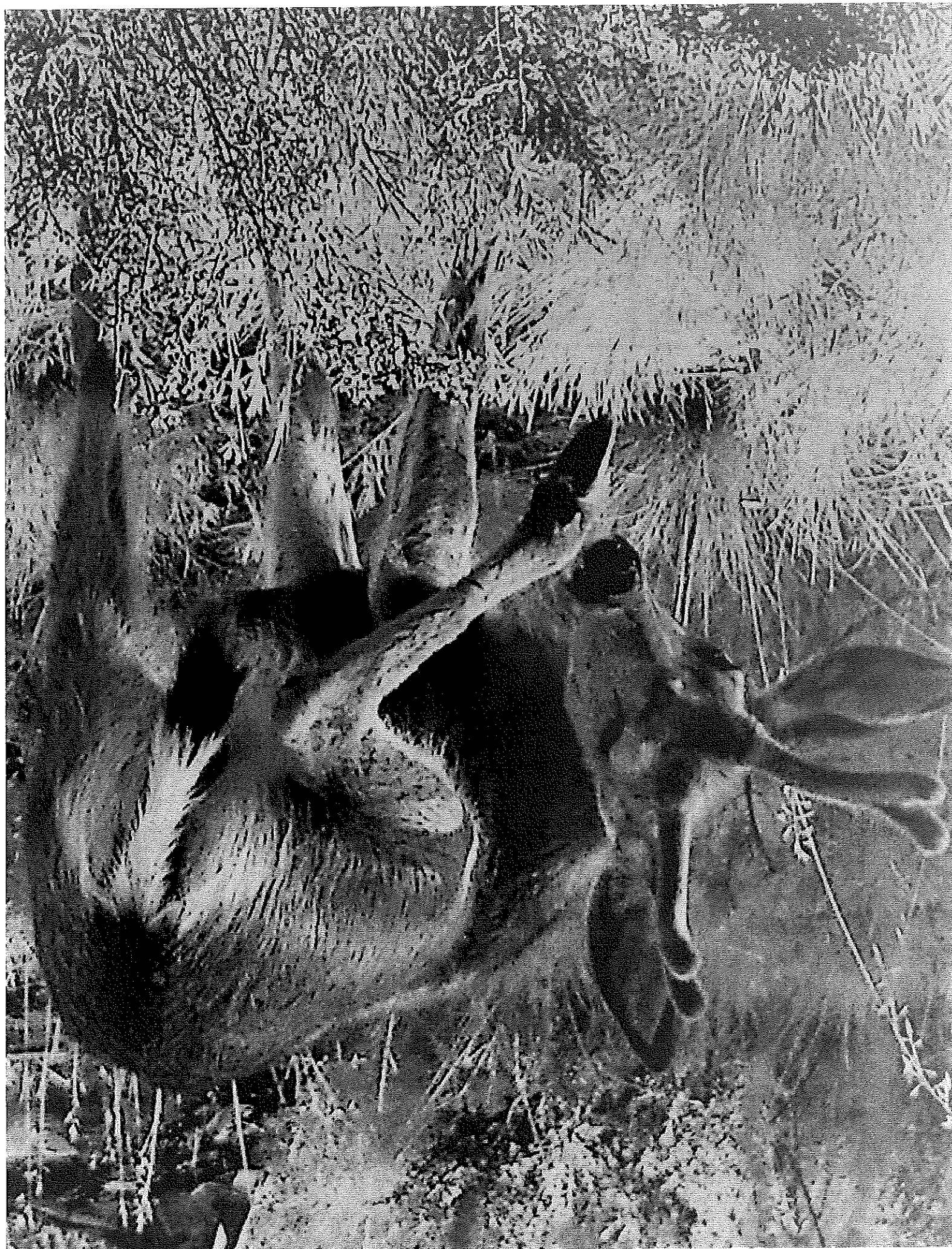
What you all are allowing to happen isn't sustainable, like allowing over 3000 cougars beyond the holding capacity of Oregon is just nuts!

I don't envy you commissioners, this has got to drive you all insane, if it doesn't, you should resign!
Merry Christmas!

Mike Martell







Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: New e-process

From: Donna Hanks <hanksmyrrtlewood@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2018 8:37 AM

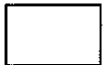
To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: New e-process

hello, i will keep this as professional as i can. 40 plus years ago your department had a full page in the hunting regulations devoted to the plight of the mule deer. In the same article your department urged western hunters to stay home and hunt the blacktail deer, that same year your department issued 500 doe tags for the sixes unit, your department still issues 100 plus per year. I have seen a steady decline of the blacktail deer here every year, and 40 years later have your mule deer numbers returned to the numbers from the 1960s? I realize that predators have a huge affect on deer and elk numbers, but you as the professionals in charge of the welfare of the wildlife in Oregon need to stand up and voice your professional opinion and not allow politics or the voting public to tell you what you can do. My family roots in the sixes unit go back over 100 years, as a young boy growing up here we had great deer numbers, I used to go out just to count deer with my cousins, very common to see 70 plus blacktail per day, today you wouldn't see 10 on a good day. I know your department has many reasons to explain this problem, here is the real problem doe/spike tags for blacktail deer, bear numbers up/ no hounds allowed, cougar numbers up/ no hounds allowed. unless of course you are a government hunter who can use all means available to hunt and kill bear and cougar, and then use there kill numbers to count towards the sportsmen quotas. i know your department would like to use habitat as a reason for low numbers, logging and the regrowth of new vegetation is the greatest thing possible for blacktail deer, with today's better logging practices we should have deer everywhere. ok almost done bending your ear, what do you mean the meat of cougar not be saved!! that makes it a varmint not a big game animal. i have lived in the sixes unit my entire 61 plus years, if you would like to know why you are now hearing from me, it is the fact that you have changed your format regarding hunter information,new tag requirements, now that your department had everyone used to the system you change the game, i wonder how many people will be penalized for failing your new system, apparently a ball point pen is now essential hunting equipment. maybe a camo pen would be a good money maker. ok i have more to say , i hope something happens so i don't have to sit at this computer again for another 50 years.

thanks

ron hanks



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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Big game management

From: Richard Lawrence <richardlawrence27@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 6, 2019 11:00 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Big game management

I have a question, why are deer and elk numbers suffering and our cougar numbers are probably at a all time high? We as hunters pay a ridiculous amount of money to you guys to manage our wildlife,yet we go out and kill ourselves physically and financially trying to find one legal animal to try to harvest and we are lucky to even see one legal animal. I have lived in Oregon and hunted and fished my entire life and it used to be a premier state for hunting and fishing but every year it gets more expensive and there are more regulations to prevent you from being successful and more laws for people to break which means more money in the state's pockets. Hunting and fishing is a god given right to us human beings that shouldn't be regulated by money.I feel odfw is not managing our deer and elk population the right way, the population should be much higher and the cougar population should be much lower, and where I live you can't even go in to the woods anymore because there all locked up.so if there are hardly any animals to hunt and it's expensive and you have nowhere to hunt because it's all locked up and there are so many laws and restrictions your scared to even try to hunt, I beg the question IS IT WORTH IT FOR PEOPLE TO EVEN HUNT ANYMORE. I think these are questions odfw should seriously consider and most importantly FIX so that Oregon can once more be a premier place to hunt fish and live. I think if things don't change for the better people should stop buying there license and tags, because the only thing that will spark change is hurting the pockets of the people in charge. Hunting and fishing should be fun cheap, people shouldn't feel like they might be breaking a law because there's to many to keep track of,and the animals and fish should be plentiful. We the hunters and fishermen would love to help and give our input but the people in charge have to make the changes.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: New Tag and License System

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

From: msmorehead@frontier.com <msmorehead@frontier.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 1:13 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: New Tag and License System

Sirs,

I am a lifetime resident of Oregon and have hunted and/or fished here for 62 of those 68 years. To be blunt and to the point; I think your new system is the worst idea you have come up with to date. For those 62 years, I could keep everything needed for hunting and fishing, in my billfold. As long as I had my billfold, I was in business. Since I do not use a "smart phone", that has all changed. Now I have to find a way to protect from the weather three full sheets of typing paper. Folded together, even trimmed, they do not fit into my billfold! I am wondering what will happen to those documents after months of being packed around in my front pocket or in my pack with all the other things in there.

I would also express my extreme dissatisfaction to what is happening to our deer herds in Eastern Oregon. I about fell out of my chair when I read an article in the La Grande Observer a few months ago with some "expert" saying that a possible reason for the decline of our deer herds was that the cow elk were killing the fawns to protect the calves. I about choked! You got to be kidding! Anyone that pins it on anything other than 1) predators and 2) over hunting, is delusional. I work in the woods of Eastern Oregon, mainly Wallowa, Union, and Baker counties, and I can tell you there are but a small fraction of the deer there were in the 60's, 70's and 80's. Talk to the loggers, the ranchers, and those that make a living in the woods, and see what they see. Using your own information about the cougars in this state, how many game animals are taken by the cougar alone? Now throw in bears, coyotes, wolves, hunters, cars on highways, and winter kill. It is a wonder we have anything left. I have not purchased a deer tag for the last several years. I simply do not feel like supporting an organization that mismanages a resource as badly as you do. Feel free to respond if you feel I am wrong.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Draw Tag system

From: trace moorhead <tslesquire@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 4:24 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Draw Tag system

Has there been any talks about reforming the draw system in Oregon to alleviate point creep and increase hunter participation? I know that there are many hunters like myself that have more points than what are needed for many hunts, but will not likely ever draw the long awaited hard to draw hunts. Would it be feasible to implement a system where a hunter can draw tag without losing all of his/her points? For example, I have 10 points for elk, I don't really want use 10 points to draw an elk tag that is guaranteed with 3, perhaps a change can be made where in that case I draw the tag and only use the max points plus 1? If I were able to draw a tag that was guaranteed to draw with 3 and used 4 of my 10 to draw it I would be more likely to utilize the points I have saved up.

I look forward to hearing from you.

v/r

Trace SL Moorhead

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Your losing hunters at a rapid pace

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

From: Kayla Sheard <kect33@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 10:54 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Your losing hunters at a rapid pace

The department has chosen to side with NON hunting extremist groups for many years now. If you don't believe that you are not in the hunting loop and are probably not even a hunter yourself. Your lack of effort in combating things like predators to save our elk and deer numbers is just one piece of evidence that you don't care for the hunters, the hunters that are buying tags every year and are only seeing a decline in their hunting opportunities. This is why many hunters are choosing to stop hunting all together or to spend there money in other states. Your management or lack of management is what is directly effecting these hunters aka license and tag buyers to make this choice. I the hunters, the people that are paying to play are fed up with taking a back seat to people that do not pay to play. Start making decisions that make your paying customers happy or all your going to end up with is the extremists that only choose to sue the department.

From a very irritated and forgotten about, tag and license purchasing HUNTER!!!
Alec Sheard

Sent from my iPad

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: New businesses

From: Richard Preston <yertbum765098@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 9:04 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: New businesses

I'm 67 and went bowhunting. Because my unit did not allow orv quads or cycles I was really worried about how to get the meat out.

We need a program where local orv owners can certify for meat pack out in all areas. No bows or forearms. Only confirmed kill meat pack out by a certified business.

My bosses friend is rich and in his 60s. Killed a 6x7 bull over by Wallowa Lake far up a canyon. He hired a helicopter to fly it out. I cant do that. If I kill an elk it's going to be hell to get it out before it spoils. It is a form of age discrimination that forces old guys out of hunting because they cant get the meat out.

I am in favor of closing roads during hunting seasons. I had 10 quads come through my old hunting camp before the season. Now I have to walk in 3 miles and up a steep grade to the saddle I hunted in the 70s. Imagine an old fart getting an elk out. You get it. Let's get some business going out of these closures.

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Big Game Review Phase 3

Categories: Red Category

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From: Craig <craig1945@centurylink.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2019 5:45 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: Curt Melcher <curt.melcher@state.or.us>; Nick Myatt <Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us>
Subject: Fw: Big Game Review Phase 3

Dear Commissioners,

An additional thought – if ODFW can't or doesn't want to use an existing hunting forum to solicit public involvement in the big game regulation review project, ODFW might consider establishing a forum on the ODFW web site specifically to allow the public to suggest Phase 3 regulatory concepts for your consideration.

Craig Starr

From: Craig
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2019 12:27 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: Curt Melcher ; Nick Myatt
Subject: Big Game Review Phase 3

Dear Commissioners,

Some of you may have recognized that I attended a portion of your Commission meeting yesterday. I was there primarily to listen to Nick Myatt's presentation regarding ODFW's project to review and update the big game hunting regulations.

One of the major concerns I've had with Phases 1 and 2 of the project has been the decided lack of public input opportunity in the initial development of the proposals that go to you. In effect, the Phase 1 and 2 proposals were developed virtually entirely by ODFW staff with no effective opportunity for public input. Once the proposals were developed by staff and reviewed with you, they were presented publically through the big game public meetings. At that point, any public comment was entirely reactive and there was no opportunity for the public to offer other concepts for your consideration. ODFW staff has indicated to me that the big game public meetings provide the opportunity for "public involvement", but I would argue that a process that prevents consideration of concepts that might be suggested by the public is a completely ineffective way of providing real public involvement.

I attended your meeting yesterday in hope that I might hear that there would be an effective opportunity for the public to be involved in development of the critical Phase 3 concept proposals. Unfortunately, my hope was not fulfilled. While I appreciate that ODFW will be having a consultant (??) prepare a survey to be sent to a significant number of Oregon hunters as part of Phase 3, the fact is that 2,000 surveys will reach only about 1-percent, more or less, of Oregon hunters. That may well be a statistically valid sample for a general attitude survey of Oregon hunters, but I find it impossible to believe that the survey will be detailed enough to solicit specific regulatory concepts that might be offered by hunters through a broader outreach effort. If not, Phase 3 will be yet another instance where the concepts you get to consider will be only those developed by ODFW staff, not concepts desired by Oregon's public hunters.

I know that soliciting public involvement for something as complex as Phase 3 of the regulation simplification project used to require an imposing and often expensive effort. However, in today's internet environment, there are several hunting forums where the opinions of and suggestions from hunters can readily be solicited with little effort or expense. On iFish Hunting, for example, there was a post titled "iFish think tank – specific suggestions for ODFW" that had over 200 comments/suggestions last I checked some months ago. As is often the case, a lot of the comments on that thread were "garbage" in my opinion, but there could be a few "gems" that should be considered by your ODFW staff. Use of iFish Hunting or other internet hunting forums by ODFW to solicit specific regulatory suggestions for consideration in Phase 3 could be more effective in generating concepts than a thread initiated by an individual, especially if ODFW "advertised" the comment/suggestion opportunity with a new release so that it reached many of Oregon's hunters. As an added benefit, ODFW might even get a few positive "points" for actively asking for public input rather than being criticized for failing to reach out to 99-percent of Oregon's hunters through the survey.

Craig Starr

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: The current state of archery hunting

From: Scott Radke <oilburner@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 9, 2019 12:04 PM

To: ODFW Commission <ODFW.Commission@coho2.dfw.state.or.us>; odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: The current state of archery hunting

The ODFW commission,

I'm writing this letter to vent my frustrations. As a man whose been hunting, fishing, and enjoying the wealth of nature his entire life I have tremendous respect for all that it offers. My topic here will be focused on archery hunting large game and the downward slide I've been seeing it take.

I'm not one to voice my opinion loudly and it took multiple events of frustration to push me far enough to do it. I'll start by saying I have significant respect for the archery guys who go out and hunt their method correctly. My gripe lies with those who try to cut corners, take poor shots, cripple animals, and don't put out adequate effort to try to recover them.

For the last few years I've been hunting the coast general rifle bull elk season. I hunt with a large group of folks who are quite successful nearly every year. Of the 16 bulls I've been involved with the harvest and cut up of in the past three years we have found pieces of arrows or broad heads in 4 of them and a wound characteristic of an arrow wound in a fifth. That's right, a full 25% of the bulls we harvested in the past three years had arrows in them. Now I don't know how this number relates to other hunting areas/units but to me it feels incredibly excessive.

My second example is an eastern Oregon mule deer hunt I was on in 2015. The area I was hunting was desert ground adjacent to some farm ground. It is an area I know well and have hunted since 2000. This particular year there were 3 forked horn bucks in the area all limping on a front shoulder. 2 of them still had arrow shaft visibly protruding from the wound. Now because rifle buck season is only a couple weeks after bow season these were relatively fresh wounds. There's a chance they could heal up and the animals survive. For this reason I did not want to harvest one. That in combination with the possibility the wound could be infected and the animal running a fever in which case none of the meat would be good. I hunted around these three deer for nearly a week before I harvested my buck and went home.

My third example is not a first hand account but rather a story I read online last night. I'll post a link below as well as copy and paste the story in for you to read. To sum it up it's the story of an archery hunter who gets a shot at a bull at last light. He takes a shot at an estimated 50 yards and sees what he thinks is blood on the bulls off side as he walks away. At this point he makes no effort to pursue the bull he's just shot but rather leaves to return in the morning. Perhaps there is nothing illegal about this action, but it is in my view incredibly unethical. A 50 yard bow shot is long to begin with, combined with that being an "estimated" range and leaving a whole dead animal out through the night in warm bow season weather. I can't say if the meat was spoiled for not being able to cool, but I'd guess that it was. Read the story below, or here:

<https://www.ifish.net/board/showthread.php?t=1580669>

I'd like to tell you I have a grand plan that could eliminate all of the fuzzy edges of archery hunting today, unfortunately that's not the case. I just wanted to share some stories to shed some light on what I view as a growing problem. Archery technologies have dramatically improved over the last two decades and that coupled with your policies have led to far more inexperienced archers in the field taking reckless shots. The technology isn't going away so I hope there's some policy change that can be made to address some of these issues.

Thank you for your time,
-Scott Radke
oilburner@gmail.com

Story copied from ifish.com:

"It's been awhile since I've posted here. I'm not really sure how to post pictures. So the story goes something like this. We worked our way with good wind down this draw into a group of elk. I had my partner stay back and cow call as I worked my way closer bugling randomly and aggressively. I got within 60 yds of the group with my partner about 50 yds behind me cow calling. I bugled one more time and here came the lead cow with about 4 other cows. I ranged them at 40 yds. They were feeding from my right to my left down the hill. I turned and bugled one more time and here came a bull, a small 5. I drew and he came out at what I guessed 50 yds. Settled my pin on him and let it fly. This was all at last light in tall timber. The bull whirled and headed down hill. I was looking through my range finder and when he turned I could see blood on his offside, high and back. Damnit! He kept working his way down over a knoll and I guessed probably 60-70 yds and I lost sight of him. I marked my spot, got back with my partner and we headed out. I was very unconfident on my shot and didn't sleep a wink that night.

We headed in at first light and made it to where I shot from. I stayed there and pointed my partner in the direction the bull had went. My partner made it about 60 yds down the hill and over the knoll and yelled "hey come down here". I sprinted down the hill and here laid this bull.

Everything I had seen through my rangefinder was wrong.

There was no blood on the offside. I had double lunged him with my arrow sticking dead center in the off side rib. He went about 40 ft, not 70 yds. And he was a whopper 7x7, not a small 5! He was dead before we reached the top of the ridge. Was another great hunt in God's country."

Sent from my iPad

Subject: FW: Predators on land and in water

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

From: Kayla Sheard <kect33@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 11:32 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Predators on land and in water

I'm writing you today because I like most all sportsman and women are so tired of the lack of common sense that is used in the management of our game animals and game fish!!!

Let's start with the salmon. There are many many things that are not in our control that contribute to a healthy salmon run. But there are many things we can do and are in our control that for some reason the department refuses to do. There shouldn't have be an act of Congress to kill a sea lion this is stupid the head fisheries biologist should take a boat ride in the lower river and have the ability to make that call immediately for the removal of Sea Lions to save our salmon it's even harder on our salmon On late cold springs like this year and last year. The salmon migration is all about the water they know Spring has not sprung yet therefore they are waiting in the lower river much longer time than the average year and the longer they spend on the dinner table of the sea lions the less fish we get to fish for. You would think with all the millions and millions of taxpayer dollars that go into the salmon runs this would be a simple and swift decision that would've made been made years ago.yes you're probably going to tell me there is a bill that has went to Washington DC and has to be approved by a whole bunch of people that have never caught a salmon. The fact that someone on the East Coast in a suit and tie looking down their nose at all of us gets to make that decision is retarded it should be from a caring fish biologist that wants what's best for our river system.

Please if there was one thing you take from this letter it is that we all want to more fish,more fish keep us from fighting amongst each other. I want to troll back and forth twice between gillnets and get my limit. More fish demand more fish.

Now to the hills and mountains we love so much. I'm going to be talking mostly about our big three trophy elk hunting units the wenaha, Walla Walla and mt Emily.

As I'm sitting here writing this letter to you I can't help but feel the fact that me writing this letter or anyone else writing a letter has never done a damn thing. It's tough when we don't agree with the leadership and guidance of the department but it doesn't matter because it's

been proven time and time again in this state that a green tree hugging hippie has more pull on what goes on with our game fish and game animals than a license and tag buying sportsman. the sportsman are the first people you want money form to enjoy our wildlife but we are the last group to have our needs considered.

I'm sorry as I have ran out of time but in short the wolves that have been allowed into our state will eat our deer and elk to the point where the department will start reducing tag numbers for hunters. Again the sportsman looses. We are feed up with our wants taking back seats to people that dont buy tags or even live in the state.

Sorry for any mistakes in this, it was voice txt will driving tractor.

Please feel free to cantact me any time.
Alec Sheard 541-215-5158

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Director's Office

To:
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RE: Hunting and some Fishing

Dear Curt

Where should I start? I'm 70 pushing hard on 71 a vet, I love the outdoors and am still active. I've been in Oregon since 1985 a NW Native since 1948. I've been a hunter for approximately 34 years, Rifle, Muzzleloader and Archery.

I used to love to fish but have all but given that up the main reason being the ridiculous lists of regulations, such as you can fish from the red barn to the bridge and can only use spinners and of course no barbed hooks etc. etc. etc.

The same goes for big game hunting when you publish a 104 page synopsis with more intricate regulations and extremely detailed hunt units that take a cartographer to figure out. To add to that you letting the Cougars and the Wolves take more game than most hunters. Every year we see less game than the past and pay more to see and harvest less. Let's face it as a businessman you've got less to sell and have decided that you'll not only raise the price of the product but restrict access to what you have. Just as a side note I have more deer every day in my backyard that I see in a week over east out of John Day.

I have heard from some of your folks at the Sportsman's Show that at least you're looking into simplifying the unit descriptions that is a step in the right direction but only a small step. The whole organizational system needs an overhaul, I know your all state employees and change for the good of the public isn't in your deck of cards since you all will get your check every pay period regardless of how badly you manage or mismanage your resource.

Your hunting and fishing basis is shrinking and you know it, us "baby boomers" are steadily dropping out and the new generations are not nearly as interested as we were. It all boils down to Shrinking animal resource, Shrinking human hunting and fishing resource, steadily rising prices and ridiculous regulations.

On another subject, but related to mismanagement, last year I sent in a poaching report for the Malheur unit pin pointing 3 groups of illegal hunters last names, and their "traditional" hunting camps their exact locations where in each camp with some 10 to 15 people, all hunt Elk, (second season mostly) plus Deer, Cougar and Bear and have done so in these camps for many years to the point that they "claim" these camp sites as their own. You and I know that everyone in the camp couldn't have drawn tags; in fact I know for sure they don't. Everyone hunts regardless and when one downs an animal they "call" it in and tag it or not... Not fair for the legal hunters is it?

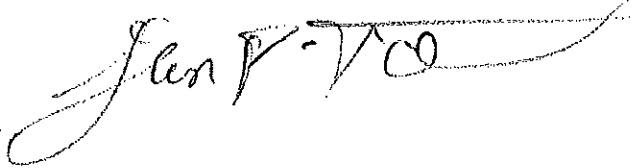
I sent in the report and until I approached the Oregon State Patrol at the Sportsman's Show this year was anything done about it. Just a couple of weeks ago, I got a call from a deputy from the John Day area and he indicated that the report must have gotten "lost" in the three groups that have jurisdiction for that area. I was assured that they would look into it this next year. My thought is it's a "good ole boy" situation but that remains to be seen.

In summation: I know this might seem ridiculous but your organization needs some layman public input to straighten out the issues and simplify the regulations and god forbid, lower the costs of the entire program.

I for one and many others are seriously looking at going to other states in the west where things are a lot more simplified and harvest numbers are much, much better and our hunting dollar goes a lot farther even at out of state license and tag prices.

Sincerely,

Glen P. Tarilton
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Glen P. Tarilton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Who It May Concern:

I am Savanna Vitek.

As you know the mule deer population is suffering. (Oregon Mule...) When you go out onto public land you will see no to very little deer. It may take hours of if not days to find a doe or buck. It takes a hard hunting person to find a mule deer. As the regulations state, in controlled 100 Series Hunts mule deer bag limit is one deer with visible antler. (Oregon Big...)

According to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in the year 2009 there were reportedly 148 mule deer killed in the Steens Mountain Unit, 140 mule deer killed in Warner Unit, 467 mule deer killed in Murderers Creek Unit, 120 mule deer killed in Maury Unit, and 673 mule deer killed Malheur River Unit. These deer where all killed during the 2009 rifle seasons. (Stats Book...) With a suffering population that is a bountiful amount of deer killed. Along with legal hunters taking their share, we have the illegal hunters, winter natural kill, roadkill, and predator kill. Some actions are difficult to control for example: illegal hunters, winter kill, predator kill and unpreventable roadkill. (Mule Deer...) What I am proposing is that we change is legal kill tags from visible antler units to three point or better units.

Aside from the tag numbers, the number of deer hit on the highway is ample. In the year 2016 the month of November 1,160 deer hit and in the month of October there were 1,052 deer hit, and there was just 377 deer reportedly hit in December. (Wildlife-vehicle...) Like in Bend, Oregon there are corridors for deer where ODOT built for the deer during migration periods. Migration periods for deer are stats around mid- October, which is time where plenty of people travel. Deer migration is important, because the deer come down from the higher elevations into their low elevation winter habitats. (ODOT Warns...)

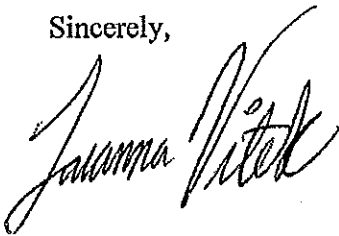
The number of mule deer killed between hunting seasons and winter kill (natural and predator) may be. As I found on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website is the 2016 Deer Winter Population for the Oregon Mule Deer Initiative Units (Maury Unit, Murderer's Creek

Unit, Steens Mountain Unit, Warner Unit, and Heppner Unit).(Whittaker) In 2011 100 Series Hunts the amount of deer killed in the mule deer initiative units is the following: In the Warner unit there were 158 mule deer killed, Maury unit 144 mule deer were killed, Steens Mountain unit 170 mule deer killed, Heppner Unit 1,050, and Murderers creek there were 933 deer killed. (2011 Eastern...)

You may be thinking that making 100 Series mule deer hunts all three point or better tags is a little much. There is an option to rotate three point or better tags around from unit to unit, or making alternating years. Some may say we should not hunt deer at all. That I disagree with some families use hunting for food, is a part of culture, and a tradition to most.

With making 100 series mule deer hunts three point or better units there would be no obligation to drop tag numbers and raising price. The deer can survive for future hunters, biologist, and nature observers, but only if we work together and make changes. This is possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Savanna Vitek". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Savanna Vitek

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 3:09 PM
To: Thomas Thornton; Derek J Broman
Cc: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Oregon

PC

From: Mike Martell
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 7:21 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; Thomas Thornton ; Kevin Blakely ; REP SPRENGER ; Shannon Hurn ; rep.bradwitt@state.or.us; derek.j.broman@state.or.us; Steve Niemela
Subject: Oregon

Greetings

While we're on the subject of ODFW's blatant discrimination towards minority hound hunters and trappers, I find the following ironic and calculated.

The \$25 penalty was put in place by the Fish and Wildlife Commission in October 2012 because although reporting has been "mandatory" since 2007, just 41 percent of tags were reported by the deadline in 2011. At this low rate, the data provided was not statistically sound.

After the penalty was announced, reporting rates went from about 40 percent to an average of 80-85 percent for deer and elk tags. This also includes bear, cougar and turkey.

The same problem persist in reporting furbearer mammal annual harvest, back when ODFW was located on Cherry avenue, I attended a Commission meeting where Retired Admin. Anglin explained the model for reporting and in this meeting, the game commission established a fine penalty for failure to report set at \$50.00, this predated the big game reporting mandate and ODFW declined to make reporting 100% of Oregon harvest equally while 100% of the bobcat jaws are required to be turned in before one hide can be sold, remember the cities law? I understand this includes all furbearers, unlike what the Commission was led to believe in the meeting in Salem about five years ago, where you Mr. Thornton attempted to take away 40% or two of the five eastern bobcats based on incomplete data, data you had but didn't bother to bring along to this particular Commission meeting, you just took it upon yourself to attack trappers and hound hunters by eliminating two eastern bobcats.

Overview, you don't report your elk-deer-bear-cougar and turkey harvest you're fined \$25.00. You don't report your fur harvest, you're fined \$50.00. Here's a golden opportunity for ODFW to do the right thing and make another \$25.00. You can fine the big game hunters another \$25.00 and boom! no more discrimination towards the minority user group! I'm not the one who started this.....I'm just sick and tired of ODFW's blatant attacks on hound hunters and trappers and will keep pointing out the obvious until you quit doing what you do best. Remember, the measure 18 ban had nothing to do with growing and expanding the Federal Government as you have articulately done. My Linn County is a beaming example of tax payers funding USDA in their annual budget meetings, where checks are cut to USDA for hounds and snares, while fleecing the timber producers on top of that, these timber producers pay for their services by the acre, while you use our sport hunter dollars to process snared bears on timber lands, we sport hunters now pay a lease fee to access! In the Linn County cougar town hall meeting, I spoke with CTC's forester Bill Marshall, Bill told me it took around one million dollars to

facilitate the snare program, his words, not mine, and you have to ask why sport hunting is in decline? You wonder why sport hunters are fed up?

All this corporate welfare needs to cease in Oregon. Laws are on the books under the cougar management plan, the legislature was very clear when they answered your call ODFW, they passed, 89 of the 90 present, your wish for the agent bill was granted. I'll remind you one more time, where do you think Oregon's cougar population would be if only you did what the legislature gifted you with the original HB 2971? Instead, you spent 310 K to hire USDA to eradicate 101 cougar, that started the first cougar bill campaign in 2011. All that's been deflected by ODFW, safe to say the attack in Zigzag is a direct result of your negligence and failed management. OAR 496.012 is CRYSTAL clear!

Apparently, it's more monetarily beneficial to cling to 60,000 OTC cougar tags and refuse to obey your own laws and manage wildlife, you can make the argument, now can't you? I'm fed up 100% with Commissioners Nyquist-Tucker and Lindsey promoting and funding USDA while Nyquist tells me he's done with me! These people work for us, not the other way around! The intent of sport hunting across the Nation was based on sport hunters and NOT government, remember the Pittman-Robertson act and where our dollars from related purchases go?. You can destroy the sport hunter side and expand the Government all you desire, this isn't the solve all solution as you are finding out, you were gifted with sport hunters and failed to act, so please don't think Williams is going to hire more USDA agents to fill the sport hunter void here in Oregon. Remember why USDA was established? I don't have a problem with these guys running hounds in select situations, the original intent of USDA was trapping, trapping! .

Oregon should not become another California, where a citizen can't have in your home a cougar killed in another State, while it's citizens fund 100% bear and cougar hounds of USDA Aphis Wildlife Services. 100% socialized government hound hunting by definition, isn't it! I'm also sick and tired of reading about the greatest lion hounds in the world being trained in California, pretty sure if a guy had the same resources as USDA, we too could own great hounds! Now, California is wanting to expand sport hunter participation.....You can also make the same argument in both States, laws are on the books to manage wildlife by an overwhelming support and majority, even those who oppose all hunting agreed as a majority, all wildlife will be managed!

Mike Martell

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:47 AM
To: Thomas Thornton; Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Oregon Big Game Preference Point Allocation

BG PC

From: Carl Eckhold
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:43 PM
To: odfw.comment@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Oregon Big Game Preference Point Allocation

Good day.

My name is Carl Eckhold and I am an Oregon resident that enjoys hunting and fishing in this great state. The reason for this email is I have an idea for our preference point system. Every year we as hunters put in for hunts and use or add to our preference points that we have. The issue I see for long term is point creep on many Oregon hunts that take many points and seem to go up every year with no end in site. As hunters attempt to acquire these high point draw units the numbers continue to grow for the amount of points it takes to draw these coveted tags. Also the number of preference points we acquire as hunters increases as well.

I may be have an idea to give a little relief to this problem. It will not solve this problem but may slow it down.

I will make up an example of my idea.

Let's say that a hunter has 15 points for elk. This hunter has exceeded the point level needed to draw several lesser units in Oregon that take 7 to 8 points to draw. This hunter is saving for a prized hunt unit, let's use an example of the Wenaha unit. This hunter would need nearly 20 points to draw this hunt. As the hunter saves the points for this hunt the demand for the hunt goes up higher every year making it almost impossible to get this tag. Now you have a hunter with lots of points and now not willing to cash in these points for a lesser tag that only takes 7 to 8 points.

But if a hunter could allocate some of there points towards a hunt without losing all of there points this person would be willing to reduce there point level which would make the point creep slow down or stop.

Now if a hunter with 15 points could allocate 8 points towards a lesser hunt it would allow the hunter to still save 7 points saved and draw a hunt that requires less points.

Not many hunters are willing to dump 15 points on a hunt that takes 8. They feel that by doing so they would be wasting the extra 7 points. So the end result is they keep going after the higher end tags and as a result keep pushing up the point creep.

I think with the ability to allocate some of your points towards tags we could reduce down point creep. We will still have high demand tags but we could manage an ongoing growing problem.

I don't know if this makes any sense but it is possibly worth a try.

Thank you for your time.

Carl Eckhold
(541) 974-1350

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Subject: FW: Deer counts?

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

From: Dan Hamrick <oryotebuster@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7:59 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Deer counts?

Hi,

I'm writing this letter in regards to my concern for our east Oregon Deer herds. Management units. Interstate, Warners, beauty's buttte, wagontire, juniper . I would love to see in accurate deer count on what the biologist think fawn survival rate and Buck to doe ratios are in these units, and how many deer there are per square mile. With my job working in the BLM and forest service ground on a daily basis, I have seen a dramatic decrease in the deer herds the last five years. My concern is why the deer tag numbers continue to stay where they're at and we have not seen a big decrease in the amount of deer tags issued yearly? let's take the interstate unit for example, 1700 some rifle tags plus you have over-the-counter general archery tags, then you have 35 muzzle loader tags that are either sex and then on top of that you have the late interstate youth deer tag that allows hunting these bucks in the rut that has been pounded for the last 15 years straight, not rotated to another unit. I just cannot figure out how you guys figure the deer herds can sustain with this kind of hunting pressure. At what point do we start managing the deer herds instead of a check book??? I have yet to talk with a sportsman that is not concerned for our deer herds. Most if not all units should have the tags cut in half at the very minimum.

Thanks for your time

Dan Hamrick

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 10:48 AM
To: Derek J Broman; Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Cougar population in Steens

From: jim ball
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:59 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Cougar population in Steens

To whom it may concern I just read about ODFW taking 60 cougars out of the Steens which I applaud; but why is the state and eventually the hunters and Fisher men and women paying the bill. Have you given thought to a lottery where dog hunters can get a tag and the use there dogs and charge a fee for a hunter? Everyone wins, the state makes money, the task is done at no cost to the state and happy hunters and dog runners get their goals met. As of three years ago I began hunting out of state on a regular basis due to the quality I find elsewhere. Each year I hunt and fish less in Oregon due to your failing success of wildlife management. I personally am not a dog hunter but I would appreciate a serious consideration of my simple idea.

3-22-2019

Attn: Wildlife Commissioners

ODF&W wants to set permanent dates for starting and ending of hunting seasons. Wayne Endicott wants your ideas on dates. One idea that was brought up is bowhunting starting Sept 1 to Sept 30 with rifle deer opening on Oct 1. I do not agree with this because of the following.

- A. Oct 1 is only one day after Bowhunters last week. You will have rifle hunters setting up their camps and sighting in their rifles.
- B. Rifle hunters will be bugling at bulls during bow season.
- C. It is better for wildlife to have a break and better for rifle hunters also.

My idea is bowhunting starts on Sept 1 to Sept 30. Rifle deer starts on Oct 7 or later.

You need to tell ODF&W what ideas you have.

Chuck Windy Lynde, 541-410-8031

E-Mail= windylynde@yahoo.com I also have been a Bowhunter for over 60 year.

To Whom:

We would like to thank all the Fish & Game Commissioners and ODF&W for not allowing crossbows into Bow Seasons. A lot of states back east lost a large percentage of their big bucks because you can shoot a crossbow at 100 to 200 yards.

Attached is a message from the president of PBS explaining that ATA (archery trade association) is now saying they were wrong to support crossbows and might reverse or reverse their opinion. Oregon is one of a few states that did not ok crossbows into bow seasons.

Chuck (Windy) Lynde 541-410-8031

PS: Also I'm concerned about the Airbow, which is a rifle that shoots an arrow.

Crossbows should be in rifle hunting or have there own season.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: E bikes

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

From: frank g silvani <frankieg1952@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 8:53 PM

To: ODFW Commission <ODFW.Commission@coho2.dfw.state.or.us>

Subject: E bikes

I wish you guys could get more roads open for us older guys that can't move like we we use too would be great

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Canyon Creek

From: Tom Vanasche <tomvanasche@me.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:37 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Canyon Creek

Dear Commissioners,

I heartily endorse the plan to allow the Canyon Creek hunting area to revert to the whole archery season of deer and elk being open to traditional [longbow, recurve and selfbow] only. It has a long and storied history in the annals of bowhunting. It was the second place in the USA that was set aside for bowhunting only. Many of the most famous pioneers of traditional bowhunting have hunted there, including Howard Hill, perhaps the most famous longbow hunter of all time. This would be a recruitment magnet for young traditional hunters, as the most common problem is "where can I hunt"? Recruitment of new hunters is the key to funding ODFW and this would definitely be a move in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Tom Vanasche M.D.

Board member of the Professional Bowhunter Society

P.S. This is also where I took my first elk 33 years ago. It is a special place.

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March 27 2019

Oregon Department OF Fish & Wildlife
Wild life Division
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR. 97302

Attn: Curt Melcher, Director

Sub: 2019 Big Game Hunting Regulations

On page 86 for unit 66 Malheur Country it states that "camping is prohibited" which does not make any sense to me and other hunters who have hunted this area for more than 60 years. My family and 4 generations have hunted there and camped up on the mountain.

The first owner we got to know was Mr. Tom Dowell and his wife. He was accommodating to all hunters as long as they respected areas marked "NO HUNTING". My family and friends always told the ranch foreman and helpers if they needed help with something we would do what ever we could to help. We did help on some occasions.

When Tom sold his ranch to the next two temporary people they did not last more than on year. They always told we could not hunt any where but we proved them wrong. They knew they were lying. We do not hunt on private land at any time.

Now we have the new owner Tree Top Ranch from Parma, Idaho. The main Tree Top Ranch in Princeton OR. Controls the farm operations on the Crowley Riverside.

In 2009 the Tree Top Ranch locked the gates on a BLM road and told us this was private land and they did not have to let us pass thru to drive up to our camping area. The road that they had locked was 7317-0-00 a BLM road. after I mailed a letter to Dept. State Lands in Bend ,Vale- and Salem they were instructed to not lock the gate.

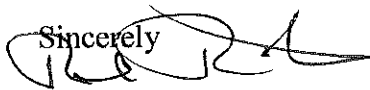
After thinking about the no camping issue it is clear that the Tree Top Ranch and other Ranchers located near by convenience the ODFW and maybe other State Divisions to not allow camping.

This is a very bad decision that will have a big effect on other hunters that come that area and my guess the number of Tags you would sell will drop by many which will affect your budget.

My question to you is our hunting regulations broken and the regulations have become too complex and impose a barrier to hunters. Ever year there are more bad more regulations. My thought is KEEP IT SIMPLE.

Don't let Big RICH Ranchers like Tree top Ranchers and small ones influence you with NO CAMPING.

My son and grand son and three friends said they would not go hunting in Malheur until this NO CAMPING IS REMOVED.

Sincerely


Richard Carter. Hunter ID 58589

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Proposed Commission Topics

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

From: Taylor Albertson <taylorpalbertson@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 9:00 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Proposed Commission Topics

Hello,

I can't make the upcoming commission meeting but I would like to throw out some ideas to discuss.

Could you please expand the Eagle Caps Wilderness muzzleloader elk hunt to include the entire wilderness area? Doing this would simplify boundaries. As of now, the hunt is only allowed in the wilderness portion Unit 60 (Minam). It would be nice if it would include the entire wilderness area that expands into Unit 61 (Imnaha) and Unit 63 (Keating) .

Another idea would be to have a controlled muzzleloader elk hunt in Unit 27 (Chetco) for Roosevelt elk hunting. It would be awesome to allow a traditional muzzleloader hunt within the boundaries of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area. This hunt could be in October, for a few weeks, before the two rifle seasons that run in November.

Thank you,

Taylor Albertson

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: The purposed hunts that are being discussed from 600 series to 100 series hunts that are for one deer are not fair for people that have spent 20 years or more putting in for the tag. Will they be able to transfer their points to 100 series, or did the

From: Jeff Pfau <jeffpfau63@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 5:31 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: The purposed hunts that are being discussed from 600 series to 100 series hunts that are for one deer are not fair for people that have spent 20 years or more putting in for the tag. Will they be able to transfer their points to 100 series, or did they...

Roxann B Borisch

From: Lane Rutz <lanejrutz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2019 2:01 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed Changes

To whom it may concern,

After reviewing the proposed changes, I believe it is in the best interests of ODFW to leave the 600 series hunts 644A3, 649B, 655A as is. Many hunters, myself included, are not close enough to drawing one of these hunts by 2021, but do have a significant amount of time invested in waiting for the tag. I personally have no interest in killing a antlerless deer, and have only applied the last 7 years for a 600 series hunt because I want the opportunity to draw 644A3. Transitioning it to a 100 series would make those points largely worthless to me.

I hope that ODFW takes this into consideration.

Thank you,
Lane Rutz

Roxann B Borisch

From: Chuck Goss <chuck.j.goss@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 10:43 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Lengthen the Rocky Mountain bull elk seasons

Why are the bull elk seasons so short? If you increased the length of each season and kept the tag numbers the same you would provide a better hunting experience for all. Idaho, Montana and Wyoming all have seasons that are weeks long and seem to manage their herds well. Oregon seems to have trouble with cow/bull ratios, yet I don't see any changes until this year. Still no one addresses the incredibly short bull elk seasons.

Thank you
Chuck Goss

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Regarding one of the proposed changes...

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

From: Nick Myatt
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 8:31 AM
To: 'shovelor@gmail.com' <shovelor@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Regarding one of the proposed changes...

Jon:

Thank you for taking the time to email.

I wanted to let you know that based on informal Commission direction we have withdrawn our proposal to move 644A3 and two other hunts from the 600 series to the 100 series. So there is no longer any change proposed for 644A3.

Nick Myatt
Project Lead – Big Game Hunting Review
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
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-----Original Message-----

From: shovelor@gmail.com <shovelor@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 12:32 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Regarding one of the proposed changes...

ODFW commission members,

Please take the time to read this. I personally took the time to write it and I would be very appreciative if you dedicated a moment to listen to my concerns.

I am writing to you regarding one of the proposed big game changes for 2020 That personally affects me in a big way. The specific change I'm referring to is the one that will move all "any deer tags" from the 600 series to the 100 series.

My name is Jon Book and I live in Sherwood Oregon. I have lived in Oregon my entire life and have been hunting as well as supporting the system with my money since the age of 12. I have accumulated 22 points in the 600 series, which puts me at about 18 years old when I had the foresight to start applying for one of my dream hunts. Every year I have been putting in for hunt number 644A3, Not a point saver... But actually putting in for the hunt. According to my calculations and after looking at the statistics book I will be "possibly" drawing this hunt in 5 years and guaranteed in 9 years. A lot of thought and trust in the system has gone into my applications and a lot of my hard earned dollars have been spent in hopes of one day realizing this dream opportunity.

In the 600 series, there are zero hunts that require the number of points that I have accumulated. If you are to vote to move this hunt from the 600 series to the 100 series not only will I lose out on this opportunity of a hunt I have been waiting over two decades for, but the points that I have tallied up over the years will become absolutely worthless. I can draw any of the hunt that will remain only with a handful of points. Now I will be forced to use all 22 points for a tag I could have drawn with 5, as well as lose countless years of the draw and many opportunities where I could've been hunting other units instead of saving up for this one.

I have closely read the reasoning for this change, and can come up with no other explanation then it is a "system clean up", having absolutely nothing to do with number of tags, hunting opportunity, or game management. I can assure you that this is a tough pill to swallow.

At the very least even if this decision has to be made, there should be some consideration to allowing hunters in my position to transfer preference points to another series so that we feel that our money spent over the last 20 years has not gone to waste.

I know that you have a full schedule, countless issues to deal with, and plenty on your plate, but if you could take just a brief minute to send me an email letting me know that you understand my concerns and will consider my request, I would really appreciate it. And when you sit down to vote this change in, (or not) please remember my name, and remember that with a vote to push this through you have taken a little something away from me, something I have been anxiously awaiting since I was a kid.

I thank you for your service and I thank you for your time.

Jon Book - lifetime resident of Oregon and avid outdoorsman.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: 2020 Regulation concerns

From: Misty Fox <misty_fox_1977@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 3:23 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: 2020 Regulation concerns

The first issue on my mind is the First time hunter program... It is LONG overdue for a overhaul! Over the years I have struggled with my kids to get them tags through the first time hunter program. First off the hunters are for antlerless only so that reduces the number of hunts they can apply for... Then there's the minimum tag requirements numbers required to apply for the first time hunter program. The minimum tag numbers to apply knock off another large portion of hunts and hinders young hunters. Then the final few and far between hunts the young hunters are able to apply for are during times of the year that could make the unit unexcessable or dangerous do to weather on top of being so far away from ones home area. Having to travel a hundred miles or more to hunt an eligible hunt is a burden on the family. We need to redo the entire first time program and make more hunting opportunities for our young people. They should come first before all others especially non residents! Providing for our future generations is not and should not be about much money is brought in do to tag, license and application sales.

Another issue. I recently seen a article that said there was thoughts on allowing hunters to harvest spike bucks during general seasons.... And I can't think of a more disasterous way to really hurt our deer population.... I have never been a fan of killing spike bucks. The forked antler rule should be statewide and spike bucks taken off the doe tag bag limit. Then and only then maybe our deer populations have a fighting chance at gaining some ground since our state has refusal to manage predators properly. ODFW really dropped the ball in providing sound evidence to the public when the hound and bait ban was up for consideration. And the State agency should be strung up for allowing the ILLEGAL introduction of the wolves!

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michael Scott <mvsctt1984@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2019 8:24 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Fishing

I buy a sports pack every year, all i keep seeing is increases in pricing and worse fishing and wildlife harvest. Especially in the salmon and steelhead fishing on every water way flowing to the Columbia river. Let alone the buck and elk harvest. I hate to admit it but 23 of the guys I fish and hunt with no longer hunt in this state, every year someone I know quits buying license and tags for oregon. I am on edge of joining them. The cost I spend on the sport packs for my family and camping to go hunting would about cover a trip out of state what I've seen from so many is much better hunting and fishing experience.

Roxann B Borisch

From: ODFW Commission
Subject: FW: Proposed Changes to 600 Series Hunts - Preference Points
Importance: High

From: John Duff
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 3:56 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed Changes to 600 Series Hunts - Preference Points

I have read through your proposed changes and for the most part I'm okay with them. Except for the 600 series hunts. I currently have "11" 600 series points and have been applying for #644A3 – Umatilla NWR #3. I have no desire to hunt a doe so using my 11 points on a doe hunt would be a waste for me. If these 600 series buck hunts do get combined with 100 series, then I would like to request that you give me the option of transferring my 600 series preference points to 100 series preference points so I do not lose the years and the money I invested in the 600 series hunts. Another option would be to track these points on the side and if I apply for a "former" 600 series hunt as my first choice on the new 100 series application, then I would use my 600 series points toward that application. If I apply for a regular 100 series hunt, then I would use my 100 series points which currently at 14.

Also, I would like to further understand why you are singling out the increase in tags on the West Blue Mountain unit? That seems incredibly unfair, especially for someone who has the LOP tag for that unit.

My overall concern is that I have spent a decent amount of money and 11 years applying for this particular 600 series hunt and now it feels you are taking away that investment I made.

Feel free to contact me with thoughts or questions. Thank you for your assistance.

John Duff
Cell: 541-490-0113

Establishing Equitability and Consistency in 600 Series Hunts

With the exception of special tags (premium hunts, auction/raffle, etc.) or major damage problems, the Department's intent is to provide hunters the opportunity to hunt or apply for one buck/either sex deer tag, one antlerless deer tag, and one elk tag each year. Through this review process, several outliers have been identified resulting in some hunters with multiple controlled hunting opportunities in a year while other hunters do not draw a tag. Hunts in the 600 series with a "one deer" bag limit result in some hunters having two buck hunts in one year.

The 600 series is referred to in the big game regulations as "Antlerless Deer" hunts and is intended to primarily be population control to address damage or hunts that harvest a population surplus. There are three controlled hunts (Umatilla NWR No. 3 – Hunt #644A3, W. Blue Mtn – Hunt #649B, and Orchards – Hunt #655A) in Umatilla/Sherman Counties that are highly sought buck hunts because they provide a hunter an opportunity to apply for and potentially hunt a second buck deer in a year. These hunts are viewed as quality hunting opportunities with high success rates and an opportunity to harvest a mature buck. In 2018, hunt 644A3, 649B, and 655A took 24, 8, and 13 preference points to draw, respectively.

Staff propose to move these three hunts to the 100 series starting in 2021. These changes would meet the intent of only providing one buck hunting opportunity per year and establish more consistency in the 100 and 600 series purpose and bag limits. There would also be significant tag increases and expanded hunt area for the W. Blue Mountain and Orchards hunts. Implementation of this proposed change would be delayed until 2021 to give additional notice to hunters who have been applying for these hunts.

If this change is implemented, there would continue to be two "one deer" bag limit hunts in the 600 series. The first is Willamette Unit (Hunt #615), which has a "one deer" bag limit from Sept. 1 – Feb. 29. The Willamette Unit is a deer "de-emphasis" area with abundant damage on private land. This damage includes damage from buck deer rubbing on nursery stock, orchards, Christmas trees and other trees. Due to the significant damage caused by buck deer in the unit, staff are not proposing a change to this hunt. The second instance are 600 series youth hunts with a "one deer" bag limit. Staff is not proposing a change to these hunts due to the priority of providing a variety of youth hunting opportunity to recruit new hunters.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: 600 series one deer changing to 100 series

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

From: Paul Anicker <paul.anicker1@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 9:57 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: 600 series one deer changing to 100 series

Changing the 600 series hunts that are currently one deer to 100 series is not fair to those of us who have saved up over 10 years trying to land the tag. Please leave the 600 series alone unless you plan to convert our 600 series points to 100 series so we are still Able to use our points we have saved for over ten years for the hunts!!! This proposed change is not fair!!!! Please take into consideration those hunters who have waited years to draw the 600 series one deer bag limit to land a trophy!!!

Paul Anicker

541-690-7707

Paul.anicker1@maul.com

Sent from my iPhone

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: 600 series change proposals

From: Heath&Brandi <wilcox03@charter.net>

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 8:06 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: 600 series change proposals

Hello, I do not agree or support the proposed 600 series changes. "Other eastern Oregon hunts in the 600 series that allow for buck harvest will be moved to the 100 series buck hunts for consistency and to more equitably distribute hunting opportunity by giving each hunter one buck hunting opportunity each year."

I have been putting in for 600 series tag for 22 years and for the commission to make changes now will impact my ability to draw this tag. I like the fact the 100 and 600 series is separated. If combined, I won't have the chance to put in for my family deer hunt and possible premium hunt "600" that I have been patiently waiting, for many years.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Deer hunting regulation proposed changes

From: dee dunaway <dddunaway57@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2019 9:07 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Deer hunting regulation proposed changes

Concerning the proposed changes to the Blacktail buck deer harvesting regulations.

I disagree with the reasons you are using to change buck harvest from a forked horn to a spike buck. You say there is an abundance of bucks in each hunt unit to validate this change. (YOU ARE WRONG)..Look at the hunt harvest ratio, this alone shows how low the harvest of bucks is, or go for a drive in the units, you will not see the quota that you are saying is out there. I have areas that I hunt that are behind locked gates year round and offer walk in hunting only, and yet there is only minimum sign of deer activity.

My opinion on these proposed regulation changes are that they are more about increasing revenue, not about increasing the harvest numbers for hunters. Also when you apply for hunts and do not draw any for 4 years or more, this will have hunters deciding that it is not worth the money being put out in the application process itself. So now you are losing more revenue just in the lost application fee's, this is why I say these changes are more about increasing your revenue income than increasing hunter opportunity.

Ronald W. Dunaway Jr.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject:

FW: Hunting

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

From: Curt Crawford <cnc541@centurytel.net>

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 2:31 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Hunting

You should let the people who hunt cascade elk to also hunt deer at the same time. You took 5 days off deer season quite a few years ago then if you hunt the cascade elk hunt you loose more days.

Curt

Subject: FW: Traditional Archery Hunting Seasons

From: Preston Taylor <trackforscience@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 10:25 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Cc: curt.melcher@state.or.us

Subject: Traditional Archery Hunting Seasons

Dear Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission,

My name is Preston Taylor. I live across the state border in Humboldt County, CA, and I have come up to hunt elk and bear in Oregon since 2012. Aside from being the closest place I can hunt elk over the counter (I have also hunted elk in Idaho and will be going to Colorado this September), I first decided to hunt elk in Oregon because you have a Traditional Archery hunting unit in the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness, Murderers Creek Unit. It was here that I found myself 5 yards from a bull elk, and being in a contorted position with cramping legs from tracking & stalking the bedded bull for a couple hours, I was unable to draw my home-made Pacific yew selfbow without alerting the bull to my presence; as usually happens when hunting with primitive tackle, the game got away, but I was all the more richer for the experience. This past season, 2018, I spent a particularly memorable 3 days following a herd of elk through that same wilderness, sleeping wherever the sunset found me, my sleep laced with songs of bugling bull elk throughout the canyons. I enjoy the simplicity and connection with nature that hunting with selfbows, longbows, and recurves (sometimes home made) requires. For me, the time in the woods and interactions with wild animals is as equally important as killing and eating wild game. I am a member of the Traditional Archers of California, California Bowmen Hunters, Professional Bowhunters Society, Compton Traditional Archers, and Vice-President of the Humboldt Archers Club. While not a member, I fully support the efforts of the Traditional Archers of Oregon to preserve and promote the rich Traditional Archery culture in Oregon, a culture that spans state lines (yew wood for bows and Port-orford for arrows were harvested and traded and sold from where I sit right now and up along the coast through to Washington) for over the past century by iconic hunters like Dr. Saxton Pope, Art Young, Chet Stevenson, and Glenn St. Charles to name a few.

Therefore, I urge you to adopt the proposed new Traditional Archery hunts: 1) Extension of the season in the North Fork John Day Wilderness for 5 days; 2) Keep the Trout Creek traditional archery mule deer hunt and make it a general hunt so non-residents like myself have a better chance of getting a tag; 3) KEEP the Canyon Creek Traditional Archery sub-unit for elk and deer, this is a historic area for us archery hunters (the first archery-only season west of the Mississippi was adopted here 75 years ago) AND EXTEND it for the entire month of the archery season; 4) adopt the proposed traditional archery hunts in western Oregon.

Traditional Archery for me is about the *process* rather than the product. Modern archery equipment has made it less necessary to learn woodsman skills. The advent of the equipment that allows someone to positively identify the distance of a target to less than a yard accuracy (range finders), pins and electronic sights, ozone devices that render an animal's nose inert, bluetooth arrows, ATVs, spotting scopes, modern game calls, etc... has removed the need to learn how to get close to animals. Furthermore, the ease of buying a compound and being accurate in minutes has diluted the time necessary to become proficient with archery tackle, thus leading to a more crowded archery hunting season. I don't go to the woods to see and hear people, which is the case more often now in archery season. Moreover, traditional archery hunting is a low impact method with a low "success"

rate, while modern archery is experiencing a growth in animals harvested, thus requiring managers to consider the impact of what was supposed to be a challenging season not a management tool.

I thank you for considering to keep the established Traditional Archery hunting opportunities and expanding new ones. And thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Preston Taylor
(857) 998-7370

Roxann B Borisch

From: Allen, James A CIV USN (US) <james.a.allen@navy.mil>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 1:11 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Changes in regards to Non Resident Uniform Service Tag Prices

Categories: Forwarded to Wildlife

Good day Commissioners,

I write this email with a heavy, and disappointed heart today. To make a long story short, I retired from the Navy after 21 years of service and have hunted no other state in my life but Oregon. Most years were spent with my family hunting the Desolation and Beulah units for deer and elk, when we drew tags. To my surprise I drew those tags once again this year and was overjoyed. That is until I learned of the recent change (Jan 19) that Nonresident Uniform service personnel must pay the Nonresident prices for controlled hunts. This has not been the case in past years. What is more disappointing is that I simply cannot afford to pay these prices for the tags. I as well learned that this applies only to controlled hunts, and that general tags remain the same price as resident pricing.

I'm probably not telling you anything you don't already know, and I'll probably be shooting myself in the foot by saying this, but shouldn't it be the same across the board? Meaning, if you are going to charge the astronomical prices for Controlled hunts, should it not be the same for the General hunts as well? I have listened to and read many of the things people have stated in regards to ODFW just wanting the money for continued operations and such, and I never minded paying for the application fees and such, as it supports the things I like to do most and is hunt. This though has been an eye opener, that maybe that really is what the commission is after. I would like to think not.

I love the great state of Oregon, and there is no other place I would like to hunt, but at the end of the day I simply cannot afford to pay the prices indicated for the tags that I drew this year \$571 Elk and \$430 Deer. The sad fact is that I will not be able to in the future either. Why or how this change came to be, could not be explained to me by ODFW staff, whom were very polite and always are, so that leads me to believe that the bottom line is the money.

If it is not too much trouble, could someone please educate me on why this change was necessary, and that it was not across the board. Having served this country for 21 years, along with many other Non-Resident Veterans, it would be nice to see that we could afford to hunt OUR state no matter Controlled hunts or General hunts. I sincerely do appreciate all that you do as a Commission, for our state, and for our wildlife. Have a blessed day.

Very Respectfully
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From: Ryan Orr <ryanorr@ScalesNW.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 2:28 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Western Oregon Deer Tag

Categories: Forwarded to Wildlife

Why are you wanting to change the western Oregon deer tag to any visible antler when you changed the SW Santiam youth tag to doe or spike cause our buck population is down. The western Oregon rifle should have a limit on tags given and should stay fork or bigger. The archery should have a limit also on the number of tags allowed. With the over the counter tag there could potentially be 30,000 people hunting the same unit and putting a hurting on the animals. Am I seeing this wrong?

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From: Wade Nehler <nehler2@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 3:04 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Stopped hunting

Categories: Forwarded to Wildlife

Why with the cats and now wolves eating all the new born game and depleating the chance for them to mature do you think the number of hunters are way down.
Archery hunters bugle the herd bulls in and take them and only weak stock is left.

Coyotes now hunt neighbor hoods as the larger predators have depleted there food source.

Your poor management has stopped my interest in hunting in Oregon

Sent from my iPad

Roxann B Borisch

From: JAMES BECK <J-DBECK@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 3:02 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: 2020 big game hunt reg changes

Categories: Forwarded to Wildlife

As a non resident but prior Oregon resident I would love to see the non resident tag quota broken out for antelope, deer and elk like is currently done for sheep and Mt goats. I applied for multiple species even after relocating from Oregon but the fact of not even knowing if there would be a tag available in my unit has caused me to change where I spend my application money. I know that there is currently a range 5 to 10% or so of the tags that could go to nonresidents and suggest you split the range in the middle when allocating tag in this was (ie 7 %).

Thank you

James Beck
775-560-2706

Roxann B Borisch

From: Andy Blaney <blaney_wwii@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 10:01 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: 2020 big game regulation changes

Categories: Forwarded to Wildlife

I sincerely believe that the proposed changes for the 2020 general western deer season is a great idea. Changing the bag limit to one deer with visible antler will allow more success for deer hunters across western Oregon and will have minimal to no affect on overall deer populations. This is the way it has been in eastern Oregon deer seasons for years and it should be in western Oregon as well. Great job to those that proposed and support this change.

Roxann B Borisch

From: Ken H <haleysfarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:36 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Big Game Regulations

Categories: Forwarded to Wildlife

I would like to comment on the upcoming big game regulation rule changes..

I believe you should change the 50 year resident- 70 year old license ruling.

I am 68 years old.. A resident in Oregon since 1982.. 37 years..Own a farm. Own my home and have bought hunt /fish licenses since I have been a resident. Plus many Big Game tags..

I am a Master Hunter.. Did volunteer work for ODFW. Have done hunter safety programs. Stick to the laws.....

I am retired. I make \$ 709.00 a month on Social Security. I love to hunt and fish. It is to the point I can't afford both.

You should reduce the 50 year requirement. I believe a 25 year residency and age 65 should be the requirement.

This keeps it affordable plus, we are still young enough to hunt and fish.. Only because at 70 many folks are not able to hunt any longer.

Or able to afford to hunt and /or fish..

PLEASE consider this change for the retired folks. Almost to late for me, but maybe good for the up and coming.

Thanks

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Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again.

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Subject: FW: Support Oregon traditional hunts

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

From: Zachary Manning <zb89manning@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 4:34 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Cc: curt.melcher@state.or.us

Subject: Support Oregon traditional hunts

To whom it may Concern,

I strongly support the retention and expansion of Oregon traditional bow hunts. It's original, it's uniquely Oregon and it plays big factor in decision making where I hunt and spend my money as a non-resident. Many non-resident hunters share my opinion. Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

Zach Manning

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Proposed regulation change for spike deer in western Oregon

From: BD J <outdoor.trails@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 9:27 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Proposed regulation change for spike deer in western Oregon

I would like to see spikes remain legal for 600 series hunts for two reasons:

- It makes the tag much more appealing. I would no longer apply for my LOP tag if spikes are not longer legal for 600 series hunts.
- It reduces the chances of a mistaken take.

If a change is made, why not make spikes legal for bucks hunts and keep them legal for 600 series hunts?

Thanks,

Brian Johnson

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Regulation changes

From: David Tooze <dmtooze@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 4:34 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Regulation changes

Re: Rocky Mt elk seasons.

I'd ask odfw to move the two bull elk seasons to dates later in the fall. Move the dates back by one or two weeks. Elk stay in high elevations and don't move to lower habitat until mid November.

Also, cougar and now wolf kills are increasing at an alarming rate. We find many signs of fawn - and now calf - kills. Trail cam shows wolves in Desolation unit. Cougar population is much larger now, too.

David Tooze
503.652.0797

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Proposed Changes to hunting Regulations

From: Daniel Comer <anasazi1975@outlook.com>

Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 7:31 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Proposed Changes to hunting Regulations

I think the proposal to change the western Oregon buck designation from forked horn to "visible antler" is a great one.

However I do not agree with the limiting of the doe tags to "not" include spikes.

The reason for this is from my own personal experience. I have previously here in Oregon shot several "does" using my doe tag only to discover that they were actually spikes. These spikes were not visible either through my binoculars or my rifles scope. Thankfully in each case the backup of having the spike as a legal animal with the doe tag saved the day. Also twice I shot extremely small antlered forked horns (under 4" of antler) which also were not visible and I had to use my buck tag on them. I have also had both of these scenarios happen to me while hunting in Montana.

By not having this fail safe the state is going to have the problem of people shooting spikes accidentally and then leaving them in the field which is a horrible thing to do to a magnificent game animal.

I would instead recommend that doe tags include a caveat for having antlers "shorter than the length of the ears" which would solve the aforementioned problem.

Thank you for your management of Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Comer

Anasazi1975@outlook.com

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Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 2:45 PM
To: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Wildlife Interactions

PC

From: Benton Elliott <benton.elliott@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:49 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Wildlife Interactions

Commissioners -

Science shows us that top predators, like bears, wolves and cougars, are vital to maintaining a balanced and healthy ecosystem. Humans have removed much of the wild habitat necessary to sustain these large animals. With little remaining room to roam, they sometimes appear near human-populated areas in search of sustenance. I urge you to consider the complexities of these situations and base your response on science and non-lethal methods.

Thank you.

Benton Elliott
Eugene

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Letter of support for TAO
Attachments: NACAPNP04019070111420.pdf; ATT00001.htm

From: thuebner92@yahoo.com <thuebner92@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 11:46 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; curt.melcher@state.or.us
Cc: tradquestpodcast@gmail.com; info@tradarcheryoregon.com
Subject: Letter of support for TAO

Please see the attached letter of support for TAO and the expansion of traditional hunting opportunities in Oregon.

Tom Huebner
1376 8th Street
Elko, NV 89801

Subject: Solidarity and support for Traditional Archers of Oregon and the expansion of traditional archery hunting opportunity in the state of Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

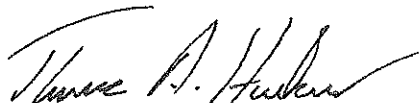
Please consider this letter as support for TAO and the expansion of traditional archery hunting opportunity in the state of Oregon. TAO's vision for hunting opportunity and traditional archery hunts is aligned with my view of expanding hunting opportunity while maintaining a low impact to the resource. Specifically, I would like to address several issues that concern me.

The Trout Creek Traditional Archery hunt should either remain an unlimited controlled hunt or expanded to a general hunt. The ODFW website shows about 40 hunters took advantage of that hunt last year. Even if the Trout Creek hunt were to become a controlled hunt with 300 tags, the way Oregon caps resident tags, only 7 or 8 tags would be available for nonresidents. This is not logical, as the hunt is undersold at 40 hunters' total. I plan to hunt the Trout Creek traditional archery hunt this fall, and I personally know 7 other nonresident traditional archers just from Nevada who plan to hunt the Trout Creek traditional hunt this fall. Making the Trout Creek traditional archery hunt a capped controlled hunt would greatly limit nonresident bowhunting opportunity.

The John Day 5 day traditional archery hunt expansion should be passed. I think the John Day 5 day expansion is an outstanding way to increase bowhunting opportunity, and create incentive to draw more people to traditional archery. Right now, the sport of traditional archery is growing exponentially, and that growth can be harnessed by the state to increase opportunity and meet management objectives. To that end, the Canyon Creek traditional hunt should be maintained if for no other reason than the historic context of it being the first archery hunt in the western United States.

The expanding traditional bowhunting opportunities in Oregon are an amazing opportunity to encourage expanding traditional bowhunting opportunities in other states. In Nevada, the Traditional Archers of Nevada will be working to develop similar opportunities and may be modeled after Oregon's seasons. The bottom line is this, traditional archery hunting is a great way to expand hunting opportunity while being a low impact to the resource, but we need the state to provide the opportunity and that opportunity will drive more hunters into traditional archery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Huebner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Huebner

Vice President of Traditional Archers of Nevada

Roxann B Borisch

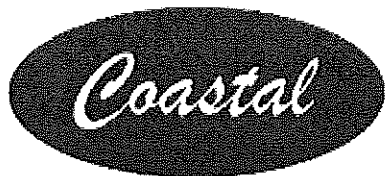
From: Will Sizemore <will.sizemore@coastalfarm.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 7:35 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: 600 series

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Commissioners, I see that you are proposing eliminating 3 of the 600 series one deer hunts. My question is if you are moving those tags into 100 series what happens to my 13 points that I have accrued trying to get one of these hunts? I have no interest in a doe tag. These hunts have been in this series for years and I am sure there are quite a few people that have been banking points like myself. A possibility may be to convert points into the 100 series which would seem fair since those hunts are being moved there. It may cause some people to try to convert though any of their 600 series over hence overcrowding the 100 series odds. But maybe for people that have only consistently applied for one of these 3 tags be considered for conversion. Thanks Will

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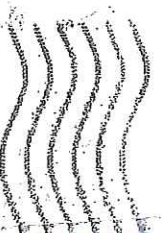
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Taking Stock of the Crossbow Market



Today's crossbow buyers are looking for a range of products, and pro shops are obliging.

Savvy businesspeople keep up with current market trends regardless of which industry they're in. So, for the benefit of our readers, many of whom are involved in the archery industry in some form or fashion, we asked the owners of three different pro shops in three different demographic and geographic areas about the trends in their neck of the crossbow woods. Their answers, to say the least, were enlightening.

The Cast

Ray Weasner has owned and operated Weasner Archery in Bloomville, Ohio, since 1990. His state has permitted crossbow use during archery season since 1982.

Hailee Daniels owns Ontario Archery Supply in Belleville, Ontario. Hers is a province in which crossbows have always been considered

archery equipment.

David Wilkins' situation is a little different than the others. His Wyvern Creations shop is located in Lee, N.H., a state that, as Wilkins put it, "has gradually maneuvered through the process of legalizing crossbows, starting with handicapped hunters, moving up to use during firearms seasons, then for certain species such as bear, and just last year during archery [deer] season in only one wildlife management unit." Wyvern Creations is also unique because, rather than a brick-and-mortar shop, Wilkins runs it primarily as a crossbow-centric online store.

Who is your average customer?

"Most of the guys shooting crossbows today are gun hunters [who] don't have time to learn how to shoot a conventional bow proficiently," Weasner said. "And most of them buy crossbows at gun shops.

"My crossbow customers tend to be people who shot conventional archery [equipment] for years but are getting older and may have

shoulder or eye problems and are transitioning to crossbows, or they're first-time hunters just getting into archery."

Daniels echoed those sentiments, saying that many of her customers are using crossbows "as an entry point to hunting, or due to some physical disability." She also noted that crossbows are appealing to many different customer groups in her region. "We have a very heavy 3-D archery following; a lot of turkey hunters, deer hunters, bear hunters; and a fair number of younger kids who want to get into archery but can't yet draw a conventional bow."

Wilkins, coming from an area where crossbow hunting is still relatively new, had a slightly different perspective.

"The pro shops aren't really catering to crossbow customers," he said. "Most [of them] opened up with the idea that they're compound/traditional shops, and they just want to sell compound hunting bows." He thinks that might change as crossbow inclusion becomes more common, but in the meantime, his customers are predominantly hunters who are interested in archery but don't have the time to practice all year or are older and no longer physically able to use conventional archery equipment.

What do they want?

"For the most part, now, it's either low-end or \$1,500-plus crossbows," Wilkins said. "Several companies that specialized in the mid-range price points, like Parker, have gone out of business, so dealers followed suit. Then the dealer network didn't inventory anything high-end for the average archery shops."

"Younger people, or folks who want a crossbow for their kids, tend to go low price," Weasner said. "Older customers want the best."

Daniels seconded that, saying older customers tend to buy high-end bows from brands such as Excalibur, Ravin and TenPoint.

As for accessories, "The entry-

Roxann B Borisch

From: Josh Eckard <JoshEckard@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2019 9:38 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Personal Comment - Proposed 2020 Big Game Hunting Regulation Changes

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As a longtime Douglas County resident / hunter of Oregon, I wanted to say Thank You for keeping us informed regarding the proposed changes and the evidence supporting it. I regularly visit Facebook and the use by ODFW through such platforms to keep the average sportsman informed and incorporated with these decision is not over looked!

At first I was opposed to the changes, especially to the General Western Deer tag and the 600 series tags, but with the research provided my objective opinion has been swayed. Even though I have no research to support it, my subjective opinion of this change could cause a dramatic increase in harvest success within the Coastal range where I live and hunt; often see yearling fawns with a small spike with larger does is a common sight for me glassing the many clear cuts but finding a forked antler deer has been becoming increasingly more difficult as more and more private timber company lands close to public use.

If this change is implemented, I am concerned that my enjoyable hunting experience of glassing into clear cuts and seeing many deer with spiked fawns will dramatically change to not seeing any deer at all.

Thank you for your Time and Please Subscribe me to any email news subscriptions ODFW may Have,
Josh Eckard

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: HUNT 6443A

From: John.Clark@Ferguson.com <John.Clark@Ferguson.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2019 6:42 AM

To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us

Subject: HUNT 6443A

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Thanks,

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Roxann B Borisch

From: Dennis Pahlisch <dennisp@pahlisch.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 7:49 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: comments on proposed changes to the 2020 hunting units and regulations

I commend ODFW to finally be progressive on changing things and simplifying.

I hunt several western states for Big game and have been disappointed in my home state management in past.

There is no reason we cannot manage a certain number of units for trophy hunting in our great state.

Thank you for adding some additional later seasons for deer and removing two that were supposed to be trophy hunting but really where not and never changed them.

Wildlife management should be done yearly or at least every 3-4 years things change dramatically and we must change quotas in response .

Again, I applaud ODFW for the suggested changes for 2020

Sincerely

Dennis Pahlisch- 541 -948- 0426
60260 sunset view drive Bend ,97701

Roxann B Borisch

From: Richard Cooper <rcooper7mm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 7:49 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Interstate unit

My recommendations for this unit. Our deer population took a hit 2 winters ago and is still recovering. This unit should have a reduction in rifle tags by 1/3. And then make archery tags a draw with a limit of 500 tags.

Also fall bear season is a joke! no sense in having a tag if you don't have a valid deer or elk tag. Bear season is bear season period. Should be open to any person holding a fall bear tag for the full length of the season. You can't control the population if you can't hunt the full season. The idea that people are using a bear tag to party hunt with those holding a deer or elk tag won't stop poaching.

Preference points, here's a money maker for the states. Keep paying to apply but may not live long enough to ever draw the tag. Brilliant , and we all drank the koolaid. Luck of the draw would have better odds in my opinion.

**Seems the state is more concerned with making revenue than improving the quality of the hunting. Thank's for your time.
Richard Cooper**

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Roxann B Borisch

From: Rice, Stephanie A <Stephanie.Rice@providence.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 12:19 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: bayhag@hotmail.com
Subject: Master Hunter tags 2021- ? please

Hello,

I have looked at the proposed changes to Big game Controlled Hunt Tags in 2020. As a Master Hunter I'm very disappointed with the elimination of specific Master Hunter tags in 2021 . I worked hard to pass the exam and proficiency exam. Last year I harvested an Elk Cow in the Miami/Nehalem hunt. I convinced 5 farmers that as a Master Hunter I would be trustworthy and responsible if allowed to hunt their land. I was given access to the farm because of the Master Hunter Credential. The fences are damaged yearly by the Elk herds, and the farmer appreciated the help. Not everyone has a piece of land large enough to for owner tags, and the ones that do find the LOP application cumbersome. Please reconsider eliminating the existing Master Hunter tags in 2020. So that the farmers get help with the Elk population.

***Stephanie Rice, BSRC, RRT
Respiratory Therapy
Providence Seaside Hospital
Master Hunter 1708676***

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Roxann B Borisch

From: Jerry Gowins <jerrygowins@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 3:41 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Canyon Creek Traditional Hunt

To: Michael Finley, Commission Chair; Jim Biddle, Commissioner; Gregory Wooley, Commissioner; Robert Spelbrink, Commissioner; Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner; Mark Labhart, Commissioner; Mary Waln, Commissioner

I believe keeping this hunt in place would enhance hunter recruitment, retention and reactivation. An area with this unique history is interesting and appealing to those who value tradition and history. Promoting the use of traditional archery equipment also sends a message that fair chase is important, and by limiting oneself through equipment choices can broaden and enhance the hunter's experience.

My request to the Commissioners is to keep the Canyon Creek Traditional Hunt in place, and extend it to the entire general bow season.

I know you've been working hard to make Oregon's hunting regulations leaner and easier to understand, while meeting the "R3 Objectives". These are important when selling hunting licenses and tags is a focus of the program. However, there should be other considerations that override the R3 Objectives. For instance, credible science, tested and proven effectiveness of hunting equipment, ethics (fair chase), and historical significance should be considered before a regulation is changed, dropped, or replaced.

The Canyon Creek Traditional Hunt was the first archery-only hunt west of the Mississippi and the second archery-only hunt in the United States. The size of the area, season structure, and other details have changed over the years, but the rich history and allure of this hunt lurks in every tree and boulder in the Canyon Creek landscape. Many of the archery greats from the 1950's – 1970's have hunted there, including Fred Bear and Howard Hill. There is no other area in the western United States with such significance to the history of archery hunting.

Currently anyone who holds a general bow tag for deer or elk can use a longbow or recurve bow during the first week of the general bow season to pursue deer and elk. The remainder of the general bow season is open to all legal archery equipment for anyone holding a general bow tag for deer or elk.

The area is relatively small, representing just 35 square miles or 4% of the Murderer's Creek Wildlife Management Unit (WMU), leaving the remaining 96% of the WMU available for all legal archery equipment for the entire season. ODFW claims that this one week traditional only hunt "..... creates significant complication for such a small area and reduces archery hunter opportunity." Could you please substantiate this claim?

Respectfully,

Jerry Gowins

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Regular Contributor, Traditional Bowhunter Magazine

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Fine Art Photography at: www.jerrygowins.com

Roxann B Borisch

From: Malachi Nolletti <m-nolletti@onu.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 7:09 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: curt.melcher@state.or.us
Subject: Traditional Archery Hunts

Good evening,

Your state has something really special going with traditional archery hunts, and I hope you will consider expanding those opportunities. I am a part of the National Traditional Bowhunting organization, Compton Traditional Bowhunters, and strongly support what the Traditional Archers of Oregon are advocating for.

I have a brother-in-law who is an Oregon resident, and though he hunts mainly with a compound, his mindset and attitude towards the blessing of being in the outdoors and conscientiously partaking in the use of the resource lends towards interest in traditional hunts that may offer him opportunity to have a less pressured and more intimate hunting experience.

You are all aware of the evidence shown in places like Oklahoma as to how traditional hunts can benefit populations and increase quality opportunities, so I won't belabor that point, but I just ask that you consider how an opportunity like traditional hunts can also help to involve people who may not have otherwise been drawn to hunting. We see it every day with the Compton organization, folks that may have been tepid towards or slightly against hunting, becoming interested in a more immersive experience, and then ultimately coming into the fold and into an understanding of the merits to hunting as a whole. A lot of times, we see that a more traditional approach does reach out to those on the fence extremely effectively, and we consider that a win not just for traditional, but for all of hunting.

You have an opportunity here to really stand out as a pioneer state in this matter, leaders in conservation work. I really hope that you keep and expand the Canyon Creek hunt as well as develop new ones.

Thank you,

Malachi Nolletti

Roxann B Borisch

From: bourlanddouglas@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 9:08 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Canyon creek traditional hunt

Please don't remove the traditional hunt in Canyon Creek it's rich in tradition and does not further complicate any of the regulations. Maybe you guys should concentrate on predator control in our state. I have personally watched our eastern Oregon mule deer herd collapse due to awful management practices on our states predators. Maybe look at the success of Utah and start something similar you guys should be ashamed of yourselves for standing by and watching this happen. DO YOUR JOB quit making excuses and bring our deer herd back.

Roxann B Borisch

From: Scott Nevil <sjnevil@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 6:43 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Canyon Creek Traditional Hunt

Commissioners,

I am writing concerning the proposal to eliminate the Canyon Creek Traditional hunt. This hunt only encompasses a small portion of the Murderers Creek unit and has much historical significance.

I would prefer simplification of adding the full season Traditional only, in lieu of elimination. Thanks for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,
Scott J Nevil.

Sent from my iPhone

Roxann B Borisch

From: Chris Jasmine <tradarchersofnevada@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 6:33 PM
To: curt.melcher@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Support Letter of Traditional Only Seasons in the State of Oregon
Attachments: ODFW-commission letter_C.Jasmine.docx

Attached please find a letter in support of ongoing and future traditional archery only seasons in the State of Oregon. Should you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,

Chris M. Jasmine
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Subject: Solidarity and support for Traditional Archers of Oregon and the expansion of traditional archery hunting opportunity in the state of Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Please consider this letter as support for TAO and the expansion of traditional archery hunting opportunity in the state of Oregon. TAO's vision for hunting opportunity and traditional archery hunts is aligned with my view of expanding hunting opportunity while maintaining a low impact to the resource. Specifically, I would like to address several issues that concern me.

The Trout Creek Traditional Archery hunt should either remain an unlimited controlled hunt or expanded to a general hunt. The ODFW website shows about 40 hunters took advantage of that hunt last year. Even if the Trout Creek hunt were to become a controlled hunt with 300 tags, the way Oregon caps resident tags, only 7 or 8 tags would be available for nonresidents. This is not logical, as the hunt is undersold at 40 hunters' total. I plan to hunt the Trout Creek traditional archery hunt this fall, and I personally know 7 other nonresident traditional archers just from Nevada who plan to hunt the Trout Creek traditional hunt this fall. Making the Trout Creek traditional archery hunt a capped controlled hunt would greatly limit non-resident bowhunting opportunity.

The John Day 5 day traditional archery hunt expansion should be passed. I think the John Day 5 day expansion is an outstanding way to increase bowhunting opportunity, and create incentive to draw more people to traditional archery. Right now, the sport of traditional archery is growing exponentially, and that growth can be harnessed by the state to increase opportunity and meet management objectives. To that end, the Canyon Creek traditional hunt should be maintained if for no other reason than the historic context of it being the first archery hunt in the western United States.

The expanding traditional bowhunting opportunities in Oregon are an amazing opportunity to encourage expanding traditional bowhunting opportunities in other states. In Nevada, the Traditional Archers of Nevada will be working to develop similar opportunities and may be modeled after Oregon's seasons. The bottom line is this, traditional archery hunting is a great way to expand hunting opportunity while being a low impact to the resource, but we need the state to provide the opportunity and that opportunity will drive more hunters into traditional archery.

Sincerely,

Chris M. Jasmine

President of Traditional Archers of Nevada

July 9, 2019

Big Game Public Meeting

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

North Willamette Watershed District

Name:

Mike Treat

Affiliation:

Traditional Archers of Oregon

Comments:

Trout Creek Traditional Hunt 168R1 "Make it a general season hunt w/ weapon restriction" From "Big Game Hunting Review Exhibit E" Page 1 - Last bullet point in strategies states: "Identify existing controlled hunt areas where a general season approach would improve ability to meet objectives. Page 4 - last line of paragraph 2 in the General Archery Season - Murderer Creek Unit states: Simplified general seasons are a key component of successfully addressing the Department's R3 objectives. It will simplify the hunt and support the survey results of the Review.

Murderer's Creek Unit (General Archery Season)

This unit is extremely large with Canyon Creek being only 4%. Traditional Archers of Oregon proposed making Canyon Creek "traditional only" for the entire general season. Staff wants to take away the "first week" traditional only season. The Department feels that the area's "historical significance" doesn't warrant consideration, yet they provide the muzzleloader community significant opportunity to celebrate their heritage with hunts that are muzzleloader only. Please reconsider your proposal and keep Canyon Creek a heritage hunt that celebrates the history of traditional hunting in OREGON.

Comment on ODFW
2019 Burns Public Meeting

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is seeking your comments. You can add your comments to the record by completing this form and turning it in at a locally hosted meeting, faxing it to ODFW at 503-947-6042, mailing it to the ODFW Director's Office, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem OR, 97302 or sending it via email to ODFW.Comments@state.or.us

Harney County is broke and can not
fund their trapper.

If we do not have predator control especially
coyote control we will lose our
Big Horn Sheep and our Mule deer

July 9, 2019

Big Game Public Meeting

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

North Willamette Watershed District

Name:

Kelly Parkman

Affiliation:

Hoodview OHA

Comments:

Already discussed w/ Kelly that transportable portion of this hunt - KL
Hunts (119a) and 141a High Cascade is not being modified.

Please don't modify these hunts - They are sweet, Little known hunts and seldom sell all available tags -

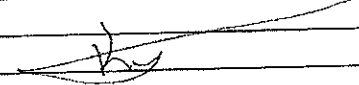
These hunts would have little appeal if they did not carry over to the general season -

Why gamble on a one week western hunt versus a one week Eastern?

Timing of meetings: Avoid hunting seasons -

early evenings like the one today @ 5:00 in Clackamas -

Thank you



July 9, 2019

Big Game Public Meeting

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

North Willamette Watershed District

Name:

CHRIS HORSMAN

Affiliation:

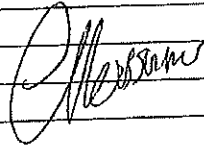
Traditional Bowhunters of Oregon

Comments:

The I have concern about loss of Traditional Archery only ~~per~~ hunting in the area known as Murderer's Creek. I think the area has a special feeling and history. ~~can~~ It makes it a special area which is a small percentage of the accessible public land in the area. By opening the area up to any archery hunters I believe the "experience" will be diminished. Also traditional archers have a recognised higher ethical outlook allowing better self regulation & policing.

We as traditional archers would strongly encourage the commission to retain the traditional only area and maybe consider opening other areas to traditional archery too.

Thank you



Roxann B Borisch

From: Jake Smith <visit_jake@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 9:23 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Changing of blacktail buck regs

To whom it may concern,

I think that changing the bag limit for blacktail deer from forked horn to visible antler is a huge mistake. This will devastate the buck population even more than it already is. The change that I suggest is that the entire state become forked horn or better. This would help the ailing mule deer buck to doe ratio that we have right now. I don't feel that it makes for good animal management to allow spikes to be killed. They are in their adolescence at this point and don't understand the risks as a more mature buck does and are entirely too easy to harvest. I again state that this is a huge mistake. Sincerely, Jacob Smith.

Sent from my iPhone

Roxann B Borisch

From: Matt Starley <mstarleydmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 8:30 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: proposed regulation amendments

To the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission:

I am writing this letter to provide my personal input on the proposed changes set to take place with our Big Game Hunting Regulations. I have read over all of the proposed changes and my BIGGEST concern is with the proposed changes to western Oregon general deer bag limits.

I am in OPPOSITION to making the Western Oregon deer bag limit any buck thus allowing the harvest of spike bucks:

- It will result in the increased harvest of spike bucks not allowing them to reach maturity thus affecting future buck populations.
- It will decrease hunter satisfaction by not allowing a significant number of bucks to reach maturity.
- The current regulation is easy to enforce because it clearly defines a physical characteristic that is easily identifiable in the field.
- I run 30 trail cameras all year long on the Oregon coast. I have never had a photo of a mature spike buck nor have I seen a photo of one on any other trail photos. That circumstance is a very rare occurrence and certainly not a rationale for allowing the harvest of spike bucks.
- Hunter opportunity is abounding right now and by restricting the premature harvest of young deer it will make for better quality hunting opportunity in the future.

I am in SUPPORT OF changing all eastern oregon controlled deer bag limits to having at least one forked antler.

This is not a difficult rule to enforce because it is an easily identifiable measure.
This will help improve mule deer populations in eastern oregon units that have been below objective
This will allow hunters to see more bucks improving hunter satisfaction and experience.
This will allow immature bucks to mature to an age where breeding can occur.

I am also IN SUPPORT OF any changes that fall with in these general concepts:

- EXPANDING TRADITIONAL ARCHERY ONLY SEASONS/HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES.
- lengthening BIGHORN SHEEP, AND GOAT SEASON HUNT DATES.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns and I hope you will consider them as you make changes.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matt Starley DMD
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Astoria, OR 97103
541-602-0051

Roxann B Borisch

From: Scott Welle <SWelle@streimer.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 6:46 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Cc: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Emma Welle (3871868)

Categories: Forwarded to Wildlife

ODFW,

I am writing on behalf of my 17yr old daughter whom was unsuccessful with drawing her youth deer tag (141T) this year. At the age of 9 Emma first started hunting Blacktails with me and quickly became infatuated with their beauty and instincts. At the age of 14 she had taken it upon herself to start looking into Oregon based hunts that interested her. At the age of 15 her heart was set on The Dalles Watershed hunt 141T. Having never hunted this unit myself Emma started doing the research, talking to youths online who had hunted it, contacting the state police to inquire about it as well as a couple biologists.

With 10 points saved and lots of patience she was set on this being the year especially with everything we had read giving us a 100% chance of drawing. At 17yrs old and Emma's last eligible year to draw this tag it was beyond devastating to see her reaction after not drawing (dad now what she asked in tears)! I have been a total advocate of the Oregon youth system up until now, for a 17yr old with last year of eligibility and 10 points to not draw in my opinion isn't right and needs to be fixed. I'd really like to see the age and years left for eligibility taken into consideration with this program.

Thanks

Scott P. Welle
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Leonard Erickson

From: Craig <craig1945@centurylink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 11:27 AM
To: Leonard.J.Erickson@state.or.us
Subject: Big Game Proposal Comment

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Dear Mr. Erickson,

I won't be able to attend the big game public meeting scheduled for July 12th in La Grande, but I want to express my objection to one of the regulatory/hunting proposals apparently being considered for 2020.

I am strongly opposed to eliminating the late North Wenaha unit archery Whitetail hunt (#156R2) unless unless a bowhunting opportunity is provided with the consolidation into the new Grande Ronde muzzleloader hunt. Bowhunters argued for years for a late-season Whitetail hunt similar to the late muzzleloader hunts even though what ODFW finally provided by hunt #156R2 hardly qualifies as that. Now, after only a few seasons, the sole late-season archery Whitetail hunt is proposed for elimination. If bowhunters could participate in the proposed Grande Ronde muzzleloader hunt (#152M), making it simply a short-range weapon hunt rather than being exclusively limited to use of a muzzleloader, the new hunt could serve to provide bowhunters with a late-season hunt as an appropriate alternative to hunt #156R2.

Thank you for considering my comment. I hope my comment reaches the Fish and Wildlife Commission for consideration at their September meeting in Gold Beach when the changes for 2020 are to be adopted.

Sincerely,

Craig Starr (an Oregon bowhunter)

Roxann B Borisch

From: Greg Cole <ruger367370@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 9:09 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Re-Introduction Suggestion

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Greg Cole and I am both a rifle hunter and an archer. As I review your proposals for the 2020 season I appreciate the amount of research and time you must have put into this. I've read all 19 pages and am impressed, nice work!

I am unable to attend any of your public meetings, however I would like to make a proposal that may be worthy of your consideration. It's a "re-implementation" to an antelope unit that was once quite popular. While I really don't have a dog in this fight, it would be nice to see an opportunity to enhance the equity with antelope hunting taken advantage of while numbers are stronger.

The proposal:

* Re-Introduce the Juniper "archery" season.

Years ago, the Juniper unit included an archery season for antelope. Success rates for archers was high, and as a result, the hunt was eliminated (That was the explanation I received when I inquired about its elimination.). Current antelope numbers in this unit are at the same (or elevated) levels as they were when this archery opportunity existed.

With your thoughtful management strategies, I believed you could re-introduce this archery opportunity and still maintain the integrity of the herds. Not only would this create more equity amongst the rifle/ archery hunters, it would prove to show that your management strategies are working, increasing animal numbers, with the potential result in increased hunting opportunities.

Please feel free to contact me at (503)-559-5997 if you have any thoughts or questions.

Thank You,
Greg Cole

Sent from my iPad

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Comment on land owner hunting and wolves
Attachments: ODFW LOP Comment JCS 0719 revised.pdf

From: JETTE SEAL <jetteseal@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 2:10 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: jetteseal@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Comment on land owner hunting and wolves

Attached please find my comments on land owner tags and wolves, for the proposed changes.

Jette C. Seal
775-934-6599
Confidential and Proprietary

Jette C. Seal, pres
Hawkeye Mining Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 667
Prairie City, OR 97869
July 11, 2019

ODFW Commission Members
odfw.commission@state.or.us

Dear Commissioners

We have private property in the East Northside Unit 47, NE of John Day Oregon and East of Hwy 395. We pay taxes and are directly impacted by your decisions. We were not able to attend the local meeting due to work out of the area.

As we are hunters, we would like to comment on the Grant County changes in the big game regulations proposed for private property.

Please keep the LOP process for private property owners the same and allow anyone with an LOP tag to hunt any private property in the Northside Unit, 47. We have no problem with the elimination of the second LOP form for hunt 247 (A1, A2, D1, D2).

We understand that a new antlerless tag for the Northside Unit, 247 is proposed. We request the tags not be sold over the counter, but be subject to a draw with LOP hunters having first priority for the draw. Please add notices to not trespass on private property without permission.

As owners of ranch animals, we are very concerned about the growing number of wolves in our unit, having seen 3 wolves and a multitude of wolf sign within the last years. We responsibly request that you make it legal to shoot a wolf on private property that is threatening or attacking any human, ranch animal or domestic pet. In addition, we request that the ODFW issue over the counter wolf tags for this predator like cougar and bear tags, in order to keep the population at a healthy level.

Respectfully

Jette C. Seal

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: 2020 changes

From: Ryan Geider <elkaholic22@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 3:28 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: 2020 changes

Hi my name is Ryan and am a traditional archer! I feel that we need

- Make Canyon Creek Archery Area Traditional Only for the entire four weeks of the general archery season
- Make Trout Creek Mountains a general tag but limit the weapon to Traditional Only
- Agree with the proposed new hunt in the North Fork of the John Day Wilderness.
- Agree with the two new proposed westside hunts
- Thank you any questions please contact me have a great day!! Ryan

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Hunting changes

From: WAYNE T Ware <waynet48@outlook.com>

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 8:42 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Hunting changes

Instead of changing western Oregon to spike kill, CHANGE EASTERN OREGON TO FORKED HORNS or better. I have seen more spikes killed in eastern Oregon units since 2005 then have seen from 1970 to 2005. With all the four legged predators the deer and elk will start decreasing. Kill the fawns and calves and the herds will decrease just like winter kill. FEWER animals to hunt fewer hunters, less revenue. Its all about money. I have seen a steady downhill slide since the 60's. in hunting and fishing. About fishing in the sixties and seventies you could keep 10 fish a day or 20 per week, now fewer fishermen its 2-5 fish a day or 10 per week. So again CHANGE EASTERN OREGON to FORKED HORN or better and leave the western side the way it is.

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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: ODFW Comments
Attachments: ODFW LOP Comment 0719.doc

From: Thom Seal <tseal@unr.edu>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 2:56 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: ODFW Comments

Hello,

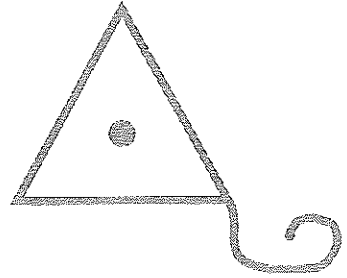
Please accept my comments on the proposed upcoming ODFW hunting changes.

As a land owner and tax payer your decisions do affect our lives and livelihood.

Thanks - Thom

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July 11, 2019



ODFW Commission Members
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Hello,

We have private property in the East Northside Unit 47, NE of John Day Oregon and East of 395. We pay taxes and are directly impacted by your decisions. We were not able to attend the local meeting due to work out of the area.

We enjoy hunting with friends and would like to comment on the Grant County changes in the big game regulations proposed for our private property.

Please keep the LOP process for private property owners the same and allow anyone with a LOP tag to hunt any private property in the Northside Unit, 47. We have no problem with the elimination of the second LOP form for hunt 247 (A1, A2, D1, D2).

We understand that a new antlerless tag for the Northside Unit, 247 is proposed. We request the tags not be over the counter, but subject to a draw with LOP hunters having first priority for the draw. Please add notices to not trespass on private property without permission.

As owners of ranch animals, we are very concerned on the growing number of wolves in our unit, observing 3 wolves and a multitude of wolf sign within the last years. We responsibly request that you make it legal to shoot a wolf threatening any human, attacking any ranch animals or domestic pets including birds, cats, cattle, dogs, goats, horses, lamas, sheep, etc. found on private property. In addition, we request the ODFW issue over the counter wolf tags for this predator like cougar and bear, or just allow taking of wolves with a hunting license like coyotes.

Respectfully

Dr. Thom Seal, PE., QP.

Remarks on Big Game Hunting Proposals – July 11, 2019

My name is Craig Starr and I live at 2105 Desiree Place in Lebanon, Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to comment to you today on ODFW's big game hunting proposals.

I was disappointed to see that ODFW staff apparently decided not to address an issue of long-standing for bowhunters in the Phase 3 changes proposed for 2020.

In about 2002, the start of the late western-Oregon archery season in some northwest units was delayed for a week following conclusion of the general firearms season in order to accommodate a then new muzzleloader hunt. This was done by ODFW staff even though bowhunters had been assured by muzzleloader advocates that they would not try to shorten the archery season if bowhunters wouldn't object creation of a proposed muzzleloader season. Bowhunters lived up to that understanding between hunting groups, but ODFW shortened the archery season regardless.

The predominate rationale for the delay of the late western-Oregon archery season offered by ODFW was that it wasn't safe for firearms (muzzleloader) hunters and bowhunters to be in the field simultaneously (even though the end of the muzzleloader season was apparently allowed to overlap the start of the late archery season from the beginning). In recent years, ODFW has established literally dozens of firearms hunts of all varieties that overlap archery seasons obviously putting to lie the supposed safety concern from 2002 that firearms and archery seasons should not occur simultaneously.

As it stands now, the late archery deer season in southwest Oregon units begins a week earlier than the same hunt in the northwest Oregon units. In order to simplify the regulations regarding late western-Oregon archery deer hunts, ODFW should consistently start the late archery deer season in all western-Cascade units currently open for a late archery season the second Saturday of November.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Starr", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Craig Starr

Comment on ODFW
2019 Klamath Falls Public Meeting

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is seeking your comments. You can add your comments to the record by completing this form and turning it in at a locally hosted meeting, faxing it to ODFW at 503-947-6042, mailing it to the ODFW Director's Office, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem OR, 97302 or sending it via email to ODFW.Comments@state.or.us

Allow choice of turkey tag for spring or fall w/ the purchase of Sports pac.

Remarks on Big Game Hunting Proposals – Redmond

My name is Craig Starr and I live at 2105 Desiree Place in Lebanon, Oregon. I came to this meeting because some of my comments – both positive and negative – involve central Oregon areas. Thank you for the opportunity to comment to you today on ODFW's big game hunting proposals.

I strongly support the proposal to eliminate the requirement to have a controlled Ochoco unit archery elk tag in order to archery hunt deer in that unit and to replace that requirement with a controlled archery deer hunt (#137R). The tie between an elk tag and deer hunting never made common sense and it has been a point of contention between bowhunters and ODFW for years.

I am opposed to eliminating the late North Wenaha unit archery Whitetail hunt (#156R2) unless unless a bowhunting opportunity is provided with the consolidation into the new Grande Ronde muzzleloader hunt. Bowhunters argued for years for a late-season Whitetail hunt similar to the late muzzleloader hunts even though what ODFW finally provided by hunt #156R2 hardly qualifies as that. Now, after only a few seasons, the sole late-season archery Whitetail hunt is proposed for elimination!! If bowhunters could participate in the proposed Grande Ronde muzzleloader hunt (#152M) -- making it simply a short-range weapon hunt rather than being limited to use of a muzzleloader -- the new hunt could serve to provide bowhunters with a late-season hunt as an alternative to hunt #156R2.

I am very disappointed that ODFW staff has apparently chosen not to deal with a lack of limits on LOP tags for the late Metolius archery buck hunt (#139R1) even though it is one (1) of the most popular controlled hunts there is. That hunt generally has nearly as many applicants as any controlled hunt even though bowhunters number only about one-fifth (1/5) as many hunters as firearms hunters. It was my impression that a major part of the current ODFW big game hunting regulation review was to try to have more consistency in the hunts. I note that ODFW proposes to create three (3) new late-season Mule Deer hunts (#143C, #145A and #148A) and establish limits on LOP tags for those hunts joining the majority of other special opportunity hunts. It seems completely unreasonable that ODFW chooses to create new hunts with LOP limits without addressing the few existing special hunt "outliers", including the late Metolius archery buck hunt (#139R1), for which LOP limits still do not exist.



Late Metolius archery buck hunt talking points.

- The inequity in tag distribution for the late Metolius archery hunt first came to light from information provided by ODFW as I participated in the LOP review process in January and February in 2017. The ODFW information indicated that LOP tags for the hunt could well exceed public tags by as much as 55 percent (20 public vs. 31 LOP). Unfortunately, sports group representatives on the committee weren't allowed to address the concern during the review process before changes to the LOP program were presented to the Commission by ODFW in March 2017.
- A little general history on LOP tags – LOP tags were initiated in the early 1980's when most firearms deer and elk hunting in central and eastern Oregon was changing from a general season to controlled hunts. LOP tags were originally intended to allow "Mom and Pop" landowners (and nobody else) to hunt on their own property as they had been able to do when there was a general hunting season if they were unable to draw a controlled hunt tag. In the Metolius unit (and all but a few other units), archery season is still a general season and there is no historical basis for archery LOP tags like there was for firearms LOP tags.
- Over the years, the availability of LOP tags has been liberalized greatly and now even includes the few special opportunity hunts, including the late Metolius archery hunt, that were never a general season hunting opportunity for private landowners. ODFW has limited LOP tags in a majority of Oregon's special opportunity deer hunts and LOP tags are now only unlimited for three (3) muzzle-loader hunts, a late youth firearms hunt and the late Metolius archery buck hunt. The inequity of LOP tags vs. public tags for the late Metolius hunt is by far the worst of any of the remaining few special opportunity deer hunts with unlimited LOP tags.
- Now, a few points about the late Metolius archery buck hunt and LOP tags – since the late Metolius hunt was initiated in 1995, there has been an 84 percent reduction in public tags, from 125 tags to 20+/- tags, while there has been ABSOLUTELY NO REDUCTION in LOP tags during the same period.
- Except for the lucky few who draw a tag in the random draw, it will take 20 preference points for a public hunter to draw a late Metolius tag in 2019. An LOP landowner will then have had a 40:1 or greater advantage in tag distribution over a public hunter and that already obscene ratio will grow rapidly after 2019.
- Unlike LOP landowners who have virtually been guaranteed two (2) or more LOP tags each and every year if they simply apply for them, over 99 percent of public hunters who apply for a late Metolius tag each year are unsuccessful at drawing the tag and must pursue other alternatives if they wish to hunt. If LOP landowners are no longer allowed to just gang up on special opportunity hunt LOP tags, they have all of the other hunting options that the many bowhunters

unsuccessful at drawing a public tag have, including the general archery season, OR they can choose to apply for LOP tags for other Metolius unit hunts while public hunters don't have that option.

- No matter how you look at it – the 84% reduction of public tags vs. no reduction of LOP tags, the 40:1 and growing tag distribution advantage to LOP landowners or the 99+% unsuccessful for public hunters vs. 200% or greater successful for LOP landowners – the lack of limits for LOP tags for the late Metolius archery buck hunt is highly inequitable and needs to be addressed!
- You may hear an argument that LOP landowners' properties provide important habitat for game animals and that such landowners deserve consideration for that. I agree that LOP landowners deserve some level of added consideration for tags, but the question that should be posed is whether they deserve REASONABLE consideration or should continue to have INEQUITABLE consideration. Even with tag limits like those established by ODFW for the majority of special opportunity hunts, LOP landowners will still have a much greater opportunity for a late Metolius tag than public hunters have – just not an opportunity advantage that is completely inequitable as is the case now.
- You may hear an argument that LOP landowners deserve LOP tags for the late Metolius unit archery buck hunt because they feed these deer year 'round. Baloney!! The big bucks that are targeted during the late hunt by and large live virtually all of the year on public lands and only visit private lands during the rut to breed the does that do live there a substantial part of the year. If LOP landowners are seriously concerned about feeding deer on their property on a year-round basis, the LOP opportunity should focus on the does and smaller bucks that actually spend considerable time on the private lands, not the big migratory bucks that spend only hours or at most a few days a year there.
- You may hear an argument that limiting LOP tags will deprive LOP landowners the opportunity to hunt on their own property while public hunters have many opportunities other than the late Metolius archery buck hunt to hunt deer in the Metolius unit, but that argument cuts both ways!! Just as public hunters have other hunting opportunities in the unit so, too, do LOP landowners. First, if they are bowhunters, they have the general archery deer season – roughly 30 days when they can hunt the whole unit, including, but not limited to their private property – just as public hunters do. Or, they can choose to apply for and receive LOP tags for hunts other than the late Metolius archery buck hunt while public hunters don't have that option. This Fall, there are roughly 400 controlled hunt buck tags offered for the Metolius unit of which only 20 are for the late archery buck hunt. Public tags for the late Metolius archery buck hunt are only about 5 percent of the total controlled hunt tags offered yet LOP tags for that hunt make up about 75 percent of the LOP tags for all controlled buck hunts in the unit. The fact that other hunting options are available to public hunters is no reason to continue allowing LOP landowners to gang up on tags for the one really special-opportunity archery hunt in the Metolius unit year after year!!

- **Bottom line – when there are extremely strict limits on public hunters for special opportunity hunt tags, somewhat comparable limits on LOP tags should be in place too!**

AnneMary Myers

From: Bryan Cook <bryan@oregonhunters.org>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 6:36 AM
To: AnneMary.Myers@state.or.us
Cc: jim@oregonhunters.org; ; Ken
Subject: Proposed rule changes

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Anne,

Thanks for ODFW's outreach last night at the Mid-Willamette OHA meeting. I thought you guys did a great job trying to explain most of the changes. Below is some of the points I made last night with some others that were sent to me.

- The massive proposed changes seems overwhelming to throw at sportsmen, ODFW, OSP and what seems to be a good but very young/green game commission board. Then note it follows on the shirt-tails of electronic licensing that all or most outdoorsmen are still trying to grasp.
- I personally like the visible antler for western Oregon general buck. I know I'm on the major minority side of this. This might just need more public education?
- Will controlled hunts being cut/combined/reduced by 60% actually increase hunter opportunity? How will tag draw odds be effected?
- Will the elk damage (general) hunt get desired participation with that being an only elk opportunity.
- Clarification on hunts (boundaries + timing) is good, but do they all have to be applied in one year? Could the process take an additional year to implement?
- How these changes will increase the 3 R's – Recruitment/Retention/Reactivation? We haven't seen if and how bad we could suffer in tag sales from the new license process.

It was great to meet you guys. Thanks again for all your time and hard work, have a great weekend.

Happy Hunting,

Happy Hunting

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Subject:

FW: 2020 Proposed Regulation Changes

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

From: Colton Minton <Colton.Minton@oit.edu>

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 9:48 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: 2020 Proposed Regulation Changes

All,

I would like to express my concern regarding reducing the western deer tag to a spike or better hunt.

I know that many studies have shown that most deer at age 1.5 will be larger than spikes if they have good genetics. The problem I have with these studies (at least the ones I've found) is that they are primarily on whitetail deer, which have significantly different diets and characteristics than the blacktails in Western Oregon. I have also found studies that contradict these findings, and frankly I'm no biologist, so I'm not sure what to believe and don't have the time to get that in depth in my research. I would like to see more data, specifically on blacktail deer before I fully believe these that these studies are applicable the deer in Western OR.

My other concern with this proposed change is predation from cougars, bears, coyotes, and now wolves. Managing cougars, and wolves is very tough to do this day in age and many tools for managing these animals are off the table due to legislation that has been passed. I understand that, but my concern is that if we increase the numbers of young animals we are harvesting, regardless of antler size, we will see a drastic drop in the young deer population.

I've heard the argument regarding these young animals having a high mortality rate during young ages. (I assume that is mostly from predation and vehicle collisions?) my concern here is that if we decrease the number of easier targets for these predators (by shooting spikes), that the remaining young class of deer will be less in number, and be pursued more heavily than they currently are by the predators which could drastically reduce the population of young animals.

It seems to me that with the growing number of predators we have within this state, we should not be looking to increase the number of animals we allow people to take from the woods, these animals have enough to deal with as it is.

At the least, I would like to see some sort of pilot program, perhaps youth spike tags that would allow kids to get out and harvest animals in a few select units that are above target measures to see what kinds of results this has before implementing this for all of the Western Oregon tag holders.

I am just one person who is concerned that this could potentially have a very negative down side, and would like to be more convinced before we allow everyone with a general season tag to shoot spikes.

Thanks for your time.

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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Black tail buck proposed change

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

From: Travis Robison <robisonrht@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 7:54 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Black tail buck proposed change

I personally would not make the blacktail hunt visible antler. I would rather see it go to 3 pt. or better. Maybe visible antler for youth only. We need more mature bucks not less. My opinion.
Sent from my iPhone

Roxann B Borisch

Subject:

FW:

From: tntragan <tomandtammmyragan@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 6:43 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject:

To whom it may concern,

I would like to offer my opinion in regards the proposed regulation changes for traditional archery seasons in the canyon creek, Trout creek, north fork John day, and the two undetermined westside hunts. I am opposed to eliminating the current seasons in the Canyon creek and trout creek areas. However, I fully support the addition of the new hunts in the John day and westside units. Traditional archers are few in numbers and our success is considerably hampered by our choice of a primitive weapon and as such our impact to the numbers of deer and elk harvested are minimal. Please allow us to continue to enjoy the few special areas we have now and also please open up more areas to hunt for us to pursue the sport we love. Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Sincerely,

Tom Ragan

Roxann B Borisch

Subject:

FW: Proposed Changes to Traditional Only archery seasons

From: stros@wvi.com <stros@wvi.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 9:07 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Proposed Changes to Traditional Only archery seasons

Commissioners,

I have been bowhunting in Oregon since 1972. With the exceptions of 1979 and 1980 I have always used Traditional bows. The Longbows and Recurves I have used over the years have all been made by bowyers living here in Oregon.

I am requesting that the following areas remain as Traditional Archery Areas only:

1. Canyon Creek for the first week of the Archery Season.
2. Trout Creek Mountains remain as Traditional Only with unlimited tags.

I also support the following:

1. Traditional Only Season in the North Fork John Day Wilderness Area.
2. Creation of two new Traditional Only hunts on the westside.

I am currently 67 years old and I hate to admit it but it is becoming more difficult to draw and accurately shot a recurve or longbow. I will not go back to shooting a compound which I did for two years. I have been practicing at least 2-3 times a day for the last 1 1/2 months to feel comfortable with my shooting. I have hunted the Canyon Creek and Trout Creek Mountains in years past and would hate to see the proposed changes there.

Traditional seasons and increasing the number of areas promotes small businesses here in Oregon. Bowyers and arrow shaft makers all benefit and keeps a long held tradition alive.

Thank You,
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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: big game regulations

From: bjware51@outlook.com <bjware51@outlook.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 2:12 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: big game regulations

Regarding change to visible antler to western Oregon change entire state to forked horn or better!!! Stop killing the babies!!! I may stop hunting if you keep managing for the money!

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 11:48 AM
To: Thomas Thornton
Cc: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Proposed ban on the use and possession scents and lures made of cervid urine.

From: crowemagnum <crowemagnum@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 4:13 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed ban on the use and possession scents and lures made of cervid urine.

Commissioners,

I would like to address the proposed ban on cervid urine based products to prevent CWD.

There have been no studies that have linked the use of processed cervid urine products to the spread of CWD. While there are many ways the prions are spread, none have been linked to processed scent products.

The use of urine based scents has been going on for years here in Oregon. If there had been a problem with CWD from the use of these products we would have know so many years ago.

We have safety protocols in place to prevent the spread of CWD. The biggest threat comes from animal to animal contact. If an infected animal gets into the state, we will have big problems.

My feeling is this an another attempt by those that feel baiting deer and elk with feed or the use of scents is somehow unethical, and they want to "outlaw" that method of hunting. In the areas I have hunted for many years using scents, the deer and elk are healthy with no sign of disease. Banning the use of scents to prevent CWD is like banning firearms to prevent crime.

I would encourage the use of the protocols currently in place.

Gerry Crowe

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

Roxann B Borisch

From: Valeri Wainwright <jvwriver04@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 6:29 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Elk damage control hunts and Mule deer populations

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission . I was recently at one of the public meetings about Animal populations around the state. The meeting then made a turn to Damage control hunts for Elk in northeastern Oregon. The Elk populations cannot sustain that kind of A kill Off. I know that Damage control hunts are important to help with damage to private lands, But it should not be at the Expense of the people of Oregon who Own the animals that live in the state of Oregon . Several of the Land owners are charging for permission to hunt on there land. Access to their land will coast \$2,000 to \$10,000 depending on what type of Elk that you want to Harvest. The only party that will benefit is the land Owner. The Elk populations will decrease substansely and the people of Oregon will not have the opportunity to hunt the animals that belong to them.

The second Issue. I worry is about the Mule Deer population ,I know that we cannot do much about predation or poaching and the number of Deer killed on the roads , but we can control the number of tag sales each year .If we need to limit tags sales , Or limit hunting too, One year the Center fire ammunition hunters get limited tags , the next year Mousal loader hunters get limited tags ,the following year Archers get limited Tags. Continue to follow this pattern until the Mule Deer populations come back up.

Sincerely John Wainwright
President of Oregon Bow Hunters.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: input on hunting changes

From: fred worsley [mailto:ifworsley1@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:33 PM

To: Tod Lum <Tod.M.Lum@state.or.us>

Subject: Re: input on hunting changes

Tod let me know that you received this.

July 15, 2019

Tod Lum
ODFW
Roseburg Regional Office

Re: Public meeting held July 19, 2019 for proposed hunting regulations.

Tod,

I wish to add my input to this meeting that was held last Tuesday. First, I and some of my hunting partners were not aware of this meeting. How was this communicated to the public? I usually read the news paper each day and did not see any notice. I apologize if I missed the notice in the paper but it seems lately the ODFW does not communicate well as they use to in the local paper on local matters, ie fish counts, hunting stats, weekly fishing and hunting reports etc. I know the pat answer will be the computer and e-mail but not all use this form of communication on a regular basis. If this was not broadcast by news, radio, and paper why not? You use to do it and I think you have missed some of the public by not doing this. I would have attended this meeting had I known about it.

Second according to the article in the paper after the meeting, July 12, it stated the ODFW finished a two year review of hunting regulations. Where was the public involvement on this? From being here my whole life I know you folks meet with the OSP game division I think yearly to discuss problems, simplifications, etc. Why not involve the public at this time? I think this is where many of the public feel left out and believe the decisions are already made and that the public meetings usually in the summer/fall before the Commission rules are just for show and have met the requirement of having a public meeting. I think a change in process is needed where by the public feels more involved in the ORIGINAL up front meetings with the actual biologists and OSP personnel. Why not have a public aspect/presence at this time before things are formalized and drawn up in a formal proposal change? I think you will have a much better public trust factor knowing they had a say in the original work up.

As an example of what I just said in paragraph two, I had a conversation with Officer Jason Stone,OSP, earlier this year on what the OSP/Stone proposed to you folks,ODFW, about the muzzleloader buck deer hunt at the end of November each year for the South Indigo unit. Jason and his various hunting partners hunt this almost every year. What I gathered from that conversation there was a meeting/conversation with OSP and ODFW personnel to put forth a change in the regulations for this particular hunt and likely for other changes in the hunting regulations. Why not, before a change is put in writing at this time, involve the public instead of weeks/months later? My input at that time would have been a flat no to combing the North Indigo and the South Indigo unit in one hunt and expanding the available tags.

I think I trump most of the people at the ODFW office and OSP personnel for having hunted and recreated in and around the Steamboat, Boulder Creek, Toketee, and Lemole area. I have seen the dramatic decline in our deer and elk populations primarily due to lack of managing our public timber lands (no logging and causing lack of habitat). Yes you may say there are plentiful deer and elk around but they are mainly now on private managed lands and in our lower elevations. Let's be honest, the South Indigo muzzleloader deer hunt is primarily a trophy hunt. Yes there are a few that hunt for just the meat alone but they are by far in the minority. The deer are in the rut and it is very common knowledge the trophy bucks will be running with the does. By changing this to blend with the North Indigo hunt will only create more pressure in those areas that hold more deer and that is the Boulder Creek, Ilahee, Medicine Creek, and Lemolo 2 areas. We have hunted this area for years and these areas draw many of the 50+ tags for this special hunt. If you expand it to 150+ tags will only create more competition and strain on the limited amount of deer/trophy deer in this area. It will ruin this very limited special hunt for a trophy buck. You are only fooling yourself and ruining a very special hunt if you think those extra 100+ tags are going to likely hunt elsewhere in the unit. Why did you move our South Indigo hunt back to the latter part of November and let the North Indigo hunt around the middle of November? You know why. The OSP had hunters from North Indigo cheating and coming over into the South Indigo unit, ie upper Boulder Creek area.

I have talked to you about this over the years in moving the timing of the hunt back and still feel the OSP needs to do their job and moving our South Indigo trophy hunt back was the wrong decision. If we could have had public input at the time that decision was made with just the ODFW and OSP we may have come to a different outcome. This again is an example where the public was left out at the INITIAL discussion.

If you change the South Indigo hunt to combine with the North Indigo unit will ruin this hunt. Leave it alone. It is not simplifying a thing. You have the two hunts separated as to timing that you went to great lengths to change a few years back at the request of the OSP. Plus the deer numbers in the Boulder Creek, Steamboat, and Toketee areas, where a good share of the tag holders hunt, are considerably lower due to lack of deer due to no logging and poor forest management. You know this as well as anyone else and I believe you no longer do your deer counts in this area like you use to. In fact we very seldom see any to the ODFW personnel in these areas like we use to in past years when active logging was common. I think you and Jay Potter will agree that our deer and elk numbers on public lands (BLM and Forest Service) are down considerably. The common saying among us hunters, especially older ones, for the

Cascade bull elk season in this area is "you are lucky if you see a fresh track nowadays". Your own elk surveys in this area prove this out and to get your numbers for the Indigo unit you have to look on lower private land where logging and management is common. That then gives you the numbers to justify a general hunt season drawing more revenue than having a special hunt with very limited tags due to the number of elk on public lands. Our numbers of elk on Forest Service land up the North Umpqua is a disaster and being allowed to perpetuate for money as you can justify numbers on private land that is off limits to the average hunter.

I have talked to you about establishing a rotation for the muzzleloader deer hunt whereby we give the South Indigo unit a break for a year or two so that what few deer we have in those "hot spots" like Boulder Creek can have the potential to establish a few more trophy size bucks instead of continually pounding the same unit over and over again. If we had better habitat by logging and forest management we could sustain and increase our deer numbers but you and I know this will not happen. We do not need to increase our number of tags for this hunt especially public Forest Service/BLM lands. The rotation of this hunt should seriously be considered with other adjacent or nearby hunts. What about rotating with North Indigo, Dixon, possible Evans units? This would allow relieving pressure just on one unit year after year where each of these units has seen decline in deer numbers on public lands.

And Tod please don't give the excuse you gave me about the one biologist that will not allow the Tiller deer herd to be hunted by such a hunt due to some special genes these deer have. I don't know what pull he/she has but it is time to address this issue. Hunting is a management tool and as long as the appropriate tags and enforcement are in place the public has a right to expect the ODFW to manage for the citizens of the state and not for one person or philosophy. I would like to know this person's real reason why a hunt of this nature can not occur. We as hunters for the many many years we have hunted the areas I have mentioned consider this Boulder Creek area having "special" genes as well yet we are not denied hunting this special hunt?

Further, it looks like you want to change to a visible antler for deer the same as Eastern Oregon. My individual input on this is no. We are divided by eastern and western Oregon tags and have to purchase accordingly. That does not involve simplification to me. Also, I think a forked antler on one side is ok and to me it allows those spikes to grow and mature to the next year. Those people that are interested in meat only have the opportunity in this area to apply for doe tags where appropriate and allowed. As to mistakes and shooting a spike, I think this is the exception and does not justify changing the regulation. The same thing can happen even if spikes are legal there is the potential that someone thought they saw an antler and turns out it was a doe. In summary, because we are so divided east and west and must purchase a tag accordingly I see no simplification whatsoever.

Finally, one comment on the elk numbers on public land and the general Cascade but elk season. We need a limited number of tags and would even like to see a three point or better on the harvest of elk for the general rifle season. Our numbers on Forest Service land (public land) are horrible and you know it. If we are meeting our bull to cow ratio for up the North Umpqua area it is only because of the lower elevation PRIVATE lands that for the most part are off limits to the average hunter. Correct me if I am wrong but I have not seen much if any landowner/ODFW cooperation for allowing the average hunter to hunt on the lower elevation private lands/ranches where most of our elk reside. Montana seems to have a successful program of such but I don't see it here in Oregon, especially on the west side.

Tod, while I was typing up this e-mail you returned my call and I did learn that the ODFW did put a notice in our local paper and sorry I did not see the notice. As you can see I am very passionate about this area and in particular both the hunting and fishing. I have grown up my entire life in this area from the time I could walk to working college summers at Toketee and Diamond lake for the Forest Service. I have seen what I call in my life time the best times and am now seeing some of the worst times and not looking to get better any time soon. These management decisions many times do not make sense and couple that with feeling that the public is not being heard/listened to does not sit well. I would like to see much better communication at the initial stages of these management discussions where you have the ODFW, OSP, and the public involved with the goal before any proposal is drawn up, to find common ground and arrive at a consensus. This to me done at the regional level with the three groups of stakeholders involved is a much better approach than having the Salem ODFW decide what is best for our area and having their regional staff blend it to match Salem's wishes. It is the top down backward shove it in your face approach and you wonder why people were quoted in our local paper say "it really doesn't, matter what I say they have already made up their minds". Tod please forward this on to the higher ups as well and would very much like to have an influence in this decision making before it is too late.

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On Jul 16, 2019, at 10:15 AM, Tod Lum <Tod.M.Lum@state.or.us> wrote:

Fred,
I cannot open the attached document in your email. ODFW letter dated 7152019.pages
Do you have Microsoft Word?
You can always copy and paste it into your email message and I can get it that way.

Tod Lum
Douglas District Wildlife Biologist
Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife
4192 N Umpqua Hwy
Roseburg OR 97470

Roxann B Borisch

Subject:

FW: Information for July 2019, District Meetings

From: Paul Anderes <panderes@union-county.org>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 4:22 PM

To: Kevin Blakely <Kevin.L.Blakely@state.or.us>; Douglas Cottam <Douglas.F.Cottam@state.or.us>;

michelle.l.tate@state.or.us; Shannon Hurn <Shannon.M.Hurn@coho2.dfw.state.or.us>

Cc: REP Barreto <Rep.GregBarreto@oregonlegislature.gov>; SEN Hansell <Sen.BillHansell@oregonlegislature.gov>;

jeff.yankee@state.or.us

Subject: Information for July 2019, District Meetings

ODFW Director Curt Melcher

ODFW Deputy Director Shannon Hurn

ODFW Division Administrator Dr. Doug Cottam

ODFW Deputy Administrator Kevin Blakely

I was able to attend a recent ODFW District meeting to review draft information regarding proposed changes that the Commission will be considering in September.

In my view, there were a number of positive proposals presented. However, I also have some concerns with portions of the proposal, or rather what is not included in the proposal.

The proposed new General Season Elk Damage Tag (GSEDt) is a strong step in the right direction. I am encouraged by the potential benefits towards solving damage, especially on private property. My concern is the proposed area does not address a significant portion of habitual damage that occurs in Union County. When I asked a local biologist how far the area would extend west on Highway 244 towards Starkey, I was told – “I am not going to include an area for one landowner”. There was no mention of solving the damage problem that is chronic in the Starkey area, or biological practices to address the issue. I can only assume that private property owners in that area will have to continue to rely on hazing, kill permits, emergency hunts, controlled hunts, and damage tags since their private property lies outside of the GSEDt areas.

I did not see any mention of the items discussed at the House Natural Resources Committee Work Group meeting of April 2, 2019 addressing HB3227 included in the District meetings draft information. Is there a different process for adoption or changes of these rules?

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters. I look forward to working with ODFW staff to find solutions to issues that affect Union County residents.

Paul Anderes

CC:

Oregon House District 58 Representative Greg Barreto

Oregon District 29 Senator Bill Hansell

Jeff Yankee

Paul M. Anderes

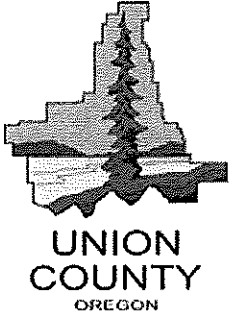
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Roxann B Borisch

From: Ted Sharp <tedsharp1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 3:54 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Juniper Unit: I'm interested in any changes to mule deer hunting in the Juniper Unit. Any information you have on this would be greatly appreciated

Categories: Forwarded to Wildlife

Thanks, Ted Sharp, Prineville Oregon

July 17, 2019

Columbia Basin Chapter Oregon Hunters Association response to changes proposed to the ODFW big game hunting regulations for 2020.

Dear Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Director and Commissioners

(E-Mail To: odfw.commission@state.or.us)

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Oregon Department of Fish and Game Big Game Hunting Regulation proposals for 2020. As a Oregon Hunters Association Chapter, we would like to share our thought related to the proposals we reviewed on line and in a public meeting here in Pendleton on July 2nd.

We are glad the Agency and Commission are reviewing the hunting regulations. Regulations are often put into place to address a specific issue or need and these can change over time and should be periodically reevaluated.

We are happy to see that the agency is interested in looking to simplify the regulations. Simple regulations that are straight forward and easy to understand are helpful and should assist in not intimidating potential hunters from participating.

We agree with the longer seasons for pronghorn, bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain Goat. These are prized tags, difficult to draw and several are once in a lifetime. Having the time to do these hunts right is a great objective.

While we applaud the desire to simplify the regulations, we do have some concern as to what this could do population objectives and herd composition, it seems additional conversation would be useful to address these concerns.

We have some concern about existing points hunters have accrued over many years. We would not want to see points lost for a hunt they have been working hard to acquire.

We have concern with omitting the small Canyon Creek Traditional archery hunt. This is a long time, unique hunt with high interest and recognition.

The general season Antlerless Elk damage hunt tags - we do understand and are sensitive to the issues and concerns of our private landowners with the large numbers of elk that cause damage to their crops and forage as well as the potential economic losses. We also understand the need to try new and additional tools to remedy this situation. We see this is a pilot and are interested in understanding how this is going to be monitored and what is the feedback loop to

the hunters and private landowners would look like. We would like to know what success looks like, what are the monitoring parameters, how long will it be a pilot? We feel if landowners do have damage issues, they should work with hunters to assure additional opportunity in the attempt to reduce the damage. If they are not interested is the hunting population assistance, they should not be issued damage tags. We also have concerns on what this additional focus on cow elk could do to our herd numbers. Are you going to continue to utilize traditional tools such as hazing as well? We would like to see ODFW and the Commission step up and be more vocal related to why these issues exist in the first place and work with the private and public landowners to try and address in a long-term manner.

There is a lot of information provided by ODFW both on-line and at the public meetings held around the state this past month. We have to question the need to address all these issues at one time, there is a lot of information to digest, and we wonder if this could be addressed in stages over several years so we would have a better chance to study and understand the proposed changes and ask more informed questions.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate. We look forward to continued conversations.

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President

Columbia Basin Chapter, Oregon Hunters Association

Roxann B Borisch

From: steven stieler <smstieler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 9:04 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Big Game Regulation Changes for 2020; Public Meetings in Redmond/Prineville on 7/9/2019-7/16/2019

Dear Commission,

My name is Steven Stieler and I'm a concerned hunter about some of the proposed changes to the big game regulations for the year 2020. I have attended two public meetings in Prineville and Redmond these last two weeks. As I do realize change is needed in some hunts, units and categories, my biggest concern is some of the other hunters wanting to have controlled hunting for all archery seasons, eliminating a General season for archers. This is unacceptable! Archers do not pressure the animals and having a longer season than rifle season spreads the little pressure that's there around. Perhaps having a three week consistent rifle season (spread the existing tags through three weeks instead of bunching everyone into one 5 day hunt) would help rifle hunters have a better quality hunt and take pressure off the animals. If eliminating the General Archery season for deer and elk will take effect, I would strongly recommend canceling ALL General season rifle hunts for deer and elk. This is only FAIR. As archers we value the better quality hunt you get when bow hunting, this is one of the main reasons I bow hunt. Also, this is one of the last states to offer a General season tag for bow hunters and we and I cherish that and will fight for that so we don't have to travel out of state. I love this state and its animals and I love bow hunting. We take very little animals compared to the rifle hunters. I would also like more opportunities to hunt archery for mule deer in the rut (November) if that is something that is possible. The commission is doing a great job at taking input and trying to simplify the regulations and I appreciate that and congratulate you. I just want to be able to hunt on a General Archery tag and have my season for a month like it has been. We contribute to the biological duty of taking mature animals and we are quiet and respectful hunters.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my voice,

Sincerely,

Steven Stieler; Hunter/Angler # 2834233

Roxann B Borisch

From: Buddy R Phibbs <Buddy.R.Phibbs@state.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 4:20 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: ODFW Proposed Changes

Hi,

For what it's worth, I'd like the proposed changes to the 600 series antlerless deer hunts to be reconsidered.

As mentioned on the website, some of the 600 series hunts allow for a doe or a buck which provides hunters with flexibility. Particularly, the West Blues 600 series hunt, which is a bow or muzzleloader specific white-tail hunt, is a fantastic but hard tag to draw for the synopsis-savvy hunter. I've been fortunate enough to draw it once and would really appreciate the opportunity to try and draw it again.

Thanks,
Buddy

Roxann B Borisch

From: Chelan L. Wood <cn2hell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 9:33 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Traditional archery seasons

Good morning

As a lifelong traditional bow hunter I ask that you consider the proposal put forward by the Traditional Archers of Oregon as it concerns any changes to existing traditional archery season and any expansion of those seasons. I think it is vital to maintain these opportunities for a distinctly different type of archery hunt.

TAO Proposal

- Make Canyon Creek Archery Area Traditional Only for the entire four weeks of the general archery season
- Make Trout Creek Mountains a general tag but limit the weapon to Traditional Only
- Agree with the proposed new hunt in the North Fork of the John Day Wilderness.
- Agree with the two new proposed westside hunts

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Chelan Wood
Portland 97206

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Roxann B Borisch

From: Andrew <Andrew@lowercolumbiaengr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 3:09 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Input on Controlled Hunt Changes

Hello,

Big game hunting is my greatest passion. For this reason, I'd like to offer a brief summary of my thoughts on the controlled hunt process:

1. I'll start out with a compliment, I apply in pretty much all of the western states and like the 75/25 split for tag allocation best.
2. I support either making the 600 series a true antlerless opportunity or changing the name for the sake of avoiding confusion. However, many folks have spent a lot of money to build points for this series based on the understanding that they could draw a tag that allows for harvesting a buck. For this reason, if you are going to move some of the "one deer" bag limit hunts to 100 series, I feel that you should allow hunters to also move their accumulated 600 series points to 100 series.
3. As much as I'd love to draw a Premium Hunt, I don't like the current structure as there is no science or logic involved in the process, it doesn't burn points and it gives non-residence the same odds as residence. For these reasons, it looks to most hunters as nothing more than a money grab by the State. In my opinion the point system doesn't ultimately benefit hunters without increased opportunity to burn points. I believe that most hunters would simply prefer that select hunts be added that offer a unique and exciting opportunity. With this approach, biological data could be incorporated and more points would be burned up, potentially with no net increase in harvest.
4. The general consensus amongst the hardcore western hunting community is that while Oregon offers a lot of opportunity, it doesn't offer much in terms of quality relative to other states. Adding more unique hunt choices with very limited tags, as suggested in Item 3 above, would allow for better balance in this regard. For example, let's take the Steens Deer as an example. I feel strongly that most hunters would vote to give up 10 tags from the standard hunt in exchange for 5 tags with November hunt dates. Since the existing hunt has a 50% harvest rate, even if the November hunt had 100% harvest success, you would not see a net increase in harvest. Plus, I think that this would get the attention of folks with 15-20 points. We need more hunts for the folks with high point totals to target.

I really respect the hard work and thought that is put into the complex process of managing our big game animals. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding my opinions.

Thanks again,

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PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Charleston Big Game Update and Proposal

ODFW will review all the comments and consider incorporating them into the final assessment and update and also present them to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Comments must be received by **July 9, 2019**.

NAME: Kris Muse
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I propose that SW Oregon spring bear be like trout or traditional Bow Hunt. Make it still be a draw but ~~be~~ unlimited. I saw maybe 2 pickups in 2 months. I saw 20+ bears in 2 months. There is no shortage of bears and people want to hunt in the spring so why make a limit. You still get a app and if someone wants to hunt then they have no excuse to complain.

Send to:
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Charleston, OR 97420
541.888.5515 ext. 236
Or email Dominic.M.Rocco@state.or.us

PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

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NAME: Anthony Runn
ADDRESS: 1636 Cedar dr

PHONE: 541-290-7093
EMAIL: Tonyrunn22@gmail.com

I would like to propose A Extension of Spring Bear Season
In the Southwest Hunt to June 15th End date, To take some
pressure off of Cow Elk having calves and deer having fawns and
Increase Hunter opportunity.

Thanks for Your Time,

Anthony Runn

ODFW Big Game Regulations

Public Comment Sheet

Meeting Topic: 2020 big game regulations Location: Seaside Date: 7/18/19

Issue: SPike BlackTail HUNT

Comment:

I am strongly against killing Spike Bucks in the
Saddle Mt. Unit. They are too small and should
be allowed another year to grow and mature.

To me its would be a waste of a resource. - Jim Wells

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ODFW Big Game Regulations

Public Comment Sheet

Meeting Topic: 2020 big game regulations Location: Seaside Date: 7/18/19

Issue: ^{more} Cow Hunts ~~Proposed~~ proposed

Comment: I would like to see more kids opportunities with these proposed cow hunts right along with the more Adult hunts

Issue: Proposal to Roll "One Deer Hunts into Regular Season

Comment: I have 13 points over 13 years of applying for a special Hunt and if this happens I would be really pissed and am Truely against this. Because how are you going to compensate me for all my points that has cost me over 100.00 at 8.00 a year in yearly fee's

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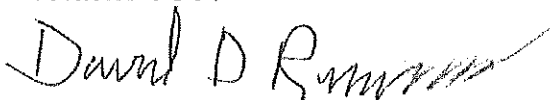
July 18, 2019

To whom it may concern:

My name is David Richards and I attended part of the ODFW meeting in Seaside, Oregon that was open to the public on July 18, 2019. Because I am hearing impaired, I felt it necessary to make my thoughts known on the proposal to make spike blacktail deer legal in the general season. I am against this, as are most of my hunting friends and acquaintances. Whereas, ODFW may want to increase hunter opportunities, this is not the way to do it. I feel this could have a very negative effect over time.

Not only will there be fewer respectable bucks around, but there is always the chance of illegal party hunting. That is, a party of 5 hunters goes out. One member happens to see 3 does and 2 spikes. He shoots both spikes, one of which is for himself, one for anyone else in his party. I have hunted blacktail deer for many years. It has taken me years to learn how to do so effectively. Changing the rules like this makes me sick as I always follow the game laws exactly. And like it or not, the above scenario will happen. I feel a much better way of increasing hunter success is to increase the length of the season, not by culling all the little spike deer. The season used to be longer. It ends on Nov 1 this year. Why not November 8?

Thank You.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David D. Richards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David D. Richards 80 Nehalem Ave, Astoria, OR 97103

2020 ODFW Big Game Regulations, Seaside, Oregon, meeting on July 18, 2019:

– Public Comments regarding 2020 big game regulations.

By John R. Putman, President, Tillamook chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association.

Caveat: The following comments are my own and not necessarily those of the Tillamook chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association or of the statewide Oregon Hunters Association on which I am a board member as the Northwest Director.

Issue #1: Buck deer and Antlerless deer proposed definition and bag limit changes.

Comments: I support the proposed changes. Changing the antler point criterium defining a buck deer from forked antler to a visible angler is reasonable and desirable for the reasons provided by ODFW in its “Information for July 2019, District Meetings, Draft 1 paper. Changing the “antlerless deer” definition to remove single antler point bucks (a.k.a. spikes) is also reasonable and desirable for the reasons provided by ODFW in its “Information for July 2019, District Meetings, Draft 1 paper. Though rarely a doe or female deer can have an antler or antlers, generally a buck is a buck and an antlerless deer is a doe. The proposed definitions will match this.

Issue #2: “Elk - 200 Series, General Season Antlerless Elk Damage Tag”

Comments:

The proposed General Season Antlerless Elk Damage Tag (“GSED”) changes are positive, creative thinking. However, the following comments challenge some of the Department’s justification analyses and conclusions as stated in its five bullet points under “Elk - 200 Series, General Season Antlerless Elk Damage Tag.” The comments also offer suggestions to resolve Department-identified issues to the Damage Tags program which may help in areas outside GSED hunt areas.

- 1 “Damage tags are only valid on land owned or leased by the landowner, so hunters cannot pursue elk onto adjacent private lands”

Comment: This is not a big deal. A legislative or administrative law fix could allow damage tags area boundaries to be expanded to within one mile of the boundaries of a landowner’s property, similar to agricultural damage controlled hunts boundaries. This law change would not change private property rights law. Prior Permission from the adjacent landowner would still be necessary for the damage tag hunter to avoid possible civil and/or criminal prosecution for trespass. Regardless, it is likely a similar criticism or complaint will be present regardless of hunt boundaries since elk will change their behavior, e.g. time their movements, in response to the human predator’s behavior, e.g. stopping at the hunt boundary. Ultimately, hunters must pattern their prey to intercept it. For GSED hunts, the longer hunt time period will allow the hunter to better pattern local elk movements.

●2 **"Tags can only be issued when staff is present at ODFW offices"**

Comment: This is not a big deal. This is a "process" piece. The solution here would require the development of an on-line permit system similar to ODFW's current electronic hunting & fishing licensing program which permit system would meet current ODFW requirements, including without limitation supporting damage documentation and other proof, e.g. photographs submitted as .PDF files, real property deeds evincing property ownership, etc. This on-line application system could be administered from anywhere within ODFW. This is a long-term concept. Initially, on-the-ground verification of damage by ODFW staff would likely still be required. However, subsequent applications by the same applicant for the same property should take less staff time and/or otherwise be automated IF (a) trusted or verified by landowner/applicant oath or declaration, (b) subject to penalty or sanctions for perjury for false swearing or fraudulent information, and (c) subject to random verifications. Abuse and favoritism are always possible. Time and experience are teachers toward the future modifications addressing future problems, if any, of that on-line damage permit system.

●3 **"Damage Program tags are time intensive for staff and landowners to implement..."**

Comment: This is not a big deal. This again is a "process" piece. Bullet #2 comments also apply here. Landowners and ODFW staff have a vested interest in a smoother, streamlined system over the long term. The possibility of a less labor intensive process for subsequent, trusted damage permit applications should be an incentive to both groups.

●4 **"Damage program tags are often used when there are existing controlled hunts in place to address damage"**

Comment: Damage program tags compete with controlled hunts addressing damage. Therefore, damage program tags should not be valid during controlled hunt seasons covering the same property to encourage landowners and controlled hunt tag holders to work together to solve the landowners' problems.

Comment: Landowners could be provided annually electronic access to a list of email or other contact data of available controlled-hunt hunters.

Comment: Perhaps, ODFW could maintain an electronic, on-line registry of landowners (renewable annually) within each controlled hunt who are willing to consider granting private property access permission and the specified number of "permissions" that landowner is willing consider/grant.

Comment: Similarly perhaps, ODFW could maintain a database of hunters looking for property to within a controlled hunt area. The hunter could self-register here using his/her hunter identification number. Landowners could be given access to this list. Both landowners and hunters would save time. After initial development, automating this system would save ODFW field staff time.

●5 **"Hunters are often utilizing damage tags as a second elk hunting opportunity. For example, a hunter who hunts during a general archery or rifle elk season and does not fill their tag can exchange their unused tag for a damage tag at the request of**

the landowner. This is not the intent of the program and does not meet the Department's intent of providing hunters one elk hunting opportunity per year. In 2018, most damage tags were issued as an exchange to a previously unfilled tag." (Emphasis added).

Comment: The reasoning within this fifth bullet point misses the point of the damage tag program, i.e. to timely address a local, landowner elk damage problem. Presumably, ODFW's **intent** of its elk damage program is to solve to some level the landowner's problem, i.e. a locally-specific, time-specific and sometimes-unforeseeable elk damage problem. This damage tag program seems to have a more specific intent and frames-of-reference to the broader, more general intents of maximizing hunter opportunity and apportioning that opportunity among the broadest population of hunters, i.e. "**the Department's intent** of providing hunters one elk hunting opportunity per year. The bullet point's focus on the hunter's intent to gain another hunting opportunity does not change the intent of the elk damage program. However, the longer season of the General Season Elk Damage Tag ("GSEDT") should be an incentive to hunters allowing them more time to identify and contact for permission those landowners suffering damage in elk de-emphasis areas. GSEDT hunts should allow landowners access to more tags through more hunters than the existing damage program otherwise would. Hunters and landowners will still need to form relationships to achieve their respective goals.

Comment: I do not believe a hunter should be loose a landowner damage hunting opportunity simply because he/she has an unfilled elk tag, whether general season or controlled hunt, or is willing to exchange an in-season, unfilled elk tag for a damage tag. I am o.k. with excluding from damage tag hunt eligibility a hunter who has filled their elk season tag. In other words, I am o.k. with the damage tag being part of an annual elk bag limit, not an additional elk, in order to spread out hunter opportunities. However, the damage tag program's intent is to resolve landowners' damage problems. If eligible and willing 'unfilled tag' hunters are in short supply, then the pool of hunters should be expanded to include hunters who have filled their elk season tag.

- END.

Comments on Regulations Changes by Holly Akenson, 72531 Farmers Ln, Enterprise

- ① Keep Canyon Creek Traditional Hunt - expand to all season, long archery. Consider expanding size. This heritage hunt is part of what makes Oregon a great place to hunt. Don't get rid of hunts with special value just to "simplify." ~~One~~ My first introduction to hunting was bowhunting Canyon Creek.
- ② Don't allow long range rifles in Walla Walla Valley hunts - it's dangerous! Leave these white tail hunts as "short range" only. I live in this hunt area.

Holly Akenson
Past Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commissioner
2011-2019
and active Oregon hunter

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ODFW
WILDLIFE DIVISION

WOLF AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT - My name is Ward Larsen and since 1995 when they started talking of reintroducing wolves into the lower 48 states I have NOT seen a Management Plan for them. They said they wanted to place 10 pair of wolves on Federal ground per state with a moretorium to delist them from the Endangered Species Act, but there was no date or numers of wolves given. With no management or control of the wolves their numbers have increased greatly and having a very negative effect on the prey animals - deer, elk, moose, bison, black bear, porkupine, wild sheep and ranchers and farmers animals. There are hugh packs in some places that have reduced elk and deer and moose numbers dramatically. There has got to be a management plan set up so the prey animals are protected.

There are 36-40 sub species of wolves. When they introduced wolves into our states they introduced the wrong sub species. Most of the wolves in the lower 48 states are the Red Wolf and they are in the lower western states. The upper part from the Rockies in the forested region are closer related to the Timber Wolf. The ones they brought in are Arctic and Tundra wolves. These weren't even native to the area. The year after they introduced the 10 pairs of wolves they should have started controlling them. It is the multiples that get you. The pups from the first pair will usually be 3-7 in the litter. There will be a 10 per cent mortality on the pups so that would leave an average of 4 that survive. Half will be female and in a year they can be breeding. If there are 50 females the numers can increase 200 more animals in a year and each year it increases tremendously. Their numer increase very quickly and have a bad effect on the prey animals and stock especially when the increased numbers of wolves pack up. There has got to be a management plan!!

This turns into a multiple management plan. You have Black Bear, Grizzley Bear, Cougar , Coyote and Wolves feeding on the same prey. Your prey species are rabbits, porkupine, beaver, deer, elk, moose, bison, Mt. sheep and Mt. goats. No rancher, farmer on their own property or permit range are paid much for the stock that are killed and then add into that the loss of what the calves would have produced in the future. There is also the loss of weight from the harrassment to the stock by the predators. Black Bear, Grizzley and Cougar don't pack, where coyote and wolves do to communicate with other coyotes and wolves. They howl! Wolves packing is kill power as is shown In Idaho. The LoLo elk herd went from over 16,000 head of elk to 1000 head in about 10 years and that is just one herd. In the fall and spring for every mature cow killed it isn't one head that is killed - it is two to three head when you figure the cow and the calf she is carrying, that is an average. The harrassment by the predators can cause abortion too. It comes to 4.1 elk a day are killed, or 28.7 killed in a week or 123 elk a month killed. With the cows and calves lost it brings the loss to 37,638 head that has been lost. That is taking in consideration the calves that the lost calves would have produced.

Now we come to domestic predation to the farmers and ranchers. They have lost a lot, and seeing their livestock killed before their eyes and not being able to protect them on their own property. Laws have been put in place that ties the ranchers hands so they can't even protect

their property. The 4th and 14th Amendment gives you the right to enjoy your property which you aren't able to do when the wolves are killing off all of your income. In Oregon and Washington there needs to be 2 kills in 9 months on your place before you can protect your stock. The wolf packs are traveling through 50-100 different owners property - killing 2 domestic animals on each ownership? Really?? Where is the logic to allow that. The wolves will usually range 4 townships. The packs should be reduced down to where there is one wolf per 4 townships where the wolf will be just killing weak, sick and injured animals. This is for the wild prey not farmers and ranchers land.

All of the predator animals need to have management plans. The prey animals are fed on by wolves, bears, coyote and cougar. The ranchers and farmers should be allowed to kill the predators if they are attacking their animals or scouting, chasing or harrassing them. With a cow being worth \$1500+ it is very detrimental to a familys livelihood to lose even an animal or two. The standard for the wolves should be the same as for the cougar, Black bear, grizzly bear and coyotes when it comes to protecting your property and livestock. If wolves are killing, chasing, harrassing or scouting your property a rancher or farmer should have the right to shoot them.

Every state that has had wolves introduced have had prolems and it needs to be set up that after the year the 10 pairs are introduced the management plan should be started. When there are more then 2 adults wolves in the group it becomes a pack and the numers should be reduced back to the 1 wolf per 4 townships. In Alaska and the Canadian Provinces they control the wolves with fixed wing and helicopter hunting. In Alaska the wolves had decimatd the moose population in some areas and they have had to reduce the packs numbers. In British Columbia because the wolves have decimated the Mountain Caribou herds they have also gone to helicopter control hunting of packs. Within some of our National Parks the wolf pack numbers have reached 20-40 wolves. These large packs go through an area and kill off everything in their path. They are also pushing the grizzly bears up to 1500 miles north out of their home range. With the increased bear numbers in B.C. and Alberta there have been an increase of grizzly bear attacks probably because of the increased bear numbers. There doesn't seem to be a reduction in the black bear numbers but black bear climb trees to escape. The facts haven't all come out on the black bear numbers.

With many prey animal numbers being reduced by the wolves in many states there needs to be a plan to allow the prey numbers to come back to a more normal number. These are my ideas for the management of the predators.

MANAGEMENT ON THE COUGAR - If you have 3000 cougar in your state you need to reduce the number by half. A mature cougar will kill a deer or elk a week. When taking out the cougar you need to take females and females with kittens and young toms. The mature toms from 5-8 years old are the ones who control their own population and will keep their numbers down. There could be permits put out on the big toms. In Oregon they say they have 6500 cougar and

Washington need their cougar numbers reduced too. They should cut that down to 1500.

MANAGEMENT ON THE BEAR - They need to locate calving and fawning grounds - southwest exposures - and in those areas take out the big bear (300 lbs+) with hounds or baiting. The baiting would draw the big bears away from the calving and fawning grounds and would feed them. This would save a lot of calves and fawns and increase the prey population pretty quickly. The big bears have learned to kill what they eat and they go through the calving and fawning grounds killing all the elk calves and deer fawns - I've watched them. If your elk cow calf ratio is down to 13 calves to 100 cow elk you have a real bear problem. Your ratio should be around 46 or 48 elk calves per 100 cow elk to have a viable herd. There also needs to be a special big bear hunting season May 1 to July 1 to protect the calves and fawns. Look at the Clearwater Bear study in Idaho and the Yakima Indian Tribes bear management in the 1970s. The Indians elk cow calf numbers were 13 calves to 100 cows and after killing 9 bear - 3 big ones, the next year the cow calf numbers were up to 46-48 calves per 100 cows. Removing the bears got the elk back to better numbers.

MANAGEMENT ON THE WOLVES - I don't suggest killing all the wolves but suggest the numbers are kept within reasonable numbers. Reduce wolf numbers back to the agreed 10 pair number. Some states now have over 100 to over 1000 wolves. That is on federal ground. There was no agreement to allow the wolves on private rancher and farmers land - so ranchers and farmers should have every right to shoot the wolves trying to kill their stock and dogs. Packs on federal, state or private land should not be allowed and their numbers in the winter range should be reduced to the 1 wolf per 4 townships. Some states may want to put a bounty and tags on wolves to reduce their numbers. I suggest that the hunters have to get a hunting license and if they see a wolf they can kill it. They would have to take the wolf to the Game Dept for certification so the numbers and location can be recorded and kept track of. They can then be given their tag and bounty and they can keep the pelt. This way the animal rights people don't come in and get a bunch of tags and sit on them to protect the wolves. Authorization should be given for federal and state and contract hunters to do aircraft control of the wolf population.

MANAGEMENT OF THE GRIZZLY BEAR - If grizzly bear are down on private property, ranches and farms causing trouble the rancher or farmer should be allowed to kill them. There should be no transplanting of the Plains Grizzly to other states because of their aggressive behavior. The Washington Mountain Grizzly is a runner not a fighter.

MANAGEMENT OF COYOTES - Coyotes should be able to be shot at any time by licensed hunters. Back in WW2 when Hitler took away the guns from people in Holland, if they had a dog that went bad-attacking people and animals they had no gun to shoot it so they would take a piece of rope and hang the dog. They found out that by leaving that dog hang any other dog that came by would become a good dog and would avoid the area. In Australia and New Zealand with the Dingo they would kill the Dingos when they were attacking their sheep. They would take that Dingo and hang or post it - called posting - and the other Dingos would give that

posting a wide berth and wouldn't be bothering their sheep. It was about a half mile avoidance area. Its a canine thing and would probably work for coyotes and wolves. There needs to be a law to allow ranchers and farmers to post the coyotes or wolves to cut down on the domestic predation by the canine family - coyotes, wolves and dogs. It could be used in calving and fawning and lambing grounds. We talked to a person from Holland and they said it was a very effective way of stopping domestic predation.

To end - The wolves are NOT endangered and should be taken off the Endangered Species List. Any state they have been introduced into- Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming and Texas - they have multiplied until they are reducing prey animals below acceptable numbers. There needs to be management plans for all the predators and wildlife and the management plans should not be made by ballot or billionairs money. The wildlife departments should do it through good animal husbandry and scientific facts where all the wildlife are cared for. If the states don't start managing the wildlife properly they should have their Graham Rudman money pulled until they do. At this point they are devastating the prey animals by over protecting the predators. The wolves should be aggressively managed and there should be NO packs allowed.

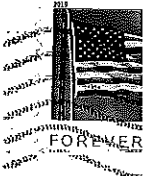
Thank you for considering this - Ward Larsen

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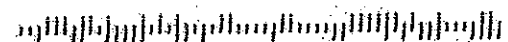
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Roxann B Borisch

From: Scott Miller <stm001@juno.com>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:38 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Crossbow Use

I find it horrible that your state doesn't allow people with disabilities the equal opportunity to participate in archery hunting. People that can't pull a regular recurve or compound have no other choice than a crossbow. I would really like to see the OR law changed to include people with disabilities. On your game commission page it states the following (current crossbow regulation doesn't support this):

Assurances

The Oregon Outdoor Skills Program is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments 1972, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and offers all persons the opportunity to participate in programs and activities regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. No individual will be turned away from or otherwise be denied access to or benefit from, any program or activity on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: Chief, Public Civil Rights Division, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: wildlife cameras and hunting

From: Jim Hammett <jhammet@ortelco.net>

Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 6:36 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: wildlife cameras and hunting

Commissioners:

I spend a considerable amount of time on public land in SE and central Oregon in the summer and early fall months both on foot and horseback. I am seeing an explosion of trail cameras on public land in the past few years. In some areas seem to be around every water hole and cattle salting areas. They area also regularly used in designated wilderness areas where they are clearly prohibited.

When I am alone gathering cattle or just enjoying the outdoors, I consider it an invasion of privacy to know that my photo is being taken regularly by people unknown to me and retained or used in ways I cannot predict and have not consented to. This also applies to video.

I think this needs to be addressed in some manner by ODFW. Many of these cameras are left in place year around and constitute abandoned property under USFS and BLM regulations, yet the agencies rarely enforce these rules.

ODFW should address this in some manner. Options include: 1. Having every camera labeled with its owner and install date; 2. Prohibiting their use during deer and elk hunting seasons or plus 2 weeks prior to the opening of archery season.

Trail cameras are the lazy person's method of scouting. It is getting worse as the cameras continue to plummet in price.

Address this please, now, or it will get unmanageable, and our outdoors will be one big socially broadcast reality show.

Jim Hammett
John Day, Oregon

Roxann B Borisch

From: Josh Bradley <joshuabradley160026@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2019 7:29 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Elk Damage tags

Dear Odfw,

It was brought to my attention that there is an idea of allowing for 4000 elk damage tags being given out. No matter what the reason, this is a terrible idea. Overall our deer and elk populations are declining rapidly. If you stop and talk to any big game hunter that has hunted for the past 10-30 years will tell you that our deer and elk population in Oregon is plummeting. So allowing for more cows to be killed each year is only going to make this decline rate increase even more. If hunting is going to continue, there must be a healthy population of deer and elk in our beautiful state. I know many people that have stopped deer and elk hunting because of the lack of success. Please listen to me and many other outdoorsmen, that will be outraged if this increase in damage tags happens, and PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER THIS ACTION.

Thank you, Josh

Sent from my iPhone

Roxann B Borisch

From: brandonktodd@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 8:46 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: curt.melcher@state.or.us
Subject: Oregon Traditional Archery Seasons

Good evening,

I wanted to reach out and share my support of Oregon's traditional archery only seasons. I myself am a traditional archery hunter who grew up in Oregon. I believe expanding the traditional archery hunting opportunities would be incredible. I choose to hunt with more primitive archery tackle (longbows and recurves) for the sake of the added stewardship, conservation, and the vast amount of challenges involved in harvesting a big game animal. Not to mention the memories of an animal that was so close, but not quite close enough. I believe that in order to continue to be able to have the hunting opportunities and wildlife numbers we have now for the future generations (i have 3 young sons), we must limit ourselves in our methods of harvest.

I ask that you please consider my support of adding more traditional archery units, longer season dates for traditional only, and my desire to maintain the canyon creek traditional only hunt.

Thank you for your time.

-Brandon Todd

Roxann B Borisch

From: Brady Donahue <bradyrdonahue@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 8:24 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Cc: curt.melcher@state.or.us
Subject: Big game proposals

To Director Melcher and the Commission:

Please consider more traditional archery hunts like those that the Traditional Archers of Oregon are proposing. Technology is quickly ruining our hunting pastime as we know it. Many many guys with compounds are now efficient out to 100 yards. This is not what our "primitive" seasons were designed for. Bringing these seasons back to an actual primitive season is a great way to still allow hunting opportunity while limiting the impact on our resource!!

The canyon creek hunt that your proposing to eliminate would be a HUGE mistake! This hunt should be extended to the entire season. The history and heritage that this hunt brings to Oregon is exactly what hunting is all about. This hunt was the first archery only hunt in the West. Instead of limiting it we should extend it and highlight it in our regulations!!

The use of technology needs to be addressed in our hunting seasons. Trail cams, 1000 yard rifles, 100 yard bows, and 200-300 yard muzzleloaders is a problem. These traditional archery seasons are a great step in the right direction!

Thank you.

BRADY DONAHUE

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

New Tag System -

12 year old fishing license

Predators - NO muzzleloader - ^{Bear} ^{costs}

Take some of these corgers out.

Keep muzzleloader hunt traditional.

Safety zone up at lake, popcorn bucks,

late bow hunts, unused tag, permit like coast.

Extended Spring Bear June 15th - weather

Steelhead fishing is terrible -

Columbia River endorsement - 2 states?

Grand Ponder?

Bass limit on smelt, Washington - Oregon?

Tag system -

- paper license, no good; promotes copy pasting

Lake bucks - people can walk right up,

cameras, - costs -

muzzleloaders can shoot 300 yards ⁵⁰⁰ group.

Late Bowhunts, unused bow tag for elk

Road Kill Harvest, good,
lots of positive from people.KEN PAGANO
JOSEPH. OR

Roxann B Borisch

From: Drew Arnold <drewdarnold@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 7:28 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: 261A1 Hunt

I saw that there are proposed changes to the 2020 Big Game Hunting seasons. The Clear-Lake Dead-horse hunt is one that I am doing for the second time this year, and my hunting partner will be doing for a third time. I really enjoyed this hunt because of the time of year, the smaller hunting party and the fact that the elk are usually still in the process of moving down out of the high-country.

I believe getting rid of this hunt will reduce the odds of success and make it so I probably won't be able to do that hunt anymore.

I would love it if ODFW would reconsider removing that hunt.

https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2019-05/Proposed%20Changes%20to%202020%20Big%20Game%20Hunting%20Seasons_Handout%20Version_5_28_19.pdf

Thanks!
Drew Arnold
503-913-4662

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Curt.melcher@state.or.us

From: Al Gerard <al.grrd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 1:11 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Fwd: Curt.melcher@state.or.us

Hello, I would like to encourage the commission to pursue more hunting opportunities for traditional archery enthusiast hunting seasons. I have hunted the Canyon Creek Traditional Archery one week season and i would like that to season to increase to two weeks. Also, i have received my tags for the Trout Creek Mountains Traditional Archery Mule Deer Hunt along with two of my buddies for this year. I do have a concern that for that hunt, the overlap of the pronghorn rifle hunt is both a safety issue and probably limits participation in that hunt because the presence of pronghorn hunters causes the mule deer to be spooked. Frankly, I'm also "spooked" to think there is long range rifle hunting in the unit where I'm hunting with a bow.

Please consider an expansion of traditional seasons in Oregon and please limit the overlap or contiguous rifle hunt opportunities while archery seasons are occurring.

Thank you for your time,

Al Gerard

Roxann B Borisch

From: Renay Bernard <sweets2010@q.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 6:16 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Any visible antler

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Dear commission members,

I would like the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes for 2020 primarily any visible antler for blacktails . They say it is to better align with the Eastern Oregon hunts and the Western Oregon buck numbers will support it. I don't believe the current mule deer buck numbers can even support any visible antler harvest which is what Eastern Oregon has now, there fore it makes more sense to me to align with Western Oregon and make Eastern Oregon forked horn or better like the west side is currently. From the outside looking in it looks as though they are trying to do nothing more than sell tags. Approximately 20 years ago I was asked by ODFW to be part of a black tail working group. We met in Eugene Oregon for about 3 weekends , I believe there were between 15 and 20 of us from the public. The meetings were to address ODFW's concern regarding a declining blacktail buck population. At that time you could hunt blacktails until about the 11th of November and every body from the public attending those meetings was apposed to shortening the season which is ultimately what happened. During that time they also had a spike and doe tag, everybody in attendance recommended doing away with the spike portion of that tag, once again they chose to shorten the general season and continue the spike harvest on a declining buck population. Again it appears they have chosen revenue over sound management. In there own words they are claiming the blacktail buck population will support the harvest of any visible antler. If that is truly the case and the buck numbers will support it, give us back the week of season that was taken.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dave Bernard

Roxann B Borisch

From: Ed Kammer <edwardkammer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 4:21 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed Change to Western Oregon Deer Bag Limit Rules

I am opposed to the proposal to allow spike deer to be part of the regular Buck Deer Season in Western Oregon.

I am not aware of any in depth population studies in my region (Gold Beach - Rogue River) that would support the harvesting of spike buck deer. My observation living 20 miles up the Rogue River for the past 25 years and 71 years in Gold Beach, Oregon is that populations are actually declining. This decline is most obvious to me in the lower Rogue River corridor where populations are less than 50% of what they were 25 year ago.

Based on how different all big game harvest seasons are throughout the state, I see no conflict if Western Oregon Deer harvest rules are different than Eastern Oregon Deer harvest rules.

Wildlife viewing by thousands of tourists in the Rogue River corridor is very important to the economy of Southern Oregon. Leaving the spike buck harvest as it is now and eliminating the doe season completely within a mile of the Rogue River would be a better option until populations increase to a point that they would support the change you are proposing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Edward Kammer

P.O. Box 1181

99204 Silver Creek Road

Gold Beach, Oregon 97444



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Roxann B Borisch

From: Paul Anicker <paul.anicker1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2019 7:59 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Moving 600 series to 100 series

Some of us have been saving for years to land the 600 series one deer bag limit to land a trophy deer. Saving points for 10 plus years!!!! If you move this to a 100 series hunt, what happens to my 600 series points!!! Do I get to transfer those to 100 points so I can still land the hunt I've been waiting years for???? Please do not change hunts!!! It is hard enough here in Oregon to land one of these once in a lifetime chances and moving the 600 to a 100 hunt you are basically taking away everyone's years of saving for the tag. That's not right!!!! Your not simplifying anything by making this move, your slapping honest hunters in the face who have followed the process for years to get a great hunt!

Paul Anicker

Sent from my iPhone

Roxann B Borisch

From: Thomas Thornton
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 11:54 AM
To: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Regs Meeting comments Canyon Creek

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

From: Tom Vanasche <tomvanasche@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2019 5:52 PM
To: nancy.c.taylor@state.or.us
Subject: Canyon Creek

Hi Nancy, this is Tom Vanasche, I was the person that brought Canyon Creek up at the public ODFW meeting in Albany.

The Canyon Creek Traditional hunt was the first archery only hunt west of the Mississippi and second archery only hunt in the US. When it was instituted, there were only traditional bows. I believe there was a hunt in Wisconsin that was the first archery only hunt. Many of the then archery greats from the 1950s-1970s have hunted there, including Fred Bear and Howard Hill [thought to be the greatest archer of all time]. There is no other area in the western United States that holds such historical significance. This area represents only 4% of the Murderer's Creek unit. It should be simplified by making it traditional only for the entire season. Currently I believe it has been significantly burnt out and habitat is poor, but it will come back.

There is a movement towards traditional equipment that is moving across the country. Hollywood has been using trad bows heavily since Avatar and The Hunger Games were such smash hits. Thousands are giving up the compound to find a new challenge. This all goes back to recruitment and retention, which apparently is the motto of ODFW.

Sincerely,

Tom Vanasche

Roxann B Borisch

From: Ed Wosika <edwosika@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2019 11:25 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Changes Stongly Needed to ODFW Hunting Regulations

Dear ODFW Commissioners:

This is to bring to your attention a few common sense approaches to hunting and/or pest eradication which really should be allowed, but which your agency's rules presently can be interpreted to prohibit, thereby placing in jeopardy any person using these methods. To wit: **1)** the use of modern air rifles, air pistols, and/or slingshots either for small game hunting or for pest-species extermination; and **2)** the use of night-vision technology to exterminate nocturnal pest species. Please make changes to specifically allow these valuable methods in your regulations, so that individuals using them are not in danger of being cited because of (mis)interpretation by the individual game officer.

For your convenience, I include draft reg-wording changes below, with underlined words showing text to be added. I also include, near the bottom, a list of short YouTube videos showing these methods in use against small game, pest fowl species, and feral hogs ~~~~> just tag a given link to bring up each respective video. I have viewed all of these videos myself, during which time my capable cyber-security software has not indicated the presence of any malware.

Add Pigeons to the Pest Species List — In addition to the above issues, the common pigeon is not a native species of Oregon and it acts as a livestock disease vector (due to its defecation in livestock's food and water, and the spread of its external parasites via lost feathers). Lastly, these birds can place a financial burden on ranchers and grain-raising farmers due to its consumption of feed-stock grain (rancher) or raised grain (farmer). Therefore, they should be an official pest species, but are not so listed in your agency's regulations.

Interim Solution — I am a retired Engineering Geologist who spent 27 years doing regulation development work and technical regulatory support/interpretation for the California State Resources Control Board in Sacramento, focussing upon groundwater protection at/under landfills. Therefore, I am aware of how very long the changes I propose herein could take to be promulgated, should you choose to implement them. In the mean time, I want to begin providing pest extermination services to ranchers/farmers in the Rogue River Basin, using quiet air rifles and, as appropriate, slingshots and night-vision technology (e.g., in rat-infested barns). Therefore, I request that just one of the Department's Commissioners or Executives print, sign, and date a declaration in the nature of the one shown just below, and send it to me by mail. Having this signed declaration in-hand would prevent a well-meaning game agent from citing me for a violation when, in fact, I'm just doing a job that should be outside the scope of the Department's regulations. This would help both me and the agent. Such a declaration could not be misconstrued as an extra-legal regulatory action by the Commission, yet it would be of great help to all concerned. Thanks for considering providing me with such a declaration.

On another tack, I'm certain that there are many other folks like me facing this issue in Oregon. So, it would also be helpful if such a statement were sent out to all Department Offices, statewide, as interim guidance. This would establish an informal means to achieve relief on this issue via a form of prosecutorial discretion:

Interim Guidance Declaration to ODFW Agents/Officers:

It has been brought to my attention that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (Department's) hunting regulations could be misinterpreted to apply to valid pest extermination efforts carried out by a landowner, or his/her agent. The Department is considering regulatory modifications to clarify this and

related issues. However, in the mean time, it would be helpful if the Department's agents were to view such pest extermination efforts — which may include the use of air rifles, air pistols, slingshots, and/or the (nocturnal) use of night-vision devices — to be outside the scope of the Department's hunting regulations, so long as such efforts target only pest species, including Unprotected Mammals and Birds (as defined) and those individual Western gray squirrels that prove problematic to the landowner. Such work is best considered to involve extermination, not sport hunting.

Title: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Proposed Changes — Please consider making the following comparatively simple amendments to your regulations to address all of these issues in an integrated fashion. Note that, although the subject is not voiced directly, all but the uppermost change, below, will also allow the use of night-vision-enhanced rifles for nocturnal feral hog extermination by a landowner or his/her agent, but not hunting; allowing the removal of feral hogs is yet another change sorely needed in the Department's regulations, given the vast damage that these pest animals inflict on fields, pastures, and forest/range lands and the fact that they are mainly active at night. If you desire to include an exception for night-**hunting** feral hogs and rats, neither of which tend to be active in daylight, then include the first change shown below, under "Centerfire firearm"; otherwise, begin with the "General Hunting Regulations" addition.

Lastly, the proposed changes, other than those in the definitions, are necessary to avoid the creation of a regulatory change within a definition (typically, definitions may reflect changes, but cannot create them):

(No section # given) **General Weapons Provisions for Hunting Game Mammals and Unprotected Mammals and Birds:**

Centerfire firearm

It is unlawful to hunt game mammals with:

- .22 caliber rimfire (except for western gray squirrel).
- Fully automatic firearms.
- Semiautomatic rifles with a magazine capacity greater than five cartridges (except for western gray squirrel).
- Tracer or full-metal jacket bullets.
- Infrared, night vision, laser or any other sight that projects a beam to the target, including scopes with electronic rangefinders and scopes that receive information from any electronic

device. Exception: neither this prohibition nor any other in these regulations shall be interested to apply to hunting rats or feral hogs at night.

(No section # given) **General Hunting Regulations**

Scope: "Pest Extermination" [as defined in 635-045-0002(52.1)] work is outside the scope of these regulations because it is not a form of sport hunting. In addition, any individual Western gray squirrel which proves problematic to the landowner can be exterminated by the landowner or his/her agent, regardless of whether the local season for it is open, even though, for sport hunting purposes, it is a regulated game animal.

Shooting Hours . . . *(no further changes to this section are needed)*

(No section # given) **General Weapons Provisions for Hunting Game Mammals:**

(Insert the following at the end of this section)

Slingshots, Air Rifles, and Air Pistols

Slingshots, air rifles, and air pistols can be used to take Unprotected Mammals and Birds (as defined) and, in season, Western gray squirrel.

635-045-0002 Definitions

(74) "Unprotected Mammals and Birds" are European starling, house sparrow, Eurasian collared-dove, common pigeon, and any mammal species for which there are no closed seasons or bag limits.

(52.1) "Pest Extermination" means any effort by a landowner, or his/her agent, to eradicate any Unprotected Mammal or Bird [see paragraph (74) of this section] from the landowner's premises, or to substantially reduce its numbers thereon. These regulations do not apply to such work (see the Scope paragraph under the General Hunting Regulations section).

635-065-0725 Other Weapons

It is unlawful to hunt game mammals with a crossbow or any weapon other than those rifles, handguns, shotguns, muzzleloaders, and bows authorized. Exception: slingshots, air rifles, and air pistols can be used for hunting either Western gray squirrel or Unprotected Mammals and Birds [see 635-045-0002(74)].

VIDEO EXAMPLES

DAY OPERATIONS

Air Rifles Used in Hunting or Exterminating Pigeons/Collared-Doves: Both species are non-native and act as serious disease vectors, and the collared doves displace native mourning doves. Here is an excellent overview of exterminating pest pigeons and ring-neck doves with an air rifle. These rifles work RAAAH-ther well! This is “how its done” without ricochets, dangerous long-distant impacts, or loud noises that would alarm the rancher/farmer’s nearby stock animals:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=baEY5hozpok>

Another pigeon/collared-dove short video. Notice how the livestock over which he is firing the air rifle remains unconcerned, due to the rifle’s quiet report, yet the pest birds on the far side of the enclosure are killed effectively and safely:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZ82_AEU6sU

Air Rifles Used in Hunting or Exterminating Ground

Squirrels: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NdLkU7fu1M> Modern air rifles are so accurate they can hit and kill a ground squirrel with good reliability at distances up to 50 yards (0.177 caliber pellet) or 150+ yards (for 22, 25, & 30 caliber pellets), yet, even if shot at an upward angle of 40 degrees, the pellet will reach out only a bit over 300 yards (not 1.5 MILES, as a 22 Long Rifle bullet would). This makes air rifles very safe, effective, and appropriate for ranch/farm pest extermination work.

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Exterminating Rabbits: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLekh708DEk> Even a .177 air rifle can bowl them over cleanly. It is apparent that there is no good reason why the Department’s regulations can be interpreted to deny Oregon shooters the use a quality air rifle for small game hunting and for pest extermination work.

Air Rifles Used in Hunting or Exterminating English

Sparrows: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWLCa-PM9rY> This non-native species causes song bird exclusion and the depredation of their eggs, it is as a disease vector for underlying livestock water/feed, and flocks can consume considerable feed grain meant for livestock. Almost all sparrow shots are upward, so the use of a 22 rimfire would result in danger to people/livestock on surrounding properties. This consideration makes accurate, short-range air rifles ideally suited to the extermination job.

Modern Slingshot Used in Hunting or Extermination: The modern way of aiming and shooting powerful slingshots gives excellent accuracy out to at least 40 yards and PLENTY of smack-down power to do the job well on all types of small game. Slingshots should be allowed for use on small game hunting and for pest eradication:

Rabbits: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPkJTmLkllg>

Squirrels/Pigeons: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PY-1aKp66XE>

Squirrels: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwzmVN9vwcU>

NIGHT OPERATIONS [using an infrared light (IR) source]

Hunting or Exterminating Rats — The first link, below, brings up a short video from a Western Washington State dairy farmer. His light-weight air rifle/carbine uses an infrared lamp, the reflected IR light from which his Sony Handicam converts to a monochrome visible light image so he can “see” in the dark through the camera’s eyepiece, and his hit-point is indicated by a small infrared-laser-projecting sight that is mounted just above the air rifle’s barrel. He can see the rats and aim at them reliably, but they can’t see him. He’s exterminated over 5000 rats from his dairy operation with this rig, all at night of course. Doing it during the day would be useless, as the rats are primarily nocturnal; using a 22 rimfire, instead, would perforate his barn and both endanger and frighten his cows. The air rifle, in combination with night-vision technology, is perfect for this extermination work, so should be allowed in Oregon:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wnQsXOtBtU&t=103s>

The following short video shows another dedicated ratter. Note that a rat, having been shot through the brain, dies instantly, but it has lots of “signals” stored in its spinal cord which fire off rear-legs-only kicks (proof: the

forelegs and head don't move on their own after the rat is dead from being "brained," whereas, a live rat would be animating all of its appendages):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWv54m6jNiw>

Hunting or Exterminating Pigeons In Barns — During the day, upon taking a shot, all pigeons will all fly out of the barn, except for the one the exterminator has hit. Thus, it is infeasible to do effective pigeon extermination in a barn during the day. During the night, the pigeons in the barn cannot see to escape, so they tend to just sit there until they are each killed in turn. It is not sporting but, then again, this is extermination, not hunting, so the goal is to just **get the job done**.

The first video below uses a narrow-angle spotlight (visible light) and so the exterminator must fire from far away to avoid spooking the birds. It works, but nowhere near as well as an infrared-vision system would . . .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2RV3mB89ss>

Here's one using an IR night-vision system. Note how close the shooter can get to the birds, and that they do not try to fly away . . .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wG09OhQJHag>

Nocturnal Hunting or Exterminating Feral Pigs — "They only come out at night!" applies here, and what a pest they can be to farmers and ranchers!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKlHumqAYYU>

Thanks for your attention to these issues. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours in good game management,

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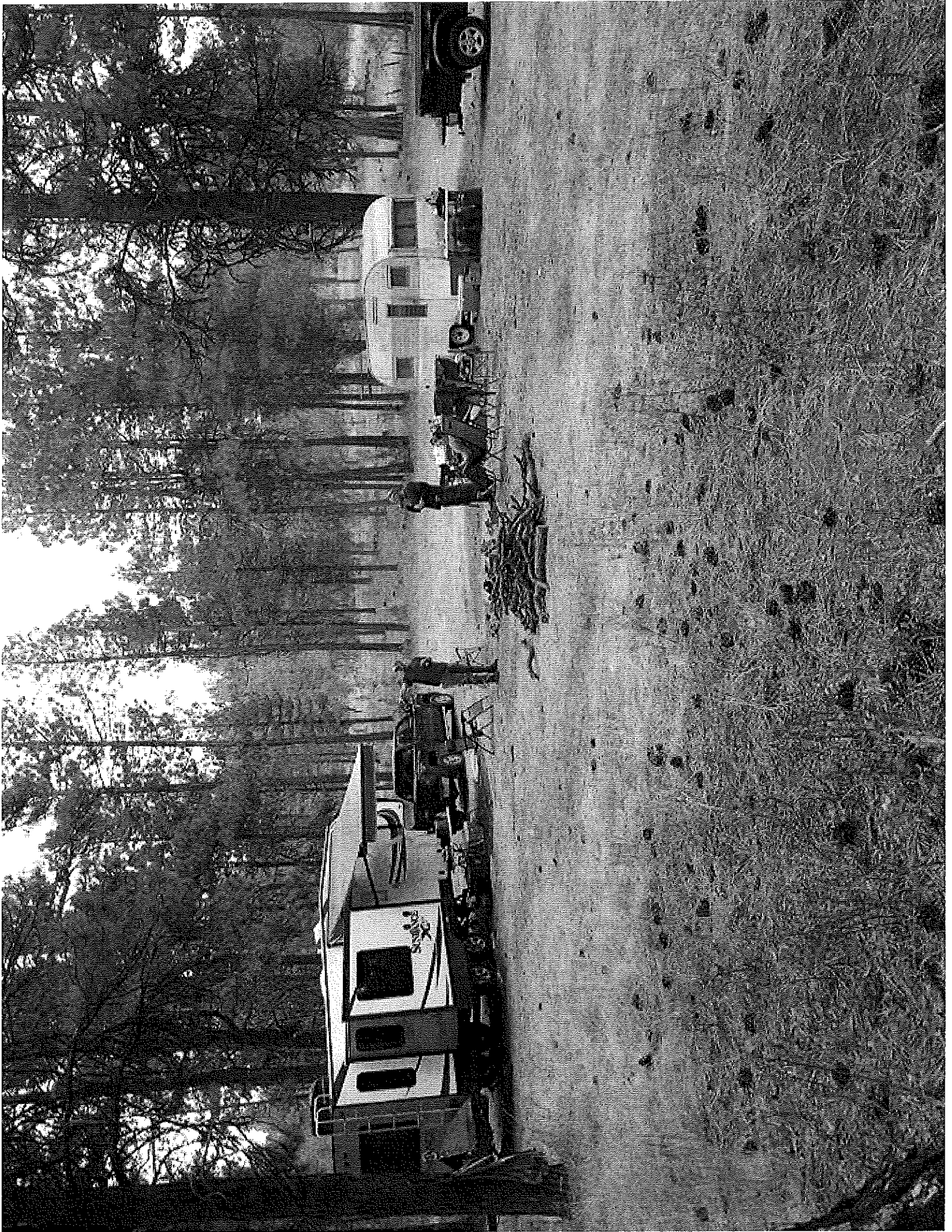
Roxann B Borisch

From: Bruce Brown <bbrown2180@aol.com>
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To: odfw.info@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Hunting
Attachments: 22045874_1847744095240722_8051056440124612765_n.jpg

I am 66 years old and have lived in Oregon all my life except for when my job took me out of state for 3 years. I have been hunting since I was old enough to go out with my Dad and got my hunters safety card and first hunting license when I was 14. I started hunting over in the Silvies unit in 1972 for deer. I went there buck hunting every year after that until in the late 80's or early 90's when I was unable to draw a tag. After that I went whenever I could draw a tag and most years that I couldn't draw a tag because the group I hunting with someone usually drew a tag and I just liked being there for hunting camp even if I didn't have a tag and couldn't actually hunt. That group camped at Black Snag Springs every year and several years before I came over hunting. Over the years the hunting party got smaller due to old age and death, so that now there are only myself, my son and his wife and underage grandchildren. Needless to say we don't get tags every year even when we space it out between us three where all we are hoping for is getting one tag each year so we can have the Black Snag Springs hunting camp experience as often as possible. My son started coming to hunting camp with me when he was four years old and has been there as much as I have. I started hunting there with my parents because they had been hunting there with friends of ours before I first came over. The whole point of this is, I am now 66 years old, have my pioneer's license and I don't want to hunt anywhere else. But I will be sitting home again this year for the 2nd year in a row because neither my son, his wife or myself were able to draw a tag this year or last year. I don't know how many more opportunities I will have left to enjoy this hunting camp experience while I am still able to go over and enjoy it, I am not getting any younger. I really appreciate that ODFW has given longtime Oregon residents a pioneer tag, that is really great. But I think you should take it a step further and anybody with a pioneer license should get the tag of their choice or at least double points when they don't get their tag of choice. It is really sad to think about my limited opportunities left to enjoy hunting where I love to hunt, especially now that I am retired and have no time restraints when it comes to hunting. The attached picture is from 2017 hunting camp at Black Snag Springs. My daughter-in-law was able to shoot her first buck, and even though my son and myself didn't have tags it was great to share the hunting camp experience. Now we sit and wait hoping for that chance to share that experience again and I hear the clock ticking, how many more opportunities will I get to have that experience? Please consider giving pioneer hunters more opportunity to hunt in their beloved hunting spots while they are still able.

Thank you

Bruce Brown



Roxann B Borisch

From: Craig <craig1945@centurylink.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2019 11:13 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Traditional Archery Comments

Dear Commissioners,

I attended your meeting yesterday (August 2nd) and heard the comments made by the representative of Traditional Archers of Oregon (TAO) in your public forum session. While his comments regarding the Canyon Creek Archery Area and other traditional-only archery opportunities can stand or fall on their own merits, I want to address the follow-up comments the TAO representative made regarding the differences in shooting distances for traditional and compound bows.

First, I would remind you that individuals preferring use of traditional archery equipment make up only about 5-percent of all Oregon bowhunters according to the hunting survey recently conducted by ODFW as part of the review of big game regulations. The existing traditional-only opportunities are already in addition to the general archery seasons available to all bowhunters, including users of traditional bows. I guess I wouldn't argue with the TAO representative's comments to the effect that traditional bowhunting numbers are increasing faster in proportion than other bowhunter numbers because I don't have objective data either way. However, even if he is correct, when starting with a much lower participation rate to begin with, a very small number of new participants can be made to look like a large increase, but the inescapable fact is that traditional-only bowhunters are and will likely always remain a very low portion of Oregon's total number of bowhunters!

Now to the matter of shot distances --

The TAO representative's comments suggested that 80 – 100 yard hunting shots by users of compound bows are commonplace while traditional-only bowhunters are limited to an effective range of 20 – 30 yards or so. In actuality, a shot distance of 40 yards is a very long hunting shot for most users of compound bows. And, I've personally shot with users of traditional bows who are every bit as accurate at 40 – 50 yards as I am with my compound bow.

I won't argue that 80 – 100 hunting shots aren't taken by some users of compound bows. Clearly, they are! And, there are even a few bowhunters good enough to make accurate shots (at targets) at such distances (even though I think such shots while hunting are unethical regardless of the shooter's skill or equipment being used). However, the TAO representative's argument that 80 – 100 yard hunting shots with a compound bow are commonplace is just so much BS based on my experience in talking with bowhunters from all around Oregon. In my experience, the vast majority of successful big game hunting shots by users of compound bows fall into that same 20 – 30 yard range mentioned by the TAO representative for users of traditional bows.

The point I would make with regard to hunting shots and effective ranges is that it depends on the shooter and **NOT** the equipment! Howard Hill, a renowned archer from back in the 1950s or so, shot a longbow and stated that his maximum effective range for a hunting shot was 200 yards! He reported taking a bull elk with a shot of 195 yards as well as several other successful hunting shots of over 150 yards. (**NOTE:** Hill didn't report on how many game animals he hit and wounded, but didn't recover with such long shots which is where the

ethical issue comes in even with today's archery equipment.) In the early 1900s, Dr. Saxton Pope and Art Young, known as the Fathers of Modern Bowhunting, and some of their friends reported successful shots of 60 – 80 yards or so with their relatively primitive, hand-made traditional bows and arrows. All of this was long before compound bows became available so any implication that long shots are unique to users of today's modern compound bows is baloney!

When the TAO representative talked about the comparison between traditional and compound bows, he conveniently compared the few users of compound bows taking overly long shots with average traditional-only shooters, not the exceptional users of traditional equipment even today. In my personal case, the longest bowhunting shot I ever took, by far, was with a recurve (traditional) bow back when I was young and stupid! In actual practice, I think there probably is some advantage for users of compound bows versus users of traditional equipment, but, with respect to effective range, that advantage is far, far less than implied by the TAO representative when you compare hunting shots by the average users of each type of equipment.

If you decide to establish and/or expand traditional-only bowhunting opportunities, just realize that you will often only be able to do so to the detriment of opportunities for the substantial majority of Oregon's bowhunters. And, please don't allow the misrepresentation of the comparison of effective hunting ranges between traditional and compound bows by the TAO representative yesterday to influence your decisions. Those comments were so biased and incomplete as to be almost entirely bogus!

Craig Starr

Roxann B Borisch

From: Cathy Nowak <mcnowak@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 5:30 PM
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Subject: Proposed Changes to Big Game Regulations

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission:

I am writing to express my thoughts about proposed changes to the Big Game Hunting Regulations as presented during the July, 2019 District Meetings. I have read through the proposal, concentrating on the areas and specific hunts I am familiar with, especially the Union County Agricultural Muzzleloader cow hunts.

I consider myself to be an "older" hunter and I came late to the pursuit. No one in my family hunted but I found myself wanting to learn. I was introduced to big game hunting through the mentorship of friends when I was in my 50s. If I understand the R3 program, I am one of the targets of the program; I am not from a lifelong hunting background and was recruited into the ranks of hunters relatively late in life. I believe the program would wish to also include me in the "Retention" category along with many others.

I have enjoyed the challenge of hunting as well as having another activity that gets me out into the field. Since my hunting friends' seasons conflict with mine, I very often hunt alone. This has led me to apply for tags which allow me to hunt in ways and locations that are safer for an older woman alone. One criteria in particular has been staying relatively close to roads and help should anything go wrong.

For the past several years, I have hunted the Union County Agricultural Muzzleloader cow hunt. I have held both the early and late tags. I found I was uncomfortable hunting the early season as I watched cows with calves that were very small on the opening day of August 1 and seemed unprepared to be independent even by the middle of the season. I couldn't feel good about harvesting either a small calf or a cow with a small calf by her side.

The proposal states, at the beginning of the section on Elk – 200 Series (Pg 10 in my copy), that increased elk populations on private land has led to "...decreased hunter opportunity in many units." I assume this refers to animals on private land, presumed to have previously been on public land, which cannot be hunted because the land is private. I fail to see how the proposed General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt (GAEDH) will change that. The animals will still be on private land and access will still be up to the landowner. If they did not allow access during the muzzleloader seasons or some of the various private land hunts, why would they allow it under the proposed system?

The proposed GAEDH may result in a short-term increase in opportunity with an unlimited number of tags available if landowners open their properties to hunters. However, if successful in its goal of eliminating cow elk in the valleys, it will result in reduced hunting opportunity for those who choose to hunt elk in the National Forests or BLM land as it will eliminate a significant portion of breeding stock for those populations. Further, the proposed area for the GAEDH extends into public land, taking the supposed damage hunt to animals which do not cause damage.

I also do not believe the proposal will eliminate the issue of elk in agricultural areas. Elk have moved to lower elevation wintering areas since long before there was agriculture. They are hard-wired to seek food, water and shelter from harsh winter conditions and they will continue to do so as long as there are elk in Oregon.

I am also concerned with the inequity and resulting conflict embedded within the proposed mapping for the GAEDH wherein some properties with chronic damage are included but others are not. This will undoubtedly bring calls for more landowners to be included, but then where does it stop? Must we include all private land to ensure fairness and, of course, opportunity? It seems unsustainable as proposed and as it will likely evolve.

I was surprised to see the addition of centerfire rifle hunts in areas with little or no topographic relief and a growing human population. While most hunters are safe and ethical, I have seen people shoot muzzleloaders right toward highways, homes and interstates. I have known people whose vehicles were struck by such errant shots. A poorly aimed rifle can be so much worse with little but cars and houses to stop it. The risk seems significant. The liability seems unnecessary.

From a personal perspective, the proposed elimination of the Union County Ag. Muzzleloader hunts will likely end my big game hunting. I have no wish to hunt elk with dependent calves, nor do I wish to hunt with my muzzleloader in an area saturated with an unlimited number of rifle hunters. I do not have time to garner enough preference points to draw a quality elk hunt in Oregon. Further, the private land I have hunted in the past is excluded from the proposed GAEDH. I believe I am not alone in thinking that 2019 will be my last elk hunt. I have spoken to others for whom the muzzleloader hunt was a quality experience that will be taken away if this proposal is approved. I can't decide whether to be angry or sad. I guess I am both.

Sincerely,

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Roxann B Borisch

From: Patrick L. Simning <psimning@bendbroadband.com>
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Subject: Big Game Reg Changes

Commission,

I have been following the limited information available for upcoming considered changes to the game regs. Although I am sure there are good reasons to implement some changes, I have concerns.

- Considering the recent troubles with on-line license purchase, I would recommend a slower approach. When I couldn't figure out how to purchase my license and tags, I went to the local ODFW office and stood in the 15-person deep line (the first line of more than 1 I have ever witnessed). The staff was helpful as always. Reducing the number of hunts to 49 from over a hundred will lead to great confusion, thousands of questions, and multiple errors on the part of hunters and ODFW staff. I am sure the number of hunts can be reduced to simplify processes and to reduce existing confusion. But to do this in one year is asking for problems. The reduction (proposed) seems excessive on the surface. I don't have the specifics, but this is my impression. Some hunts just need to be kept unchanged for very good local reasons.

I suggest a slower regional process, say NW, NE, SW, and SE with the Cascades as the dividing line. Implement the changes one year at a time and learn about ways the process can be improved. You will have far fewer complaints and confusion, and be able to adjust as the department moves into the future. I am unaware of any need for rapid change, so a slower approach seems the logical one. Combining hunts into massive large geographic hunts does not make sense to me. Smaller hunting areas disperses hunters. I am sure there is a middle ground. Remember, the Commission has spent decades training hunters on dates and boundaries for hunting, therefore taking more time to retrain will result in a better outcome for all parties.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Patrick Simning

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Fwd: 4,000 cow elk tags.

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Date: Mon, 12 Aug 2019 17:42:01 -0700

From: Wayne Endicott <info@thebowrack.com>

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us, Jim Bittle <jim@willieboats.com>, tladamm2@gmail.com

Dear Members of the Commission

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Good Hunting

Wayne Endicott

V.P. OBH, Life Member of OHA, OOC,

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V.P. OBH, Life Member of OHA, OOC,

Subject:

FW: Elk damage

From: Michael Vandehey <mvandeheynvf@gmail.com>

Subject: Elk damage

Date: August 15, 2019 at 7:43:32 AM PDT

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Commissioners:

I am a farmer in Washington county. I have suffered tens of thousands of dollars in damages from the states animals. Is it my responsibility to feed the states animals out of my pocket? Farming is difficult enough without donating feed to the states animals. Not only are they eating it and walking on it they are defecating on it, that gets harvested as well and now I will suffer further losses because no one wants that in their food.

The current ODFW rules are not very good for me.

1. I suffer huge losses with no financial compensation.
2. I can only harvest one animal a year, and just hope they don't bother me anymore.
3. The hunting season is too short. Bow season should be six to eight weeks, the rifle season should be three weeks not three days.
4. There is no financial incentive for ODFW to keep there animals off my crops, ODFW has a vested interest in keeping healthy vibrant herds and what better feed than grain and clover. If ODFW had to pay for damage how much damage would you allow?

The video and pictures attached are just a small example of the damage I have suffered. They will come in more than one email. One is of thirteen branch bulls traveling together just after eating in my field.

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Roxann B Borisch

From: swwetherell@charter.net
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Subject: FW: 224M Tioga Hunt OBJECTION!
Attachments: Tioga Hunts Summary.xls; Tioga Hunts Summary final1.xlsx

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Thank you again.
Steve Wetherell

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Subject: 224M Tioga Hunt OBJECTION!

Sirs,

I object to the killing of one bull during the Muzzleloader (224M) season in the Tioga unit. This area was set up for a 3-point or better and has been this way since the introduction of this harvest type since 1979. I have hunted this unit since 1969 and have seen the fruits of making this unit a 3-point or better harvest. A quality hunt for all seasons and all types of hunters.

I am in total shock that you have approved the killing of spikes in the Muzzleloader season 2018 and this proposal is again for this coming 2019 season.

I contacted Stuart Love through his email address before the 2018 season and never got a reply back for his reasoning for making such a stupid recommendation to the commissioners. I did have some shared information at the Roseburg June ODFW meeting which shared some data on Bull/Cow ratios and Management Objectives (MO). I have attached a worksheet that was derived from your data from your websites and all other background information that I could get from your databases.

I did receive some preliminary data on the results of the harvest for the 2018 season Muzzleloader hunt (224M) which is quite disturbing. This was received late June and does not show the latest data on your web site that showed 41 bulls and one cow taken in the 2018 224M hunt. This resulted in a 23% success rate. And of course, hunting for spikes usually gets cows shot by inexperienced hunters. The sad event that I have witnessed back in my early years of hunting in this unit.

Preliminary 224M harvest data from June:

37 Total Bulls harvested

23 Spikes

3 2pt

0 3pt
5 4pt
3 5pt
3 6pt

This data was included in my attachment. This shows that a successful hunt of 18% harvest for 224M but this harvest was comprised of over 70% spikes (this would include 2 Pts.). Is this the intent of the commission to take out the young bulls to drop the MO of this unit? So far I have not received any logical reasoning for this hunt allowing the taking of spikes. Since we mirror the Saddle Mountain 3-Point area, the data shows higher bull ratios per 100 cows and yet no spike killing is allowed in this area.

The proposed hunt again for 2019 and 2020 are for 200 tags in the Tioga (224M) and the continued harvesting one bull (spikes).

The bulls available for all other hunts stay at the 3-Point or better and the percentage of the successful harvest will now start to drop in all other hunts because the future bulls in the 3-Points are diminished by the killing of spikes in the previous muzzleloader seasons. Does this really make sense to you and the commissioners?

Even though the MO is for 15 bulls per 100 cows and the year of your data of 2017 showed 20/100 cows was a nice increase this would not be the reason for allowing the killing of spikes in the following year. My data are taken from your available data online. Years 2011 through 2014 showed higher ratios of bulls per 100 cows and the results also showed a better success rate the following years of all hunts. This shows hunters are keeping the herds at MO levels through harvesting without killing spikes. This is what makes this Tioga Hunt a special hunting area and even a better opportunity to harvest a mature Roosevelt bull which was unheard of back in the 1970s while this was a spike or better hunt. Now, are we going back to those dismal days just so the Muzzleloader hunters can harvest the young bulls again.?

I strongly disagree with Stuart Love, Coosbay biologist, reasonings and the continued proposal to allow the harvest of young bulls in this Hunt Unit known as the 3-Point Tioga Unit.

I would like for you and the commission to review the reasoning for the Tioga being a 3-Point or better hunt and return the sanctioning of this hunt to it proper proposed harvest that was decided in the late 1970s, a 3-Point or better harvesting area only.

I have not found a fellow hunter other than from a Muzzleloader hunter that likes this allowance of killing young bulls. Please put this back to a 3-Point hunt only and stop this nonsense. This has a direct effect on all other hunts in the Tioga hunt and there are some very grouchy hunters that never knew this was allowed until I showed them the data and reviewed this at the Roseburg meeting.

Please review my data and make the best decision for All hunters in this unit.

Keep the Tioga a 3-Point hunt only for all hunts.

Thank you,
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Roxann B Borisch

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Subject: Comments from Joe Lint on Proposed Changes to 2020 Big Game Regulations
Attachments: Lint Comments on 2020 Proposed Big Game Reg Changes -224M.docx

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Please find attached my comments on the 2020 Proposed Big Game Regulations. Please give me a reply email letting me know the comments were received. Thank you.

To the ODFW Wildlife Commission and Interested ODFW Staff,

August 15, 2019

Let me begin by thanking ODFW and the Commission for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the 2020 big game hunting regulations. My focus is on the Tioga 224M Elk Muzzleloader hunt, not just for 2020, but 2019 also. My request is that the Commission have a fact finding discussion with the ODFW biologists to ensure the Commission is making an informed decision on the continuation of allowing the harvest of any bull elk during the 224M muzzleloader season both in 2019 and 2020. I recognize that I am late in commenting on this since it was instituted in the 2018 season, but I want to comment before it is too late in case my comments will be the impetus for further discussions.

As you are aware, the Tioga WMU has been under 3-point or better elk harvest regulation since 1979, my first year of forty years of hunting the unit. Based on my review of the harvest statistics published by ODFW this regulation has met the elk management objective of providing a strong population of older breeding bulls while at the same time affording hunters, archery and firearm alike, the opportunity to harvest a mature Roosevelt elk bull. An opportunity very rarely accomplished in the modern-era years before the 3-point regulation. The published success rate for firearm harvest, be it muzzleloader or rifle, shows nearly identical success rates, albeit on the average between 10 and 14 percent. Low by what hunters can experience in other units and other states, but we (the hunters) have been satisfied with that level given that it affords the opportunity for a quality hunt for Roosevelt bulls found only in the other 3-point unit, Saddle Mountain. I support the continuation of the 3-point or better bag limit for the Tioga Unit for all bull hunts.

With this background and investment, I, and most all other archery and firearm hunters were very surprised, no shocked, to see the published 2018 regulations with a bag limit for the 224 M hunt of any bull elk. I set out to determine, in hindsight, the reasoning behind this change as I wanted to know WHY it was being done.

I checked the Commission meeting minutes, the ODFW staff information presentations, and the highlighted proposed regulations provided to the Commission for review during the 2018 rule making process. I was surprised to find no mention of a discussion of the bag limit change in the minutes, nothing in the staff Powerpoint presentations and was further amazed that the 224M hunt was not highlighted as a change for 2108 along with the myriad of other proposed changes in the proposed regulation change working copy provided to the Commission. My followup discussions with the Headquarters biologist came down to the fact that the bag limit change for 224M somehow fell through the cracks and was not specifically drawn to the attention of the Commission. This omission appears to not have allowed for any discussion and due consideration so that an informed decision could be made before launching this important regulation change. I do not know what transpired during deliberations for the setting of the 2019 bag limits as I did not follow that process that year. But the bag limit of one bull elk remains for 2019 and is proposed to be continued in 2020. The reason why still unexplained.

Before a decision to continue the harvest of any bull in the 224 M hunt, I request that the Commission learn more about why this change is being undertaken. Determine if it is in the best interest of the

management of elk in the Tioga Unit and in accordance with the published elk management plan for Oregon. Understand why computer population modeling was apparently not a viable alternative, or if it was even considered as an alternative to explore other harvest scenarios apart from actively removing bulls with less than 3-points in an experimental effort that may not yield the expected results and leave us with fewer recruitment bulls.

Another important area for discussion and understanding is whether the techniques being used to monitor the harvest and determine the effect of the any bull harvest are robust enough to detect a change, particularly for the five and six-point bull component of the population. The annual herd composition surveys were not designed to determine study cause and effect relationships and in the Tioga Unit the surveys do a totally inadequate job of sampling the older age bulls. A sidebar question should be why is this not being tried in the Saddle Mountain Unit? Not that I propose it be done.

If after these discussions the Commission elects to continue with the any bull harvest experiment in the 224M hunt please request that the biologists conducting this work prepare an informative explanation paper outlining the purpose and need for the harvest of spike and 2-point bulls, describing the methods for evaluating the effect to include the level of accuracy of the methods and the length of time the experiment will be conducted to determine the effects, if any. A section should also address alternative methods considered, particularly computer modeling of the population to assess the effect and why none of the alternatives to removal through active harvest were selected as the method for this experiment. This explanation should be made available to the hunter-public through normal ODFW information release channels.

To date, when we, the hunters, have asked these questions the answers have been that the "data shows" and "there may be a better way" with no details or rationale other than we are going to harvest spikes and 2-points and see the effect. A bit of a seat of the pants approach, in my opinion as well as many others who are satisfied with 3-point or better regulation for elk management in the Tioga WMU and "a hunt to look forward to". As our representatives, please provide a better explanation of why it is being done if it is decided to continue the any bull harvest experiment. We the hunters need to understand the WHY?.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals and for the work the Commission does for the management of Oregon's wildlife and for the hunting community that is partnered with the Commission and ODFW in that management effort.

Sincerely,

Joe Lint, Roseburg, OR

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To: ODFW
Subject: Canyon Creek Archery Area
Date: August, 16, 2019

For over fifty years the Professional Bowhunters Society has fought to protect this country's bowhunting heritage and to maximize opportunities for bowhunters. We strongly support the Traditional Archers of Oregon in their call to keep open the age-old traditional bowhunt at the Canyon Creek Archery Area. This hunt, around since 1935, is a great testament to Oregon's rich bowhunting heritage.

Furthermore, we also support any efforts to provide traditional bowhunters with more opportunities in Oregon. Opening up more areas to those dedicated to roaming the woods with a simple stick and string allows the ODFW to maximize hunter opportunity with minimal impact on game populations.

I have personally enjoyed hunting in Oregon, and have always felt that your state was a leader in providing opportunities for bowhunters. Please keep the trend going through expanding hunting opportunities for traditional bowhunters.

Matt Schuster
PBS President
On behalf of the PBS Council



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**August 17, 2019
Vic Coggins
Northeast Board of Directors
Oregon Hunter Association**

ATTN: Chair Findley, Commissioners, and Director Melcher,

This letter is in regards to the drastic changes in big game regulations for the 2020 seasons. As a biologist for ODFW in the Wallowa District for 47 years and in the wildlife consulting business for the past seven, many of the proposed changes do not appear to be based on good science, but rather on simplification and consistency. The Wildlife Policy Law (see attached) is about a solid scientific base and not proposing changes for convenience sake. The pace of proposed changes needs to be decelerated in order for hunters and others to study them, ask questions, and make comments. The 385 proposed changes make it very difficult for most people to read and make recommendations. Changes of this magnitude need both study and comment.

For example, the proposal of a general cow season for the Wallowa Valley that starts August 1 and runs four months (until the end of November) is one of great concern. It replaces the Alder Slope and Whiskey Cr. hunts and adds other hunts near the Wallowa Valley. Concerns are as follows:

- 1. Overlaps archery hunts as well as deer and bull elk seasons, creating congestion resulting in a dangerous situation for other hunters and the adjacent valley residences.**
- 2. Cows shot in August will likely result in orphaned calves, creating an unethical view of hunting.**
- 3. In August and September, fire danger is normally high in the dryland farming areas and large area of private forest land that is in the proposed hunt area. The likelihood of fire caused by an influx of hunters is high.**
- 4. Increased trespassing concerns from area landowners will be a reality if this hunt is adopted.**
- 5. Law enforcement concerns by OSP and others involved in enforcement of wildlife laws have been largely ignored.**
- 6. Eliminates hunts that have been traditionally used by Oregon families for decades.**

Though there are some proposals for change that are acceptable, the department is moving so quickly and without careful consideration, many of the

changes being proposed are going to have a very negative impact on wildlife, hunters, and landowners. We would like to recommend that the proposed changes be listed in the 2020 regulations in order to solicit comments for consideration in the 2021 regulation cycle.

It is important that the ODFW staff remembers that they are supported by the people of Oregon and that hunter dollars pay for wildlife management in the state. Public concerns need to be addressed before this process moves forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

Vic Coggins

Vic Coggins,
OHA NE Director

496.012 Wildlife policy. It is the policy of the State of Oregon that wildlife shall be managed to prevent serious depletion of any indigenous species and to provide the optimum recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations of the citizens of this state. In furtherance of this policy, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall represent the public interest of the State of Oregon and implement the following coequal goals of wildlife management:

- (1) To maintain all species of wildlife at optimum levels.**
- (2) To develop and manage the lands and waters of this state in a manner that will enhance the production and public enjoyment of wildlife.**
- (3) To permit an orderly and equitable utilization of available wildlife.**
- (4) To develop and maintain public access to the lands and waters of the state and the wildlife resources thereon.**
- (5) To regulate wildlife populations and the public enjoyment of wildlife in a manner that is compatible with primary uses of the lands and waters of the state.**
- (6) To provide optimum recreational benefits.**
- (7) To make decisions that affect wildlife resources of the state for the benefit of the wildlife resources and to make decisions that allow for the best social, economic and recreational utilization of wildlife resources by all user groups. [1973 c.723 §6; 1993 c.659 §2; 2001 c.762 §6]**

Roxann B Borisch

From: Dale Holland <hollanddale56@gmail.com>
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Subject: disability considerations

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My name is Dale Holland, I've become a advocate for a few friends, two of whom are disabled Viet Nam veterans, a lady who has rheumatoid arthritis and I had shoulder surgery, I'm sure there's plenty of others like us. We enjoy hunting archery and no longer can because of our disabilities. As you know, other states offer people archery hunting using cross bows, we contacted a disability advocacy group in Portland to help change regulations. Why has the commission not considered initiating cross bow hunts for disabled people unable to no longer use traditional bows?

Dale Holland



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August 22, 2019
RE: Big Game Regulation Review

Dear Chair Finley, Commissioners, Director Melcher,

While the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) agrees that some of the proposed changes to the big game regulations are improvements, particularly the ones that clarify the big game synopsis, there are many that have generated a lot of unresolved discussion. Our overriding concern is the short time frame provided for a thorough assessment of some key issues prior to implementation, with most of the changes slated for next year – the 2020 big game season. More specifically, our concerns relate to both biological and social considerations that have not been tested before broad scale implementation. Besides the fundamental issue of “too much too quick” our primary areas of concern pertain to blacktail deer bag limit changes, late season mule deer hunts, general elk damage hunts, and hunter crowding from hunt-unit consolidations. Each one of these topic areas are worthy of a thorough planning effort in themselves as opposed to being included with an overwhelming package.

Blacktail deer bag limit: Changing this regulation might make biological sense but having the change occur, and over the full range of the species in Oregon, does not seem consistent with Objective 4 of the 2008 Blacktail Management Plan, which states: “Manage black-tailed deer populations to attempt to achieve buck ratios and populations at benchmark levels while collecting information over the next five years to develop Management Objectives.” Oregon has on-going black tail research, which shows a lot of promise, so why not apply the new spike regulation change to these study areas where more robust population knowledge is present to then test the effect (on buck ratios) of this proposed regulation change? – that is OHA's recommendation.

Late Season Buck Hunts for Fossil, Heppner, John Day: Late season Mule Deer hunts were not evaluated on a statewide basis to determine biological feasibility and to determine the best unit locations, if any, for these hunts.

Mule deer populations continue to decline in Oregon at an alarming rate. Low buck MO's are established to start with, within the proposed units: with 12–15 buck per doe ratios. ODFW indicated that buck numbers in these units are above MO's but failed to state how low the MO's are and the causal effects from the overall decline in deer population. The decline in overall deer population equates to less bucks even though on paper the buck ratios are being met. ODFW also acknowledged the decline in mature mule deer buck populations throughout

Eastern Oregon* (see last page on LOP/MO data from these units and Attachment A – LOP Paper). Mature bucks are most vulnerable during the rut resulting in high hunter success rates.

OHA recommendation – Table late season buck hunts and evaluate feasibility from a biological perspective on statewide basis and to include all users. If there is a surplus of bucks in the proposed units, add tags to the early buck season hunts. Given the success rate during the early season, the number of tags could be doubled, tripled or even more, resulting in much increased opportunity.

General Elk Damage Tags: This general hunt concept has resulted from a bio-political process – but does it meet ODFW's stated goal of: "Ensuring that hunting seasons meet biological objectives and maintain or improve overall hunter opportunity"? OHA's concern is that there are no measures in place to ensure proper management of the harvest. ODFW states that MO's are not a consideration in the harvest. Issuing tags that go into effect immediately can and will result in party hunting. We also see some fundamental issues with the season structure, which runs August 1 - Nov. 30 in the Northeast agricultural – forest edge lands, to August 1 – Mar 31 along the Columbia Plateau and Willamette Valley. The August hunting (both east and west) will be plagued by fire danger issues, affecting hunter access and/or landowner willingness to allow hunting. The units with hunts going to the end of March will be dealing with pregnant cows that are approaching full term. OHA recommends scaling down the number of hunts and season duration – on both ends, and put limits on participation given the date reductions, establish a 3 day cut-off for tag purchase before the start of the season, and establish a thorough monitoring plan to cover hunt success, and access and enforcement issues.

Hunt Crowding: Consolidating 127 hunts into 49 can't help but create more crowding for hunters, even with increased hunt area size. At the beginning of the season hunters will congregate in known areas with game present and having reliable access. Spreading out implementation for at least another year will help, along with selecting half of the hunts for implementation in 2021 and the other half in 2022. This will allow hunters to learn and adapt to changes over a longer time period, and also provide opportunity for evaluating the effect of hunt changes.

The Oregon Hunters Association appreciates having had many opportunities to provide input to staff on the numerous proposed changes to big game regulations that are going before you for approval for 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons. Representatives from OHA have been present at all the district meetings held this past July, plus we have appreciated hearing directly from ODFW staff at several of our Board and Chapter meetings.

Unfortunately, OHA and many stakeholder voices are not being heard. ODFW convened 18 public meetings, a Sport Group Leaders Meeting that included various interest groups, an OHA leadership meeting with over 70 participants, and received individual letters. All of this resulted in over 50 pages of printable material. Through all these efforts, ODFW made only one change which was the N. Sixes hunt due to the potential of crowding. The only other important item was maintaining the 600 series hunt in the Blue Mountains, and thanks to action by the F&W Commission eliminating that

hunt was halted. OHA Staff and Board even met with ODFW recently to discuss key issues and present viable solutions, only to be ignored.

OHA does not feel that our stakeholder concerns have been weighed-in appropriately through the Regulation Review process. Proposal alterations suggested by the largest state-based hunting group have been rare. We have had a lot of interactions with ODFW staff, and that we appreciate, but the format has been one of telling us how it will be and not listening to our concerns. We hope that the Commission gives us a stronger voice. OHA prides itself in being a partner with ODFW – having been supportive of sound scientific wildlife management in numerous situations, plus supporting past fee increases. Please consider our suggestions above and consider putting these regulation changes onto a more realistic time schedule.

Sincerely,



Fred Walasavage
Board Chair, OHA

Summary of decline in deer populations. See Attachment A, "Limited Landowner Preference Mule Deer Tags" for data on all units.

*Hunt 148 Heppner; the unit is listed as being at 61% of MO, both making it a Tier 2 LOP unit under the current LOP rules and below MO; it also happens to be just 2% away from being a Tier 3 unit, which would cause 171 LOP tags to be removed

Hunt 145 Fossil: the unit is listed as being at 76% of MO, making it both a Tier 2 LOP unit under the current LOP rules and below MO

Hunt 143A E Biggs: the unit is listed as being at 1% of MO, but it is listed as an exception to the LOP rules due to high private land ownership

Source:

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/big_game/controlled_hunts/docs/landowner_preference/Landowner_Preference_Mule_Deer_Tag_Information.pdf

Roxann B Borisch

From: MICHAEL TREAT <treatmj68@comcast.net>
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Commissioners,

Oregon has a rich archery history and no area is as profound to this history than Canyon Creek. Since the inception of this hunt in 1935, generations of traditional archers enjoyed this area and passed on the love of hunting to the generations that followed. In past years, the first week of Canyon Creek has had a weapon restriction of "traditional archery only." For one week, traditional archers have the opportunity **to hunt both deer and elk** in an area where **all hunters are using the same weaponry**. Staff recommendation is to remove this opportunity. Other than the 168R1 Trout Creek Mountains controlled deer hunt, no other **"traditional only"** opportunities exist. The Traditional Archers of Oregon have been actively advocating for Canyon Creek (4% of the Murders Creek Unit) to become a **"traditional only"** area for the entire archery season. The muzzleloader community has been granted multiple hunts where they don't have to compete with modern weaponry. Please support traditional archery with the same understanding that was displayed in recognizing the muzzleloader as a lesser weapon and deserving of like-weapon hunts. Make Canyon Creek, with all it's heritage, an entire season traditional only hunt.

The Trout Creek Mountains 168R1 currently has "unlimited tags". Staff proposal is to put a 300 tag limit on this hunt. Staff says only about 60 to 80 hunters actually hunt the area. I feel that the way to simplify this hunt is to make it a general season hunt which is supported by the survey results showing hunters want more general season opportunities.

The proposal to create a 5 day traditional hunt in the John Day Wilderness Area with 50 controlled tags is a welcome site along with the promise of deer and elk opportunity on the west side as the BGHR continues.

On a closing note, last year and this year, there are many hunting issues that are decided in September during the active archery season. As a Commission that wants to make decisions considering the concerns of all who may be affected, moving the current September

meeting to August and prior to the archery season would allow everyone to have a voice in the process without giving up hunting opportunity.

Thank you,

Michael Treat

Roxann B Borisch

From: A Richardson <oregonsandrew@gmail.com>
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Subject: Response to proposed big game hunt changes 2020

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To whom it may concern,

I want to voice my disapproval of the proposed change to the general cascade rifle elk season. Specifically the metolius region as that directly effects me. I have hunted there for years and see more and more bulls in that particular unit and no cows are allowed to be harvested either so I have a hard time believing that the ratios are not being met?? as of last year the success rate was 7%, can you provide more data as to what is not being accomplished? Thank you.

-Andrew Richardson

Roxann B Borisch

From: David Walker <dpwalker@embarqmail.com>
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To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed changes

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Chair Finley, Commissioners,

I would like to express my concern over the changes proposed for the 2020 season. I do not believe that most of the hunting public have been very well informed of the changes and have not had time to really digest and make comments and responses to them. I have personally talked to a lot of hunters who have not even heard about them and can't believe that there is 385 proposed changes. I would like to see the Department continue to advertise the changes and continue working to get more input from the hunters and hunting groups before adopting the proposed changes.

In talking with other hunters I am hearing a lot of concerns and disapproval of the changes when I explain some of the proposals.

I represent the Oregon United Sporting Dogs Association and we would urge you to postpone the adoption of these changes until at least the 2021 season so the hunters can become more informed and involved in this process.

Thank you
David Walker
President
OUSDA

Sent from my iPhone

August 26, 2019

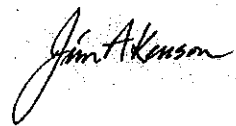
RE: Big Game Regulation Review: Canyon Creek Traditional Bow Hunt

Dear Chair Finley, Commissioners, Director Melcher,

I am writing this letter to oppose the ODFW staff recommendation to drop the unique Canyon Creek Traditional Archery Hunt. I first hunted this area at age 13, in 1970. At that time everyone was using either recurve or longbows for archery hunting, compound bows were not on the market yet. The place had 35 years of bowhunting heritage at that time – in 1970! Becoming an archery hunt area in 1935, it was the second oldest in the United States. The place is special! A bowhunter feels the “lore of place” as the primary reward of being there. The ODFW Headquarters office even has a museum display that has many images from the old days at Canyon Creek. With an upsurge in interest in traditional archery in general, this bow hunt has great potential for recruiting new bow hunters. Aren't the elements of Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation part of the driver behind the proposed regulation changes...and not just “simplification”?

Sometimes simplification is a bad idea, and this is one of those cases. This area is only 35.5 square miles – roughly 4% of the Murderers Creek WMU. The value of this hunt far exceeds its relative size. If anything, this hunt should include the full archery season – it is that special!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Akenson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline.

Jim Akenson
Enterprise, OR.

~Just an old bowhunter who cares about heritage~

Subject: FW: Blacktail deer spike hunting

From: Deer Trapper <deer_trapper@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Blacktail deer spike hunting

-The reason spikes are allowed to be taken during doe season, is because so often you cannot see spike antlers. They are hidden by the deer's large ears. I have myself taken 2 deer and was surprised to see the small 4-5" spikes when I walked up to the animal.

A Typical spike is one and a half years old, and not very big. He is often still hanging out with his mom. He will be a much better deer to harvest given one more year to grow.

Our Blacktail deer are small deer, like the Coues and Sitka Blacktail. There are great trophies out there or a 2.5 year old fork horn is a great deer to eat.

There are on occasion an older deer that is still only growing a spike antler, I have one around my house right now. He is almost as big as his fork horn friend. His spikes are over his ears and easy to see. Maybe next year he will fork.

So that hunters are not caught with a spike by mistake with their doe tag. And so hunters are not dissatisfied when they walk up to their 45 pound spike deer. Lets leave the rules as they are. It was set this way by people with knowledge of hunting and game growth. Many times hunters are also dissatisfied when they walk up to their doe, when a yearling was seen by itself with nothing nearby to compare it to. Hunting shouldn't just be about having the opportunity to kill something.

Another serious concern I have is using 40 pound bows to shoot Elk to accommodate youth and women hunters. It is argued the new bows can shoot just as fast. But that has to be with a much lighter arrow. Elk are large animals. Having more wounded elk stories is not worth this very negative experience for a young hunter. A 40 pound bow will kill with that perfect or lucky shot, but as we know things happen.

My sons partner this weekend got a big 5 point elk 40 yards with a 70 pound bow, both lungs and nicked the heart. I was proud of them for taking 4 hours to track the elk 1 half mile through rough terrain and brush to find the animal. Many times losing any sign to follow. To many people would have given up.

Jeff Orr PO box 34, Umpqua, Oregon 97486 541-459-3513

Roxann B Borisch

From: ODFW Commission
Subject: FW: killing spikes

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

From: Dixie Whitehead <kreforestation@gmail.com>
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Subject: killing spikes

I'm Keith Whitehead started hunting with my dad at 14-..Now 70 still hunting, trying to help my grandkids to be woodsman like my self. I started working at the state forestry in 1970 at Tillamook, in 1980 started my own business in reforestation until now. I work outdoors each day in the hills all of my life! I have seen very good deer, elk hunting in Clatsop co, Tillamook co. Lincoln co. Now not so good, to many roads, to many people, to much logging..and spraying habitat is being lost. The deer have been on the decline for years and years for what ever reason! I'm 100 % not in favor of KILLING spike deer. I also think you should postpone the decision of all 385 changes, so we the hunters have more time to respond to the important changes that will effect our deer hunting maybe for ever. Thanks

Roxann B Borisch

From: Tim Rozewski <rozewski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 5:50 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed Big Game Changes concerns

I have thoroughly read through ODFW's proposed changes to the Oregon big game hunts.

I have two concerns and challenge ODFW to seriously consider this input.

1. North Cascade Spring Bear

seems like a contradiction to break up other hunts (like 100M for example) into their own hunt units, but then combine hunt units in this case. Saddle Mtn / Scapoose hunters will not be able to draw every year now unless the total tags goes up from 995 to nearly 1400.

2. West Beatty's Pronghorn (470R2, 470B, 470C)

Adding a new rifle hunt, in between the current rifle and archery hunts, is the biggest mistake you could make! This will ruin this unit, period. Years ago archers argued that they did NOT want a prime pronghorn unit hunt to take place during archery deer and elk seasons, and grouse hunters complained as well.

Putting a second rifle hunt before the archery season drastically eliminates the chances of taking a Pope & Young caliber pronghorn during the new proposed archery season. Water is usually (75% of the time) scarce during the current archery season dates, moving it back will only make that worse and competition for waterholes by hunters will get extremely bad and combative.

This unit is your prized unit, taking another 35 trophy / mature bucks will NOT be a positive. It will possibly help with some point creep for both the rifle and the archery hunts, but that shouldn't be the objective in this hunt/unit's case.

The archery season should be FIRST, if you are going to have three total hunts! Doesn't interfere with other archery seasons, more water, coincides with other unit archery hunts in the area.

I have hunted, or tagged along, on this archery hunt 10 out of the last 13 years. This unit can not sustain this much take.

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Roxann B Borisch

From: ODFW Commission
Subject: FW: 224M Tioga Hunt OBJECTION! Comments for the upcoming Commission meeting.

From: swwetherell@charter.net <swwetherell@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 7:50 AM
To: 'odfw.info@state.or.us' <odfw.info@state.or.us>
Subject: FW: 224M Tioga Hunt OBJECTION! Comments for the upcoming Commission meeting.

Sir,
I would like to have my objection to the 224M hunt allowing the taking of Spike elk to be included in your comments for the Big Game exhibit for the upcoming September Commission meeting.
I have removed attachments that could be seen in previously sent data to the commission.
I feel strongly that all hunters should have an opportunity to hear my comments and my objection to this bag limit of "one Bull", in a 3-Point area.
Thank you,
Steve Wetherell

From: swwetherell@charter.net
To: "Thomas.L.Thorton@state.or.us", "odfw.commission@state.or.us"
Cc:
Sent: Thursday August 15 2019 3:15:35PM
Subject: FW: 224M Tioga Hunt OBJECTION!

Please see attachment "Tioga Hunts Summary final1.xisx"
Thank you again.
Steve Wetherell

From: swwetherell@charter.net
To: "Thomas.L.Thorton@state.or.us", "odfw.commission@state.or.us"
Cc:
Sent: Thursday August 15 2019 10:56:20AM
Subject: 224M Tioga Hunt OBJECTION!

Sirs,
I object to the killing of one bull during the Muzzleloader (224M) season in the Tioga unit. This area was set up for a 3-point or better and has been this way since the introduction of this harvest type since 1979.
I have hunted this unit since 1969 and have seen the fruits of making this unit a 3-point or better harvest. A quality hunt for all seasons and all types of hunters.
I am in total shock that you have approved the killing of spikes in the Muzzleloader season 2018 and this proposal is again for this coming 2019 season.
I contacted Stuart Love through his email address before the 2018 season and never got a reply back for his reasoning for making such a stupid recommendation to the commissioners. I did have some shared information

at the Roseburg June ODFW meeting which shared some data on Bull/Cow ratios and Management Objectives (MO). I have attached a worksheet that was derived from your data from your websites and all other background information that I could get from your databases.

I did receive some preliminary data on the results of the harvest for the 2018 season Muzzleloader hunt (224M) which is quite disturbing. This was received late June and does not show the latest data on your web site that showed 41 bulls and one cow taken in the 2018 224M hunt. This resulted in a 23% success rate. And of course, hunting for spikes usually gets cows shot by inexperienced hunters. The sad event that I have witnessed back in my early years of hunting in this unit.

Preliminary 224M harvest data from June:

37 Total Bulls harvested

23 Spikes

3 2pt

0 3pt

5 4pt

3 5pt

3 6pt

This data was included in my attachment. This shows that a successful hunt of 18% harvest for 224M but this harvest was comprised of over 70% spikes (this would include 2 Pts.). Is this the intent of the commission to take out the young bulls to drop the MO of this unit? So far I have not received any logical reasoning for this hunt allowing the taking of spikes. Since we mirror the Saddle Mountain 3-Point area, the data shows higher bull ratios per 100 cows and yet no spike killing is allowed in this area.

The proposed hunt again for 2019 and 2020 are for 200 tags in the Tioga (224M) and the continued harvesting one bull (spikes).

The bulls available for all other hunts stay at the 3-Point or better and the percentage of the successful harvest will now start to drop in all other hunts because the future bulls in the 3-Points are diminished by the killing of spikes in the previous muzzleloader seasons. Does this really make sense to you and the commissioners?

Even though the MO is for 15 bulls per 100 cows and the year of your data of 2017 showed 20/100 cows was a nice increase this would not be the reason for allowing the killing of spikes in the following year. My data are taken from your available data online. Years 2011 through 2014 showed higher ratios of bulls per 100 cows and the results also showed a better success rate the following years of all hunts. This shows hunters are keeping the herds at MO levels through harvesting without killing spikes. This is what makes this Tioga Hunt a special hunting area and even a better opportunity to harvest a mature Roosevelt bull which was unheard of back in the 1970s while this was a spike or better hunt. Now, are we going back to those dismal days just so the Muzzleloader hunters can harvest the young bulls again?

I strongly disagree with Stuart Love, Coosbay biologist, reasonings and the continued proposal to allow the harvest of young bulls in this Hunt Unit known as the 3-Point Tioga Unit.

I would like for you and the commission to review the reasoning for the Tioga being a 3-Point or better hunt and return the sanctioning of this hunt to it proper proposed harvest that was decided in the late 1970s, a 3-Point or better harvesting area only.

I have not found a fellow hunter other than from a Muzzleloader hunter that likes this allowance of killing young bulls. Please put this back to a 3-Point hunt only and stop this nonsense. This has a direct effect on all other hunts in the Tioga hunt and there are some very grouchy hunters that never knew this was allowed until I showed them the data and reviewed this at the Roseburg meeting.

Please review my data and make the best decision for All hunters in this unit.

Keep the Tioga a 3-Point hunt only for all hunts.

Thank you,
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