

# Roadkill Salvage Permits

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# Presentation Overview

- Roadkill Salvage Permit Background
- Proposed Rule Amendment



# Roadkill Salvage Permit Background

- **Prior to January 2019**
  - Rules did not allow for the salvage of big game
- **OAR 635-065-0765**
  - Prohibits possession
- **OAR 635-002-0005**
  - Directs disposal of edible wildlife
- **ORS 619.095**
  - Requires inspection before donation



# Roadkill Salvage Permit Background

- Many removed by road maintenance personnel
  - Traffic safety
  - Sanitation
- Decompose along road



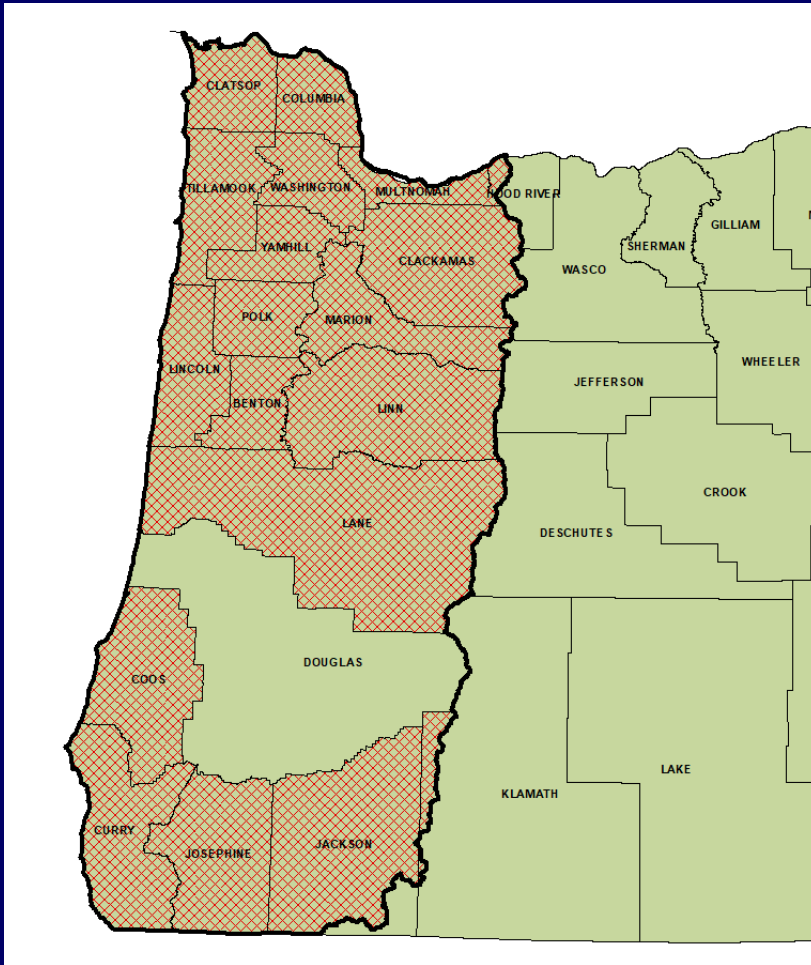
# Senate Bill 372

- **2017 Legislature, SB 372 directed development of a process to allow salvage of roadkill**
  - **Specific to deer and elk**
  - **Accidentally killed as result of vehicle collision**
  - **For the purpose of human consumption**
  - **Required surrender of head and antlers**
  - **State of Oregon not liable for injury, loss, or damage**



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# Senate Bill 372



- In western Oregon, the salvage of white-tailed deer is prohibited; except Douglas County
  - Columbian white-tailed deer are federally ESA listed
  - Douglas County population de-listed
- Salvage not authorized on Tribal lands

# Permit Application Procedure

- On-line permit application
  - Must be completed within 24 hours
  - Entire carcass, including entrails must be removed
- Animals missing antlers cannot be salvaged
- Specifies information required
  - Contact information
  - General location and date/time of salvage
  - Species and sex of animal
  - Identity of driver (if known)
- Acknowledge the state is not liable

Roadkill Salvage Permit Application

This application is required to receive your permit, and must be submitted within 24 hours of salvaging the deer or elk. This permit must remain with any parts of the deer or elk until all parts are consumed. Please review all of the [permit requirements](#).

Contact Information

Name \*   Phone Number  -  -   
First Last ### ## ####

Email \*

Street Address \*

City \*  State \*  Zip Code \*   
Enter 5 digits. Currently Used: 0 digits.

Animal Take Information

Please enter a valid date. You must request a permit within 24 hours of taking the animal.

NOTE: YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TURN IN THE HEAD, INCLUDING ANTLERS IF MALE, TO AN [ODFW FIELD OFFICE](#) WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS.

Date \*  /  /  Time  :   AM / PM  
MM DD YYYY HH MM AM/PM

Species \*  elk  black-tailed deer  mule deer  white-tailed deer

Sex \*  male  female

Vehicle Information

Name of Driver Who Struck Animal \*  self  unknown  other

\*If dispatching animal was required, only the driver may salvage the animal.

# Requirements After Permitting

- **Check-in and surrender the entire head, including antlers, at a Department office within five (5) business days of salvaging the animal**
  - **Biological Samples for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance**
- **Sale of salvaged animal parts is prohibited**
- **Transfer of parts to another person is permitted, requires written record**

# Salvage Program To-Date...

- Permits Issued

- 1,347

- Peak Permit Issuance

- September – November

- Male : Female Ratio

- 1.23 Males : 1 Female

- CWD Samples Taken

- 51% of Permits

- Species Salvaged

- Black-tailed Deer:

- 61%

- Mule Deer:

- 22%

- White-tailed Deer:

- 7%

- Elk (Rocky Mtn and Roosevelt):

- 10%

# Original Rule Language



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- **If crippled in collision, wildlife may be dispatched per ORS 498.016**
  - **Any person can kill crippled or helpless wildlife for a humane purpose**
  - **Must be reported immediately**
  - **Only the driver of the vehicle can salvage if dispatched for a humane reason**

# Proposed Rule Amendment

- **OAR 635-043-0175 (5)**
  - **Any person with authority to enforce the wildlife laws pursuant to ORS 496.605 may kill any deer or elk rendered crippled or helpless by accidental vehicle collision, and the Department may thereafter issue a Roadkill Salvage Permit for the carcass.**



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A photograph of a forest floor. A light-colored, sandy or silty path winds through the center of the image. The ground is covered with dark brown pine needles and small twigs. Various green plants are scattered throughout, including clumps of tall, thin grasses and low-lying shrubs. Two large, weathered logs lie horizontally across the upper and lower portions of the frame. The background shows more dense vegetation and a tree trunk on the right side.

**Questions?**