

# **Exhibit D**

**Public Correspondence Received as  
of April 7, 2021**

**From:** Dave Stiefvater <[dbstiefvater@gmail.com](mailto:dbstiefvater@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Saturday, April 3, 2021 7:06 AM

**To:** Michelle Tate <[Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us](mailto:Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us)>

**Cc:** Mikal Cline <[mikal.l.cline@state.or.us](mailto:mikal.l.cline@state.or.us)>; Bruno Jagelski <[bjagelski@yturrirose.com](mailto:bjagelski@yturrirose.com)>; Tyler  
Dungannon <[TD@oregonhunters.org](mailto:TD@oregonhunters.org)>

**Subject:** Sage Grouse - Commission Meeting April 23, 2021

Tate,

I have attached a letter to the Commission about possible closing sage grouse season in Oregon. Please contact me with any questions or information about the Commission Meeting.

Thank you,

Dave Stiefvater

Malheur County Chapter of Pheasants Forever

Habitat Coordinator



**Date: April 3, 2021**  
**Subject: Sage Grouse April 23, 21 Commission Meeting**  
**To: ODFW Commission**  
**From: Dave Stiefvater**  
**Malheur County Chapter of Pheasants Forever**  
**Habitat Coordinator**

**Resent Commission discussion on possibly closing Oregon Sage Grouse season has been brought to our attention.**

**Oregon Sage Grouse has been scientifically studied in Oregon since 1941. Part of the studied includes wing analysis. This is successful only by hunters in Oregon harvesting sage grouse during a controlled hunting season and returning wings to ODFW. The plumage patterns on sage grouse wings provide a wealth of information regarding the population structure and reproductive output of Oregon's population. From the wing analysis, biologist can estimate the sage grouse sex ratios, chick production, nesting success, and date of hatch information which would be challenging or impossible to collect at a broad scale using other means.**

**Effective conservation requires knowledge regarding the population size and trend of a species. ODFW is the lead agency for sage-grouse population monitoring in Oregon. Population monitoring of sage grouse is conducted using spring lek surveys, summer brood routes, and hunter harvested wing analysis.**

**The scientific study of wing analysis is accomplished by hunters during a controlled hunting season. Malheur County Chapter of Pheasants Forever strongly opposes any closures of sage grouse seasons in Oregon.**



March 24, 2021

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

Commissioners Zarnowitz, Hatfield-Hyde, Wolley, Wahl, Spelbrink, and Labhart,

The National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) is an organization whose mission is dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey, and the preservation of our hunting heritage. Since the NWTF's founding in 1973, our organization has worked with state fish and wildlife agencies to support hunter recruitment and retention, improve and enhance wild turkey habitat, create regulations that ensure sustainable hunter harvest, opportunity, and the long-term viability of wild turkey populations throughout North America. This level of engagement and partnership has led to robust wild turkey populations across the country, as well as active wild turkey hunting seasons in 49 states.

The National Wild Turkey Federation would like to give our support to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) proposed changes to allow additional wild turkey hunting in the fall season within the outlined units. The NWTF also supports ODFW's proposed changes to allow SportsPac purchasers to choose from a general spring, general eastern Oregon fall, or a general western Oregon fall turkey tag. The NWTF believes that these changes will allow for increased hunter opportunity where wild turkey populations are at or above desired objectives.

However, the NWTF does ask that these season structures remain dynamic and driven through population trends data, as wild turkey populations (similar to all upland game bird population models) are in a constant state of fluidity and are heavily dependent on annual precipitation.

The NWTF would also like to commend the excellent staff within ODFW's Upland Game Bird Program for continuing engagement in proposing wild turkey regulation, policy, and management.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Chris Henry*

Chris Henry  
President, Oregon State Chapter  
National Wild Turkey Federation

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**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** John Green-Hite <john\_green-hite@ddsd40.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2021 11:07 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Mikal.L.Cline@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Sage Grouse Hunt Support  
**Attachments:** ODFW G-H Letter.pdf

Dear Michelle Tate:

Please find attached a letter I sent via post to your office regarding support for Sage Grouse Hunts in the state of Oregon. I just want to say that all ODFW and the State of Oregon are doing for the promotion of hunting and fishing has my highest endorsement.

Sincerely,  
John Green-Hite

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John Green-Hite  
Business Teacher/Drivers Education  
(PCC Drivers Education Instructor)  
DDHS South Rm 220

March 25, 2021

Michelle Tate  
Director's Office, ODFW  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302

Re: Continued Sage Grouse Hunts

Dear Ms. Tate:

It is my understanding that ODFW and the State of Oregon wish to continue supporting the native bird populations. Part of that support is an understanding of continued controlled hunts of the Sage Grouse. This includes information from all sources that impact that population and how best to support the Sage Grouse themselves.

I have been fortunate enough to have drawn tags for Sage Grouse hunting for many years and have always appreciated the ability to be involved in the hunt. Obviously, the information gleaned from the wings we send in is crucial. The number of Sage Grouse shot from that number of wings also helps in the determination of the count and general health of the birds.

This is also more than just about the birds and that is also crucial. Take myself, for example. I do not go to "kill a bird". I go to enjoy Eastern Oregon, support the local cafes, stores and area. What does this have to do with the Sage Grouse? This is not a regular hunting season and it brings support to local communities that need money infused into the economy.

I take the hunt seriously, but I will not shoot to wound a bird. That means if there are few birds, and they are skittish because they are pushed due to population or other unknown factors, I will not shoot because they are too far out. I have had people say "I can't believe you would shoot a poor bird!". My answer to them is "by giving me a license to shoot a bird, you have, in all probability, saved a bird's life!". I enjoy the environment just as much as the birds do.

I believe that my supporting the ODFW and State of Oregon by paying for licensing fees (combination license), draw fees, and Sage Grouse hunt fee, I am putting money back to ODFW to pay for studies and support of the species. Furthermore, because I enjoy the hunt and being back with nature, I bring that enthusiasm to others when I go home which, in turn, supports the efforts of ODFW and the State of Oregon; without which much of the support may disappear.

I wish to thank both ODFW and State of Oregon for the opportunity to hunt and support any restrictions you feel necessary to protect the Sage Grouse, but also support, with enthusiasm, the opening of the season for a hunt.

Sincerely,



John Green-Hite

cc: Mikal Cline via email (Mikal.L.Cline@state.or.us)

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**Subject:** Motion Decoys

**From:** Lyle Bell <[duck73ltb@gmail.com](mailto:duck73ltb@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2021 3:52 PM

**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)

**Subject:** Motion Decoys

My name is Lyle Bell and I'm an avid waterfowl here in Oregon for the past 25 years. I have always wondered why Oregonians cant use battery powered motion decoys like so many other states. Yes, we can use hand powered but why not battery powered? It almost feels like we are being punished. Yes motion helps, but it's not 100%. I also believe that birds are getting more and more educated as time goes on and every little bit helps. Please consider battery powered motion decoys for us Oregonians. Thank you Lyle Bell.

March 18, 2021

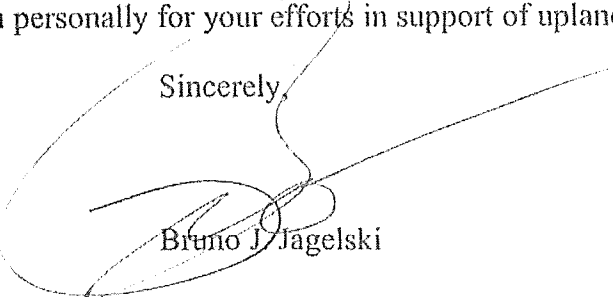
Michelle Tate  
Director's Office, ODFW  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302

Dear Ms. Tate:

I write to express support for continued opportunities to hunt sage grouse in Oregon. I have hunted sage grouse with family and friends since the 1990s. As one would expect, our success rate over the years has varied with the grouse populations in our hunt areas. I have observed that hunter harvest has very little impact on sage grouse populations. Other factors such as weather, fire, predation, and perhaps West Nile disease determine the health of local bird populations. On the other hand, allowing an annual sage grouse hunt provides a benefit to bird populations. The hunters send the wings of harvested birds to ODFW for study which provides valuable information about the species and populations in specific areas. Additionally, sage grouse hunters often take several coyotes while in sage grouse country.

I consider the opportunity to hunt sage grouse in Oregon a great privilege. Very few hunters throughout the nation get the chance to hunt this fascinating species. I support conservation efforts in many ways. For example, I am president of the local Pheasants Forever chapter. If there were any indication that hunter harvests materially affected sage grouse populations, I would support a suspension of the season. Based on the information currently available, that does not appear to be the case. For now, I wish to thank the State of Oregon and ODFW for providing hunters with the opportunity to hunt sage grouse, and to thank you personally for your efforts in support of upland gamebirds.

Sincerely,



Bruno J. Jagelski

BJJ/kl

cc: Mikal Cline via email (Mikal.L.Cline@state.or.us)

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Bill <ba53@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2021 2:17 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Cc:** Kyle Arata  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

Hi Brandon.

My boys and I, did have a good duck hunting season at Sauvie Island. Unfortunately we weren't able to shoot any snow geese this year. So hopefully better luck on them next season.

With more and more hunters, hunting on S.I. I would like to make the following suggestion for increasing more opportunities for hunting.

1. Increase hunting opportunity by 1 days by allowing hunting on both the day after Thanksgiving (Friday) and Sunday. Like the refuge use too.
2. Allow hunting on both Saturday and Sunday on the last weekend of the season. Also like the refuge use to allow. This would also allow 1 additional day.
3. Since you are only allowed to hunt snow geese only on the refuge. Why not extend the 2nd period to coincide with duck season? Which would extend the hunting opportunity by 2 weeks.

Just a few suggestions, I thought I would share with you.

As always. Thanks for keeping us informed on the up coming season!

Bill.

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 1, 2021, at 7:03 PM, Brandon Reishus <[Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us](mailto:Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us)> wrote:

Waterfowl hunters and other interested individuals,

*You are receiving this email because you have indicated you would like to stay informed about the Migratory Game Bird Program at ODFW. If you wish to have your contact removed from this list please let me know. Additionally, please share this email with other interested individuals or have them contact me to be added to the list if you believe they would like to receive these updates.*

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** dmsill.or@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 13, 2021 2:19 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

Hi, Brandon,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

I am glad to see the offering of a split season for doves. A good step forward.

Please consider an early 12 day season encompassing only the first two weekends in September in Zone 1. I believe there is very little interest and availability of dove after September 12 until later in the year. The extra 18 days can be added to the second season extending it through January 7th when dove are available. That would include the holiday season when many new and seasoned hunters have time off from work or school.

I realize that you are restricted by the Federal Framework to a 60 day season. That is too bad considering, I believe, only about 5% of the estimated dove population is harvested by hunters. A 20% harvest, similar to that of waterfowl should be offered. That would certainly help curb the loss of the number of hunter/conservationists without little or no adverse effects on the long term dove population.

The 1 pintail limit is also a result of the Federal Framework. I hope ODFW will do whatever they can in concert with the states of Washington and California to expand the limit to 4 with only one hen in the the area west of the Cascade and Sierra mountains. The abundance of pintail, drakes especially, wintering here mostly come from Alaska and NW Territories and are largely not effected by low populations elsewhere. That would be one of the most effective, and I believe, biological sound change that would benefit wildlife by curbing the loss of and perhaps increasing the number of hunter/conservationists.

**From:** [Brandon Reishus](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2021 7:03 PM  
**To:** [Brandon Reishus](#)  
**Subject:** ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

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**From:** Brian Perron <brian.perron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 3:55 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

Brandon--

Thank you for all your work on this. Some exciting changes that increase hunter opportunity--thank you!

I saw that Washington is proposing to allow e-callers for snow geese in the late season. That is something Oregon should consider allowing.

Also, Oregon should undertake the steps to institute a hunt for tundra swans. The WP swan management plan adopted by the Flyway Council in 2017 lays out the process for new states to begin a 3-year experimental swan hunt by permit. Oregon should take the first steps, working with USFWS to prepare a revised Environmental Assessment that would include Oregon with the existing states that authorize a swan hunt. This would at least get the ball rolling on an Oregon swan hunt, while ODFW works to gain more widespread public support for such a hunt.

Thank you

Brian

On Mon, Feb 1, 2021 at 7:03 PM Brandon Reishus <[Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us](mailto:Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us)> wrote:

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Graig Spolek <spolekg@pdx.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:08 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

Brandon,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the proposed migratory game bird hunting seasons for 2021 – 2022. My comments reflect my personal views and not necessarily those of the Oregon Duck Hunters Association, for which I serve as current President. However, I have discussed this issue with several ODHA members and with several other avid duck hunters, and I know that the views that I express here are shared by many who hunt western Oregon.

The proposed 1-pintail limit is artificially low and cannot be justified by current waterfowl biology. It is time to raise the limit to a reasonable and sustainable level. The pintail limit should be changed immediately to this:

### **The daily pintail limit shall be 4 birds with no more than one pintail hen.**

Here are the reasons for this limit:

1. Current estimates of pintail populations are significantly lower than the actual numbers. Pintail estimates, like all waterfowl, are currently based on aerial sampling which is fraught with problems. Using the Lincoln estimator based on band returns, which integrates counts for a whole season rather than a single “snapshot” count, is undoubtedly more accurate. Alisaukas [et.al.](#) showed that the Lincoln estimate for western mallards is 2-5 times higher than that predicted by aerial counts. They also postulate that using a Lincoln estimator for pintails would likely show even greater discrepancy because pintails are known to wander outside of the aerial sampling zone and, hence, are not being counted. In short, there are more pintails than that management biologists think.
2. Duck populations have been proven to depend on habitat and are unaffected by harvest. Sedingler showed this unequivocally for wood ducks and Riecke [et.al.](#) have shown the exact same results for blue winged teal. There is no reason to suspect that this fundamental fact does not apply to pintails, as well. Waterfowl managers who are sustaining a 1-pintail limit with the intent of increasing the pintail population are not succeeding, and may well be inhibiting habitat by discouraging hunters from purchasing licenses and donating funds toward waterfowl habitat restoration.
3. There are more male pintails than female pintails by a large margin, probably in the range of 2:1 to 3:1 and the difference is growing with time (see Alisaukas [et.al.](#) for mallards). This surplus of drake pintails can be harvested with no impact on reproduction or sustained population. Hunters can easily distinguish between male and female pintails, and allowing for one hen within the daily bag limit allows room for “mistakes.”

I encourage you to strive for changes in the pintail limits that reflect current science and provide greater harvest opportunity. I am happy to discuss this further with you and can provide written and oral testimony in support of this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Graig Spolek

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Worth Mathewson <slpress@macnet.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 6, 2021 6:35 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Various

Brandon,

Thanks for sending along the considerations for next season. All look good aside from one glaring error. That is listing the

Eurasian dove as a game bird, with a season and limit. I hope with your busy schedule you just overlooked this very important change in the regulations.

Snipe report: Gary Howell and I made the Santiam float yesterday, the 5th. We flushed about 75 snipe. I got six, Gary five. We both missed a lot of good shots, especially me. However, this year we did almost all hunting from the boat. We didn't get out and walk some of the better places. That is because we are both getting too old for much walking. Therefore I am certain we didn't flush many more snipe.

Gary and two others made the float at the end of duck season. The two guys with Gary did walk the areas. Gary thinks they flushed 125 plus snipe. The three ended up with 20, and Gary mentioned had they all been shooting well they would have had their limits quickly.

We are planning to make another float after the coming cold weather has passed. But of course with the low temperatures that would be the prime time to be on the river. Best, Worth

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**Subject:** FW: Controlled swan hunt

**From:** Ruger's outdoor life <[ericksonruger@gmail.com](mailto:ericksonruger@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:33 AM

**To:** ODFW Commission <[ODFW.Commission@coho2.dfw.state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@coho2.dfw.state.or.us)>

**Subject:** Controlled swan hunt

I would like to suggest possibly making a controlled swan hunt in oregon within the future years. I live in the klamath basin and through the last few years i have seen literally hundreds of thousands of swans here and it is a plenty stable population to have a hunt that produces tags via a draw system.

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Michelle Tate  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 3:10 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Cc:** Roxann B Borisch  
**Subject:** FW: Swan hunt

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

**From:** Ed Smith <busybeaver1@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:44 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission <ODFW.Commission@coho2.dfw.state.or.us>  
**Subject:** Swan hunt

Would like ODFW to start a controlled swan hunt.  
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Michelle Tate  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:27 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Cc:** Roxann B Borisch  
**Subject:** FW: Swan season

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

**From:** Todd White <tunatodd33@aim.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 6:32 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Swan season

Hello,

Oregon has a healthy migratory population of swans. I ask that the commission approve a controlled hunt for tundra swans like many other states have. This is an opportunity and resource that many Oregon hunters would like to pursue.

Thank you,  
Todd White  
Albany Or

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Mark E Henderson <hendyshasta@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 9:10 AM  
**To:** Migratory Information  
**Subject:** constructive comments

Brandon, Mark Henderson here with a comment on the new bird hunting proposals you e-mailed me. First, thanks for what you do, and reaching out for any input. I have a hard time with the first change proposal on Dove hunting and the split season. I have been pursuing the flighty feathered dove around the Eugene area for several years now. I was very excited when the recent change of adding another month to the season went in, and the increase in the bag limit to 15. Being able to pursue them Sept and Oct has been great. Doves are migrating during these 2 months to their southern locations. This period of time in my observation is when most of this moving activity occurs. When it rains they all head South and when the weather improves the new movers build back up until the next rain occurs. Sept and Oct are when the Doves are here. There are hardly any Doves around in November and December and having an open season then makes no sense to me?? We can actually shoot them all year if your Dove ID skills are good and you know which ones are invasive specie Doves. The time periods that are set now and the bag limit is excellent. They are tough to hunt and harvest. Sure wish a Mojo remote wing decoy was a legal hunting aid?? Almost all of our 50 States have them approved?? Sometimes what we have is good and needs no change. Mark Henderson

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** jay.kassab <jay.kassab@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:23 AM  
**To:** Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Cackling geese

What's the reason for not raising the daily bag limit from 4, to 5-6?  
You want to raise the snows from 6, to 20 instead of 6 to maybe 10, what's that purpose?

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Greg Parrott <gparrott54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 8:19 PM  
**To:** Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Jim & Gayle Dundon; Joe & Francis Keller  
**Subject:** ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

Hi Brandon. First of all as an avid waterfowl hunter I would like to thank you for all of your efforts in shepherding this wonderful resource.

The proposals look great to me with one observation for your requested input to the appropriate people here in Oregon and back at USF&W. I know that USF&W controls our pintail harvest and that the population is down overall but as you know much better than I here in the Pacific Flyway it seems that we have an apparent abundance of them. The pintail drakes seem to greatly outnumber the hens. Is it possible to increase our daily limit of males, one of the most easily identifiable of all ducks? I obviously am not a biologist but it seems to me this would have minimal if any impact on the breeding resource given their apparent abundance and ratios to females. If we could accomplish this it could do wonders for hunter retention and recruitment up and down the flyway, which is obviously where most of the funds come from to support the resource. If biologically acceptable such a limit increase may well positively impact conservation dollars for waterfowl and help maintain or perhaps even increase the number of waterfowlers.

Thank you for your efforts and consideration of this proposal. Keep up the great work! Oh and by the way your migratory bird draft proposal was forwarded to me by my friend Jim. Can you please add me to the list of people who get sent information like this? That would be great.

Thank you again Brandon.

Greg Parrott  
[gparrott54@gmail.com](mailto:gparrott54@gmail.com)  
(503) 317-8535

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Allan Hopp <allanh@hoppinsurance.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:09 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** RE: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

It was my understanding that there was discussion about increasing the drake pintail limit the latter part of the season and there was data to support this change. The last month or 2 of the season saw massive flocks of mostly pintail drakes using the areas I hunt in Banks and Carlton.

Allan Hopp

**From:** Brandon Reishus <Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2021 7:03 PM  
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We are considering several changes of note for the coming seasons:

1. Divide the state into two mourning dove hunting zones (use current duck zone boundaries) and implement a split season in Zone 1. The season in that zone would be open during September (30 days) and 30 days beginning November 20. There would be no change to the dove season in the area encompassed by Duck Zone 2.
2. Modify the current East Goose Zone to only include the counties boarding the Columbia River (new Mid-Columbia Zone). Merge the remaining counties from the East Goose Zone into a new zone with Klamath, Lake, Harney and Malheur counties (corresponding to Duck Zone 2). This change will allow the duck and Canada goose seasons to open concurrently in all eastern Oregon counties. Previously, the duck season opened the week prior to the goose season in some counties.
3. Implement a late white and white-fronted goose hunt in the new Mid-Columbia Zone. Due to federal season length limitations, the opening day for white and white-fronted geese in this zone would be delayed until November.
4. Expand the current late-winter white and white-fronted goose hunt in Klamath, Lake, Harney, and Malheur counties to the remainder of eastern Oregon (except the Mid-Columbia Zone).

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Eric Strand <eric@s2calls.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 5:51 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

Brandon,

Thank you for sending this over. Out of curiosity when will the federal framework allow for a 3 or 4 bird scaup limit again?

Have a great day!

Eric

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**Roxann B Borisch**

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**Subject:** FW: No Battery Powered Decoys!

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

From: Evan Alcantara <evan.alcantara@outlook.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:09 PM

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

Subject: No Battery Powered Decoys!

Thank you very much for excepting comments.

As someone who has hunted waterfowl in the state of Oregon for 32 years I simply want to thank you for setting the standard in fair waterfowling practices. Battery powered Decoys have no place in the marsh. We are fortunate enough to have long seasons, liberal bag limits and areas planted simply for holding wintering water fowl with the ability to hunt these areas as well. Thank you for setting a high standard and keeping battery powered Decoys outlawed.

Evan Alcantara  
ID: 350691

Sent from my iPhone

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Michelle Tate  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 11:22 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Cc:** Roxann B Borisch  
**Subject:** FW: Motorized Decoys for Duck Hunting

**From:** JOSEPH REED <joe.reed@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 11:12 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Motorized Decoys for Duck Hunting

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's time to legalize motorized decoys for duck hunting. **We are one of two states in the nation that still have not legalized motorized decoys.** Even in California they are legal Dec 1st - Jan 31 for each duck season. Currently a pull string running from the duck blind out into the water is required to run a spinning wing decoy or "jerk string rig" to create ripples in the water. There are electronic solutions for both of these attraction methods on the market removing all strings. Hunters have to handle duck calls, shotguns, dogs on a leash, etc. One less thing to manage would be nice and more safe for everyone including dogs. The commission could limit each duck blind or group of hunters to 1 motorized decoy if they felt the need. Thanks for considering.

Joe Reed  
Hillsboro, OR

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**From:** Sparky Rice <sparkyrice@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 11:21 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

I and my friends have seen lots of pintail in the Willamette Valley. In fact the predominant duck species in January.

I would like to see the limit increased to two/day in our zone.

Is the continental decrease in counts valid in making a small limit for our zone?

Sparky Rice

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**From:** Brandon Reishus <Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 7:03 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus <Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us>  
**Subject:** ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

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**From:** Matt Brimmer <mlbrimmer@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 7:45 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

Thanks Brandon!

Whom would I need to speak with in regards to opening up the Oregon Side of the Lower Klamath Refuge during the February and March time frame? Is this controlled at the state level or the Federal Level?

Due to Guides Leasing and the Farmers not allowing hunting it has become VERY difficult to hunt the Late Season in the Klamath Basin. Therefore doing a poor job with depredation, which is what this hunt was originally enacted for.

Thanks,  
Matt Brimmer  
541-892-1240  
mlbrimmer@charter.net  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Graig Spolek <spolekg@pdx.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 7:31 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

Brandon,

Thank you for sending out this draft regulation proposal.

As you might expect, I will be responding in much greater detail regarding the proposed one pintail limit.

Follow the science!

Graig

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**From:** Brad Bortner <Brad\_Bortner@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 7:07 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations for the 2021/22 hunting season

How about a reciprocal license with Washington on the lower Columbia River like you have with Idaho on the Snake?

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We envision seasons dates for other migratory game bird seasons will be proposed similar to last season, except date adjustments to allow for calendar shift. Calendar shift will cause the opening and closing dates for most seasons to be one day earlier than last season.

### **Bag Limits**

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Mikal L Cline <Mikal.L.Cline@state.or.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 8:40 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Fwd: Electronic Duck Decoys

**From:** Michelle Tate <Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us>  
**Date:** December 17, 2020 at 8:23:48 AM PST  
**To:** Mikal L Cline <Mikal.L.Cline@state.or.us>  
**Cc:** Roxann B Borisch <Roxann.B.Borisch@state.or.us>  
**Subject: FW: Electronic Duck Decoys**

**From:** Jeff Groth <coachgroth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:14 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Electronic Duck Decoys

I am submitting this comment for consideration by the Commission.

Regarding current game bird regulations, specifically the following;

- *It is unlawful to hunt game birds with the use of decoys powered by motor, battery, or other self powered methods. Quiver magnets are also illegal*

Oregon duck hunters are currently prohibited from using mechanical spinners and/or decoys, yet they can use these types of devices if they are powered by human action.

Allowing the use of mechanical devices doesn't change much or increase effectiveness, it simply adds convenience. Ducks are being decoyed with the manual version already, and anyone who has hunted many ducks knows these devices aren't a guarantee anyway.

It is my understanding they are allowed in 47 states. Further, the presence of the strings for the manual versions can present a hazard to ducks coming into the decoys and I have seen ducks hit the strings more than once.

I think it is time to remove that prohibition and would ask the commission to consider this request.

Respectfully submitted-JG

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Evan Alcantara <evan.alcantara@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 22, 2020 8:18 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Fern Ridge Shell Limit

Brandon,

Yesterday was my first experience at Fern Ridge in the Coyote unit. We were warned by the man who checked us in (Kevin) that high shooting is an issue on the area. Little did we realize the drastic lengths it would go to. It was border line insane what these people are shooting at. I've hunted ducks for 32+ years on public land in all the western states, so I've seen some things. Fern Ridge is in desperate need of a shell limit AND the guys working down there need to get out and manage the hunters. One guy made it clear he was going hunting, and the other was "getting out of here" after the check in process.

We like shooting big ducks in tight, fortunately the dudes just there to shoot at everything left by 1130 and we were able to kill some ducks the right way before the 1 pm cutoff.

There is so much more potential not just to shoot more ducks, but to create a quality hunting experience for those taking part in that hunt/reservation process.

Please let me know if I should direct these thoughts elsewhere. I'd imagine every person who truly likes to hunt, and not just shot at, ducks in that area will agree.

Thank you,

Evan Alcantara

Sent from my iPhone

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Worth Mathewson on behalf of Worth Mathewson <slpress@macnet.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus  
**Subject:** Eurasians

Brandon,

Marge and I had a very good day on the 2nd that proves my stance on the Eurasian dove needing to be listed as a game bird. A farmer close to the Perrydale football field has a new filbert grove. While waiting for the trees to mature he planted wheat between the rows. A good number of Eurasians and a very few mourning doves were in the wheat. Marge got four Eurasians and I got five and one mourning. She shot well, I didn't. It was interesting that the Eurasians started flying very high after being shot at a few times. I ran into that a few years ago in Arizona. On those days the mourning doves acted much the same each day, but on the second day the Eurasians became wary. And that is how things turned out yesterday.

It was all good. And again, that with some protection the Eurasian will give valley hunters something to hunt. I sincerely think your refusal to list the Eurasian as a game bird is tied to your age. By this I mean that you weren't born until well after the once remarkable number of mourning doves we once had in the valley. Had you been alive in the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, and early 1970s, you would be able to think back on just how good a day afield could be. And take my word for it, those days were good! We could have most of September with excellent days with doves and bandtails, and then in October turn to pheasants. One couldn't ask for better wingshooting anywhere in the U.S.

To a large degree that is gone today. But given protection, there is no question that the Eurasian could once again give bird hunters in the valley something to base good days around. You are nearly solely in the position to give shooters not yet born days that will not be forgotten. And once your career is over if you have created such good days afield, you will have every reason to be proud.

Best, Worth