

Exhibit F

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence Received as of
September 15, 2021**

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: trivelpiece7514@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 7:30 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Trophy Hunting

I oppose all trophy hunting. The decision to allow trophy hunting of bears and cougars is cruel and should not be allowed, particularly in the spring when animals have babies. Your department is supposed to protect animals and the environment, not exploit them for the money you obtain from licensing. Please do not allow this to happen.

Shannon Trivelpiece

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Charles Fahl <chuckfahl@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 7:39 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Apex predators are essential

I do not support trophy hunting for black bears and mountain lions. These animals should be feared and revered, but not culled. They keep forest healthy and diverse.

-Chuck Fahl
Eugene, OR

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Diane Martin <treesandbabies@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 8:12 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Trophy Hunting

My husband and I are opposed to Spring trophy hunting of Oregon's cougars and black bears. Actually, we don't think any form of trophy hunting is necessary. Hunting should be limited to meat needed for food.

**Diane & Larry Martin
1355 56th Ave, Sweet Home, OR 97386**

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[The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.
e. e. cummings](#)

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Amy Hatter <amyharter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 8:13 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Stop spring hunting of bear and cougar

ODFW,

I am an Oregonian concerned that ODFW has not done enough to study environmental and wildlife impacts of policies that allow people to hunt bear and cougar in the spring. I believe ODFW's role is to protect wildlife and its habitat locally with a global perspective of endangered and vulnerable species. Extinction is a threat to all humanity. ODFW must move the discussion and policies from short term to long term survival.

In no case should the value of domestic animals or livestock out weight the lives of our wildlife. It is never 1 to 1. Wildlife and their habitat must always be secrete and protected.

Amy Harter
Eugene, OR

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Paul Murray <paulmurray1951@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 8:14 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Trophy Hunting of Oregon's Cougars and Black Bears

I am writing to express my fervent opposition to the allowance of the practice of trophy hunting of Oregon's Cougars and Black Bears!!!!

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: terry lesh <terrylesh33@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 8:21 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Trophy Hunting

My family and I oppose trophy hunting of any kind!
Terry Lesh, Eugene Oregon

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Susan Ashton <suejash@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 8:30 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Opposition to trophy hunting

Please end senseless trophy hunting.

Sent from my iPad

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Tuss Ludvickson <tussludvickson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:06 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Trophy hunting

Please consider banning trophy hunting of all wild life in Oregon during such trying times of habitat loss do to wildfires and drought. Common sense says to protect what is left!

Sincerely, Tuss Ludvickson

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jessica Chestnut <jessjpoole@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:17 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please stop spring trophy hunting

As a resident of Eugene who has spent much of her free time exploring the wilderness of Oregon, I implore you to put an end to the springtime trophy hunting of black bears and cougars. Spring is a time of rebirth for all, including these majestic animals. Leaving young cubs to survive on their own after their mother has been pointlessly slaughtered is not only cruel, but a death sentence. The orphans are still reliant on their mothers for food, protection, and guidance for around 18-24 months of their life and would not stand a chance without their mothers. Both the cougar and the black bear face a number of challenges their entire lives including loss of natural habitat, food shortages, disease, and predators, including humans. It's been reported that the majority of these animals will not reach adulthood, so why lessen their slim chances even further? Please, put an immediate stop to spring trophy hunting so Oregon's beautiful creatures can live to see another day.

Jessica Chestnut
Eugene, Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Maureen Huntington <mohubcaps@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:34 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: trophy hunting

Our wildlife populations face enough challenges to living without adding in the threat of trophy hunting in the Spring when animals are trying to raise their young. Killing a female who has cubs, fawns, calves, kills more than just that one animal. Between loss of habitat due to human population expansion into their territories, wildfires, regular hunting, negotiating roads and highways, poaching, diseases like EHD, etc. their lives are fraught with danger. Enough already!

We live with forest all around us, and yes, the deer, elk, and bear are hard on our fruit trees. My husband does have a landowner preference tag for elk hunting. There are large herds of elk that roam our 106 acre woodland and adjacent farms and publicly owned forest as well. I sometimes refer to the critters around us as 'the woodland mafia' due to the destruction they cause to our fruit trees and newly planted trees on our woodland tree farm. But still we do not condone trophy hunting. Hunting for the purpose of putting food on the table or if an animal becomes a threat to safety, that's a different story.

I would hope that the commission takes all of these influences into consideration and will elect to protect our wildlife and prevent cruelty to offspring by not encouraging decimation by adding trophy hunting into the mix.

Please present our concerns at the committee meeting.

Thank you.

Maureen and Noland Huntington

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jeannie Orloff <jrae003@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:59 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Trophy hunting

Such a shame that a ODFW is ok with killing animals and their Cubs.
Please stop the madness of trophy hunting. PLEASE I BEG OF YOU!

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: peggy manis <pmanis55@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 10:47 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Trophy Hunting

The act of the Spring Trophy Hunting is appalling, cruel, and immoral, and should never be allowed. Hunting for sport is sickening but even more so when these animals are most vulnerable. I am voicing my opinion ahead of your meeting on September 17th. C,mon, have a heart, PLEASE.

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: DameBarbara Allen <damebarbaraa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 12:06 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: opposition to trophy hunting of bears and cougars

A Springtime hunting season on bears and cougars should not be allowed. With their habitat already compromised with the fires, it is a terrible time to add more stress to the species. Any species.

I cannot but take this seriously as a lover of wildlife and their ability to withstand enough without having to also be subjected to unfair advantage by armed hunters. The hunters do humanity no favor in their sport and certainly do little to nothing for the protection of their prey. At least nothing that I have read supports any other conclusion. Please do not allow this "Sport" at this time.

Voter, Retired College Counselor, and Educator, Resident of Oregon
Barbara Allen

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: David Berg <david_berg@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:51 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Trophy Hunting (NOT!)

Trophy hunting of any kind is contrary to common decency and should be banned in its entirety. Hunting for sustenance – even recreational hunting for sustenance – is acceptable; but hunting to put a head on the wall is disgusting and must be banned.

- David & Judy

David & Judy Berg | Eugene, OR | Phone: 541.683.0904 | Mobile: 541.915.6823

David: Volunteer Conservation Project Data Management Specialist (Retired)

Judy: Wildlife Researcher, Author, and Painter

Award-winning *The Otter Spirit* and *Conversation with a Beaver* are available wherever fine books are sold.

Please also visit my *Art Gallery* ... art to evoke an appreciation of Nature.

Views expressed herein are exclusively and solely ours. They do not necessarily reflect – and should not be attributed to – any affiliated organization.

The greatest good is served only by preserving and protecting the natural systems on which all life depends, habitats that constitute them, and wildlife that inhabit them.

We share a sacred duty and obligation to protect our natural heritage for wildlife and their future generations.

There is no Planet B. There is no Second Nature. Wild Lives Matter.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ruth Perkins <foofanodder1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:53 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Spring trophy hunting: Please! I strongly oppose the continuance of trophy hunting of Oregon's cougars and black bears. This practice is unconscionable and inhumane. Please!! Especially in the Spring when bears are coming out of hibernation.

I also am horrified that our State animal, the Beaver, is considered "vermin"! And can be destroyed at will!

They are a useful animal that provide pools for fish and other aquatic life to live.

Thank you,

Ruth Perkins, a Citizen of Oregon

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Saelon Renkes <saelon@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 2:08 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Trophy hunting

I oppose all kinds of trophy hunting, but especially that of black bears and cougars here in Oregon. Please don't permit this ridiculously wasteful and environmentally unsound practice. I'm a rural resident of Lane County.

Saelon Renkes

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Shawn Ryan <shawn@sryanlaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 11:46 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW; ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: Eastern Oregon archery elk hunting chagnes

I am writing to you about the proposal to changes for the Eastern Oregon archery elk hunt. I am a non-resident hunter and have been archery elk hunting the Imnaha unit since 2009. I hunt with non-resident partners some years and hunt alone some years. I understand the objectives that you are seeking to achieve.

First, I request that you reconsider limiting the number of tags allocated to non-residents from 5% to the normal 10% tags. I have read no reason to reduce the opportunity for non-residents to obtain the controlled tags. Non-residents pay ten times the price for tags and licenses, which already discourages non-residents from hunting in Oregon. Non-residents also contribute to the local economy when they make their annual treks to their preferred hunting areas. For myself, that means purchasing gas in Oregon along the long drive to the Eagle Caps, dining out in Joseph (Embers or Stubborn Mule) or Enterprise (La Laguna), and miscellaneous expenditures that occur in Oregon because I'm already there. For example, last year I paid Lauren Hull Skull Cleaning in Imbler to clean my bear skull. This year I purchased a trail camera at the Sports Corral in Joseph because I forgot my camera at home. My partner had an emergency room visit to the Wallowa Memorial Hospital emergency room to stitch a bad cut in his knee. Those purchases and expenditures are not insignificant to the community.

Second, I typically hunt a minimum of 10 days and sometimes as many as 15 days. I talk to as many hunters in the field as I run into. I've yet to talk with any archery hunter who has easily killed a mature bull. I only know of two mature bulls killed by archers in the entire time I've hunted there. I realize that hunters' reporting evidences a greater kill than that. My point is that it typically takes many days afield to kill a mature bull with archery equipment. Limiting the archery hunt because mature bull numbers are down may not be the correct tool to increase mature bull to cow ratios.

Third, hunters have expressed concern about over-crowding, but that may be inaccurate self-reporting. Archery hunters like to be alone in the woods with no competition. If you asked archery hunters how to improve their personal success, they would probably list "fewer other hunters" as a method to achieve greater personal success. Thus, a survey that elicits that type of response is likely biased towards reducing competition, but if asked whether archery hunters are willing to give up a season (or two or three) of hunting in order to have less hunter competition, I believe that almost all archery hunters would not agree to do that. Archery hunters are typically much more dedicated to the sport than rifle hunters: it just takes more effort and dedication to kill an elk with archery equipment. Casual archery hunters are very rare. Additionally, the Eagle Cap Wilderness is its own limiting factor in reducing competition. The Caps are rugged and difficult to hunt. There is only one group of hunters that I've seen hunt the Caps consistently since I've been hunting them. Most hunters only last one to three years hunting the Wilderness because it is so difficult and the success rate is so low. By including the Eagle Caps in the controlled hunt, the units are being unnecessarily limited by regulation when the landscape already provides the necessary limitations.

I appreciate the opportunity to address the Commission and hope that you will seriously consider my input.

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Comments regarding the 2022 big game regulations
Attachments: 2022 ODFW Black Bear Recommendations_9.21.pdf; 2022 ODFW Cougar Recommendations_09.21.pdf

From: Haley Stewart
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:50 PM
To: ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov
Cc: Kelly Peterson <kpeterson@humanesociety.org>
Subject: Comments regarding the 2022 big game regulations

Good evening,

On behalf of the Humane Society of the United States, I am submitting the attached comments regarding the proposed 2022 black bear and cougar hunting regulations for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Haley

Haley Stewart

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Pronouns: she/her/hers

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At HSUS we work flexibly. While it suits me to email now, I do not expect a response outside your normal work hours.



The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's most effective animal protection organization, fighting for all animals for more than 60 years. To support our work, please make a [monthly donation](#), give in [another way](#) or [volunteer](#).





September 14, 2021

Mary Wahl, Chair
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Re: 2022 "Big Game Regulations" for black bears (*Ursus americanus*)

Dear Chairwoman Wahl, Director Melcher and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of our members and supporters, the Humane Society of the United States, WildEarth Guardians and Humane Voters Oregon thank the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for the opportunity to comment on its 2022 Big Game Regulations (hereinafter "Regulations") concerning black bear management. We are deeply alarmed by the black bear mortality trend in Oregon, and respectfully request that you reject the proposal to increase tag sales by 7% from 140,254 to 149,488 black bears. This is an unjustified increase, as there is little-to-no population monitoring in place, even after record fires have destroyed vast wildlife habitats and countless bears themselves in Oregon.

Likely no other species will be as affected by climate change as black bears, because they are reliant on mast crops for sustenance, cold weather for denning, and intact forested habitats for food, travel, and hibernation. With a warming climate, bears will spend more time outside of the den, which can increase the potential for conflicts. And the newest research finds that this long-lived, slow-to-reproduce species could be jeopardized significantly by climate change-caused drought and fires in addition to trophy hunting and culling mortality. In short, it is far too easy to extirpate them.

We are opposed to the hunting of black bears because they are killed for trophies, not for subsistence. However, if ODFW is to continue to allow bear hunting, we recommend the following changes be made to its Regulations to reduce the excessive trophy hunting of black bears, as well as request that ODFW incorporate the most recent and best available science regarding their management:

1. Reject the proposed increase in bear tag sales as it is unjustified and not based on sound science.
 - a. Update the outdated 2012 Black Bear Management Plan using the best available science.
 - b. Investigate bear subpopulation sizes and trends using empirical data and reliable, peer-reviewed methodologies.
 - c. Do not allow human-related offtake to exceed 4 – 10% for the entire population annually because more than that is unsustainable, additive mortality.
2. End egregious black bear trophy-hunting practices, **particularly springtime bear hunting** and the hunting of bears with archery equipment. During spring hunting, mother bears with nursing cubs are invariably killed, leaving orphaned cubs to die from dehydration, starvation, or predation. During spring hunting, mother bears with nursing cubs are invariably killed, leaving orphaned cubs to die from dehydration, starvation, or predation.

And the use of archery equipment means that bears are not killed swiftly or cleanly, but instead suffer prolonged agony before death.

3. Take into account the ongoing harm that droughts and fires have had on wildlife, including reducing bears' food supplies, dispersing and travel corridors and den sites.
4. Establish a robust bear-aware campaign and humane wildlife response and law enforcement program rather than culling bears.
5. Consider public attitudes concerning trophy hunting, including the economic impact from wildlife and outdoor recreationists like wildlife watchers.
6. Consider that black bears are highly sentient, hold intrinsic values and benefit their ecosystems.
7. ODFW's statutory duties require preventing serious depletion of indigenous species.

As detailed in the supplemental information provided below, black bears deserve reasoned protections from trophy hunting in Oregon. We request that the Commission reject the proposed increase on bear tag sales, and that ODFW incorporate our recommendations into the agency's Regulations. Black bears hold immense social, intrinsic, and ecological value. If trophy hunting black bears is to continue, ODFW must use the best available science to manage black bears, preventing their overexploitation and prohibiting spring bear trophy hunting and the use of archery equipment to hunt bears. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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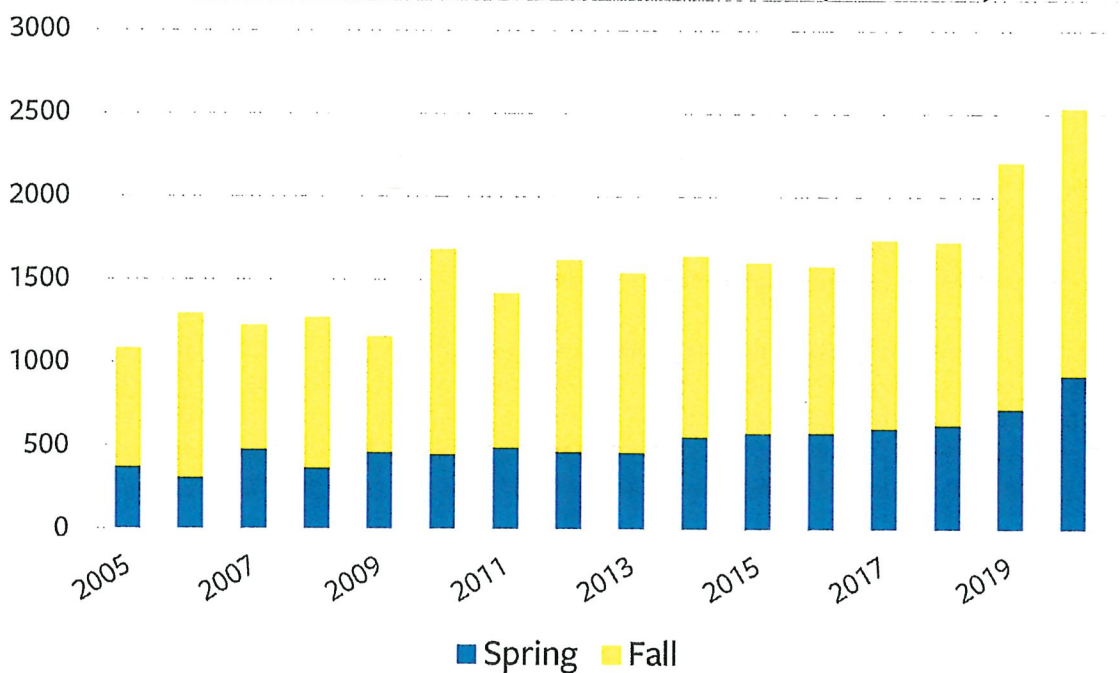
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Supplemental Information

1. The Commission must reject the proposed increase in bear tag sales as it is unjustified and not based on sound science

ODFW states that its 2012 Black Bear Management Plan objectives are to “maintain healthy and optimum bear populations” while simultaneously “providing optimum recreational benefits,” to “consider objectives related to other wildlife species,” and “work to reduce” human-bear conflicts that cause the agency to remove bears—either through killing or relocation.¹ These objectives hide the fact that they are meant to allow the liberal offtake of bears to purportedly benefit ungulate hunters, livestock growers and the timber industry. They belie the necessity of using humane, well-tested non-lethal techniques necessary to live with bears. In the past 15 years, there has been an alarming upward trend in the number of bears killed every year. Fig. 1.

Fig. 1. Black bears killed by trophy hunters. ODFW data (2005 to 2020)



ODFW’s bear management plan will be a decade old when its proposed Regulations go into effect. That document is woefully outdated. The best available research, including new studies, should inform that document. **We request that the ODFW develop a new black bear management plan that involves a public comment process and involves peer review that includes academic conservation biologists, not just other agency personnel.**

We also request that ODFW jettison the way it calculates a safe offtake amount (which provides no population data), and instead use peer-reviewed methodologies. ODFW’s black bear population monitoring techniques are inadequate and not based upon sound science, and yet this is the foundation upon which ODFW sets its bear trophy hunting quotas. ODFW’s irregular population monitoring technique uses dead black bears as a proxy for conducting field research:

Bear Population Monitoring

Continued monitoring of harvested bear ages, as directed by the 2012 Bear Management Plan (Plan) . . . suggests bear populations are not being over-harvested. According to the age criteria in the Plan, a bear population is considered over harvested when the median age of all harvested bears is ≤ 3.0 , the median age for harvested males is ≤ 2.0 , and the median age of harvested females is ≤ 4.0 . In 2020, the median age for all harvested bears was 4.0, the median age for harvested males was 4.0, and the median age for females was 5.0. Therefore, these criteria indicate over-harvest is not currently occurring.

In addition to assessing level of harvest based on median ages, the 2012 Bear Management Plan directs the department to monitor the 3-year average percent of adult males (greater than or equal to 5 years old) of all known mortalities and percent of all females in all known mortalities to help ascertain take levels (light, moderate, or high based on Plan criteria). The 2018-2020 average for adult males in documented mortalities was 28% and is indicative of a moderate take levels (light $>35\%$, moderate 25-35%, heavy $<25\%$). For females (greater than or equal to 1 years old), the 2018-2020 average percent of the harvest was 31%. These values are indicative of moderate take levels (light $<30\%$, moderate 30-40%, heavy $>40\%$). In 2020, 67% of the bears taken by hunters (spring + fall) were males.²

We find this ODFW statement particularly confusing: “The 2018-2020 average for adult males in documented mortalities was 28% and is indicative of a moderate take levels (light $>35\%$, moderate 25-35%, heavy $<25\%$).” How can “greater than” (“ $>$ ”) 35% be considered “light” hunting, while killing 25-35% indicates “moderate” hunting, and “less than” (“ $<$ ”) 25% be “heavy” hunting? It makes no sense.

Neither the agency, the decisionmakers nor the public know the size of Oregon’s black bear population, based on this discussion. The Proceedings from the 13th Black Bear Workshop are equally opaque; the agency offered only density estimates from two study sites conducted 17 years ago.³ But despite the absence of credible population data, the ODFW proposes to raise the number of bear tag sales to nearly 150,000 bears per year, which gives trophy hunters the potential to kill unlimited numbers of Oregon’s bears.

ODFW uses male offtake to assume that Oregon’s bear populations are stable. However, adult breeding females are the most important cohort of a bear population. The loss of females reduces a bear population’s ability to bounce back as they are the key to sustaining the population.⁴ Population trends must be determined using reliable methodologies such as DNA-hair snag analyses, or capture/recapture methodologies. *More than a dozen biologists have stated that sightings, kills by agents, and hunters’ kills are not reliable means to indexing a population.*⁵ Yet ODFW uses dead bears as a proxy for empirical field research. This method for counting bears is dangerous and we urge that it be abandoned. Instead, ODFW should conduct current field research to see how many bears live in Oregon. It can even employ non-invasive techniques, such as using camera traps or DNA scat analysis.

This lack of a population number and trend analyses based on dead bears is suspect. In the absence of measurable objectives, evidence, transparency, or any sign of an independent review, ODFW fails to demonstrate an approach is emblematic of science-based wildlife management.⁶

We request that ODFW limit the total annual black bear mortality to a finite number, less than 10% of the entire Oregon bear population—after it tells the public what that figure is. According to studies, the *total annual human-caused mortality* that a black bear population can sustain is only between 4% and 10% of the population; more than that is simply super-additive mortality.⁷

Not having good quality population and trend data undermines the foundation upon which ODFW's hunting objectives are set. In a southwestern Colorado study, the female cohort of the bear population *declined by 57%* because of human-caused mortalities from vehicle collisions, trophy hunting, and predator control, which coincided with widespread unavailability of natural foods. This would not have been detected by wildlife managers without the rigorous population monitoring study in place.⁸ It appears that Oregon has no bear monitoring in place—other than counting dead bears.⁹ Yet record number of bears continue to be killed by trophy hunters during both the spring and fall seasons (Fig. 1), while the ODFW calls for increased tag sales.

Large-bodied carnivores such as black bears are sparsely populated across vast areas, invest in few offspring, provide extended parental care to their young and reproduce slowly. Bears are capable of self-regulation¹⁰ and are regulated by habitat and climatic conditions (discussion below). Considering these biological factors, they rely on social stability to maintain resiliency.¹¹ Without social stability, they experience sexually selected infanticide; that is, when a resident, adult male is removed, subadult males vie for his home range and mates and will likely kill his offspring so they can pass on their genetic materials.¹²

Human persecution of bears, such as through trophy hunting and or predator control, produces “super-additive” mortality, meaning that kill rates exceed naturally occurring mortalities.¹³ This is because predator control agents and trophy hunters kill adult breeding animals, which disrupts the animals’ social structure and leads to indirect effects such as increased infanticide by incoming subadult male bears, resulting in decreased recruitment of young.¹⁴ ODFW records that in 2019, 276 bears and in 2020, 280 bears were killed because of timber damage, livestock complaints or for property damage. All of these are preventable, and obviously increase the total number of bears who die in Oregon annually.

Biologists have also found that allowing a cull of black bears or other carnivores induces and increases the numbers of animals killed by poachers, because poachers maintain the perception that these wildlife have no value.¹⁵ Oregon must do all it can to reduce all black bear mortalities, including by poaching.

In sum, we request that the Commission reject the proposed increase in bear tag sales, and go one step further by directing that ODFW update its 2012 Black Bear Management Plan, use empirical science to credibly measure Oregon’s bear population, and after the population has been measured, that it allow no more than 4% to 10% of the population be killed each year from all human causes of mortality.

2. ODFW must end egregious black bear trophy hunts – particularly springtime bear hunts

While some consume the meat and fat (“lard”) of bears, the pursuing and killing of bears is commonly described as “trophy hunting,” not only by other state agencies but also by a myriad of scholars.¹⁶ Trophy hunters’ primary motivation is to kill black bears for photo opportunities and to obtain and display bear parts, including, heads, hides, claws and capes.¹⁷ Trophy hunters kill animals *primarily* for bragging rights, but not for food. Hunting large carnivores for food is unsustainable.¹⁸ Darimont et al. (2017) write:

“First, inedible species, like carnivores commonly targeted by trophy hunters, make nutritional and sharing hypotheses implausible. Second, evidence for show-off behaviour appears clear. Trophy hunters commonly pose for photographs with their prey, with the heads, hides and ornamentation prepared for display.”¹⁹

Batavia et al. (2018) write that those animals hunted as trophies, “have sophisticated levels of intelligence, emotion and sociality” that are “profoundly disrupted” by trophy hunting.²⁰ In other words, the trophy hunting of such intelligent, familial animals is profoundly cruel. Trophy hunting also leads to infanticide when dominant males are removed,²¹ but state agencies never count those mortalities.

Compared to other mammals, bears are slow to reproduce. Generally, females are not considered to be adults until they are 3 to 6 years old—and in the arid West, that timeframe is generally older, at 4 to 5 years. However, females are capable of breeding until age 21.²² Fecundity varies with age:

- Female bears 5 years old or younger, or 17 years old or older, are typically barren or will give birth to only one cub.²³
- Bears who are between 6 and 16 years old typically produce twins.²⁴
- Females between 10 and 12 years old, the prime breeding age for black bears, are more likely to birth triplets if sufficient food is available to them—particularly natural foods.²⁵
- Cub survival in one Colorado study was about 55%. Cubs die from many factors including vehicle collisions, predation, or starvation.²⁶

Females generally give birth to litters of cubs only every 2 to 3 years. The intervals are dictated by both bear biology and weather and climate. Bears will keep their cubs from 15 to 24 months (or longer if they are underweight). But if there are droughts or frosts, bears' foods can be unavailable to them—which both reduces reproduction potential and increases the intervals between litters of cubs and cub survival.²⁷ Bears reproduce slowly,²⁸ and are highly susceptible to overkill.²⁹

Highly sentient, bears have the largest brain size of any carnivore and can use tools,³⁰ and they spend prolonged periods raising and nurturing young.³¹ Bears know when they are hunted and change behaviors in response to hunting pressures, which occur during the time of year when they should concentrate on feeding themselves to survive hibernation.³² For these reasons, and for the ones that follow, we recommend ODFW end the trophy hunting of bears and immediately cease allowing the following cruel trophy-hunting methods.

a. Springtime bear hunts are cruel and should be abandoned

The Regulations reveal that in 2020, ODFW sold 7,737 spring bear tags and that a record 5,088 hunters were trophy hunting bears, and that most of the bears killed, 69%, were males.³³ The presence and disturbance of tens of thousands of hunters (and their vehicles) in the woods in springtime is harmful and distressful to all wildlife, even to ungulate species, and especially to winter-starved bears.³⁴ Nearly one-third of the bears killed were females. ODFW's Regulations did not reveal how many were nursing mothers or adult females with yearling cubs. In the absence of this information, neither the Commission nor the public, respectively, can make an informed decision or comment, and are left guessing as to the magnitude of cub orphaning each year. Springtime bear trophy hunting is plagued with problems and is not a benign way to conserve Oregon's wildlife.

i. Springtime hunts orphan cubs

Despite agencies' best intentions, hunters kill nursing mothers, which orphans cubs, leaving them to suffer from starvation, predation, or exposure.³⁵ In studies cited by Hristienko and McDonald (2007), who researched the effects of spring hunting on bears, only 40% of orphaned cubs survived until hibernation—which means that the other 60% died.³⁶ Mother bears provision for and protect their cubs until they are 16 to 17 months old,³⁷ or even longer if they have not had sufficient food. Family break-up typically occurs between May and July after the cubs' second winter, when females begin to come into estrus.³⁸ Black bear mothers are extremely perceptive, intelligent, caring and infinitely patient with their cubs. (We discuss bear sentience in section 7 below.)

Springtime bear hunting occurs when cubs are just a few months old and still nursing, or when yearling cubs are living as part of a family group that consists of their siblings and mother.³⁹ Black bear cubs are usually born between December and February, and generally emerge after hibernation with their mothers between April and May,

depending upon latitude and food availability.⁴⁰ Cubs are weaned approximately seven months after their birth, usually between July and September.⁴¹

Some researchers assert that mothers with cubs of the year can be spared from a spring hunt, because nursing mothers are the last demographic of the black bear population to emerge in springtime, after all the other sex and age classes of bears.⁴² But Colorado Division of Wildlife bear researcher Tom Beck (now retired), along with a cohort of five other Western states wildlife managers, has warned that even as most studies indicate males emerge from dens earlier than females, that time differential is nominal.⁴³ Beck et al. (1995) write:

Data from Colorado clearly demonstrate that most bears are killed in the last two weeks of the spring season, regardless of the ending date . . . The [spring bear hunt] regulation looks good on paper but is very difficult to implement in the field because of bear behavior.⁴⁴

Miller et al. (2017) found no distinction between time of den emergence among cohorts of bears (lone females, females with cubs of the year, females with yearlings and yearling cubs).⁴⁵ In other words, the spring bear hunt seasons do not protect nursing females. The assertion that a spring season will close early enough to protect nursing females is confounded by other researchers' data and the fact that Planet Earth is warming and den emergence has shifted:

- Johnson et al. (2018) found that black bears birthing cubs entered the den earlier and exited later *as did older age bears*, while females with yearling cubs exited earlier to maximize foraging opportunities.⁴⁶
- A 2017 study in Utah found that black bears at the same elevations had different den departure dates because the land was more productive in one area, and females were in better body condition.⁴⁷
- Bears in northern New Mexico entered and left their dens at different times, depending on their sex. But this was not the case for bears in the southern region, whose denning chronology was the same for both sexes.⁴⁸

For all of these reasons, bear cubs cannot be protected by ODFW's seasonal-hunting closures that purport to end when females with cubs of the year emerge from the den. The matter is complicated even more by the climate crisis, which is substantially shifting the known periods when bears hibernate and emerge from their dens.

ii. Springtime bear hunting is unethical and damages the environment

Killing nursing mother black bears is an issue of enormous social and ethical concern. Beck et al. (1995) write: "This is no way to prevent this [the killing of nursing females] from happening in a spring season, either through hunter education or timing of [the] season."⁴⁹ They add that this is because females forage "at great distances from their cubs."⁵⁰ Even when states prohibit the take of nursing females, hunters still kill them unintentionally.⁵¹

Hunters have difficulty determining the sex of bears.⁵² Even the most knowledgeable and experienced hunters are not always patient while shooting bears.⁵³ Bear researchers themselves have difficulties sexing bears, even at short distances.⁵⁴ Selectivity is less important to some hunters than successfully shooting a bear, regardless of the bear's sex or age.⁵⁵

Spring hunts also occur when bears are physically stressed from months of fasting and literally in a state of starvation, and are especially vulnerable to "harassment" by hunters when in this "declining physical condition."⁵⁶ Bears experience "significant physiological stress" during the spring because the available food supply is neither sufficient for them to maintain body weight, nor for replacing the loss of nutrients following months of hibernation.⁵⁷ Because of this, and because bears are lethargic for the first few weeks after they emerge from the den, they make easy targets for hunters.⁵⁸ A springtime hunt subjects bears to the unnecessary and unfair stress of

being chased and killed while they are in poor physical shape—a practice that would be unthinkable for other big game species such as ungulates.⁵⁹

Killing nursing bears gives a black eye to hunters and hunting itself.⁶⁰ The springtime bear hunt calls into question the concept of “fair chase,” which hunters often profess to be the cornerstone of hunting ethics.⁶¹ Bear hunters’ presence also stress other species of wildlife who are also in poor physical shape after months of scarce food after winter.⁶²

Allowing spring hunts of bears to prevent timber damage is also unethical. The timber industry, rather than planting even-age stands of trees so they can be cheaply clear-cut later, should plant trees of mixed ages so that young saplings are not so vulnerable.⁶³ By planting even-age stands, the timber industry literally baits bears and then expects the state and federal government to permit the cruel practice of trophy hunting and predator control to protect their massive fortunes from black bears, an indigenous species.

Finally, spring hunts may also damage roads, cause siltation in streams, and harm vulnerable ungulate and other wildlife populations.⁶⁴ Having thousands of hunters in Oregon’s forests during springtime is a terrible idea for all these reasons. They disturb and disrupt vulnerable wildlife of all species and damage ecosystems. We request that ODFW and the Commission end the practice of spring-bear hunting.

b. Using archery equipment to kill bears does not result in quick, clean kills and causes cruel, prolonged deaths

Studies have found that from 8% to 27% of animals shot by archers die slowly rather than from quick, clean kills.⁶⁵ ODFW must consider additive, unanticipated losses because of well-documented, sloppy bowhunting of wildlife. Bears are particularly hard to kill because of their body structure. Using archery equipment to hunt sentient black bears is cruel and unnecessary, and we request that this practice for black bears be made obsolete.

3. ODFW must consider the effect that droughts and fires have had reducing bears’ food supplies, dispersing and travel corridors and den sites, and annually gauge mast crops *before* setting annual hunting tag sales

ODFW writes: “There have been numerous fires in 2021 including the Bootleg Fire which is reportedly the third largest officially recorded wildfire in Oregon since 1900.”⁶⁶ ODFW’s discussions in its Regulations about the effects of fire in 2021 are limited to the problems for pronghorn and deer *hunters* but is silent concerning the harms to the very wildlife it manages, including to black bears, who are grievously harmed by the loss of the habitats. As our climate warms, bears will spend less time in their dens.⁶⁷ Black bear biologists warn that managers must limit recreational black bear killing to reduce total mortality, and especially during years of poor natural food production, which is readily predicted by weather events.⁶⁸ A warming climate limits bears’ foraging abilities because they are subject to hyperthermia, the inability to dissipate heat from their bodies to stay sufficiently cool.⁶⁹

4. ODFW must establish a robust bear-aware campaign and a humane law enforcement program

Oregonians would benefit from a bear-aware campaign and humane wildlife response and law enforcement program that focuses on humanely preventing conflicts from occurring in the first place, responding to the rare conflicts that do occur, and enforcing laws that protect the public and our wildlife. We must learn to co-adapt to, and share habitats with, large-bodied carnivores and be willing to assume the small amount of risk they pose if they are to persist.⁷⁰ Moreover, humans must curb their own “hyper-predation” of bears and their habitats.⁷¹

For bear-aware education campaigns to achieve success, they must focus on bears' benefits to society. Researchers have found that education campaigns solely designed to change behaviors will fail, because changing human behavior is difficult. Authors note the slowness by society to adopt smoking cessation or seat belt campaigns as illustrative. They also conclude that only a few will be motivated to make changes to accommodate bears, but to overcome this people must understand bears' benefits to society.⁷² While food is the root cause of most negative human-bear interactions, Herrero et al. (2011) write: "Each year, millions of interactions between people and black bears occur without any injury to a person, although by 2 years of age most black bears have the physical capacity to kill a person."⁷³

Trophy hunting bears does not address human-bear conflicts or make people safer, as hunters are not killing the bears in people's back yards. Obbard et al. (2014) write: "We found no significant correlations between [black bear] harvest and subsequent HBC [human-bear conflicts]. Although it may be intuitive to assume that harvesting more bears should reduce HBC, empirical support for this assumption is lacking despite considerable research."⁷⁴ Obbard et al. (2014) cite six studies in addition to their own findings (Garshelis 1989, Treves and Karanth 2003, Huygens et al. 2004, Tavss 2005, Treves 2009, Howe et al. 2010, Treves et al. 2010). Since Obbard et al. (2014) published, many other scientists (cited in the footnote here) have also confirmed that trophy hunting bears does not reduce conflicts with humans, but it can harm bear populations.⁷⁵

5. ODFW should consider public attitudes concerning trophy hunting, including the economic benefits derived from wildlife and outdoor recreationists like wildlife watchers

Trophy hunting is highly unpopular with Oregon's voters⁷⁶ and the American public, as more than 20 surveys commissioned by the Humane Society of the United States since 2015 show. The public is concerned both with the conservation and the welfare of animals, including native carnivores.⁷⁷ Americans' values in wildlife are rapidly shifting from utilitarian values to mutualism, which extends compassion to wildlife.⁷⁸ A 2019 survey from the pro-hunting National Shooting Sports Foundation and Responsive Management of Americans' attitudes toward hunting, fishing, and trapping found:

- 66% disapprove of trophy hunting
- 29% approve of trophy hunting
- 6% don't know about or are neutral on trophy hunting⁷⁹

Trophy hunters depend largely on funding provided by others to hunt trophy animals, according to a 2020 economic study by Cameron Murray, Ph.D.⁸⁰ Dr. Murray found that federal taxes that all Americans pay support the federal lands (e.g., Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service) that wildlife live on. Even state parks get funding from all Americans, only a subset of whom are hunters and even fewer are trophy hunters.

Taxes on gun and ammunition sales (Pittman-Robertson Act funds) and taxes on boating and fishing fuel and equipment (Dingell-Johnson Act funds) are paid by only a tiny fraction of Americans who trophy hunt—Dr. Murray estimates about 2% of the American population—so about 0.3% of all Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson revenue comes from taxes paid by trophy hunters.⁸¹ On the other hand, managing hunting and trapping is expensive; paid staff are needed to set regulations, conduct law enforcement and monitor wildlife populations. Therefore, the costs of administering hunting and trapping can exceed the cost of license sales.⁸²

The public is concerned both with the conservation and the welfare of animals, including native wildlife.⁸³ Wildlife watchers are a much larger constituency in terms of number of people and dollars spent in the economy, according to data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau and put into reports by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. While wildlife watchers are growing in number, hunters are in decline. The number of paid hunting license holders in Oregon decreased by 7,220, a 2% decrease, from 2019 to 2020.⁸⁴

Fig. 2
Outdoor recreational economics in Oregon
 (Bureau of Economic Analysis, Dept. of Commerce 2019)

Sample recreational opportunities in Oregon	Money Spent [thousands of \$]	% of total
Hunting & trapping	56,263	0.78
Festivals, sporting events, concerts	123,549	1.7
Equestrian	149,819	2.07
RV-ing	446,933	6.17
Travel and tourism	2,386,571	32.96
Total outdoor recreational spending	\$7,239,818	100

Furthermore, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis-Department of Commerce, outdoor recreation in Oregon generated \$7,239,818,000 (\$7.2 billion) for the state’s economy in 2019. Of that figure, hunting and trapping generated less than one percent (0.78%) of the total outdoor recreation dollars spent in Oregon, and people spent 42 times more on travel and tourism in Oregon than on hunting and trapping.⁸⁵ Fig. 2.

According to the National Park Service, “In 2020, 943 thousand park visitors spent an estimated \$74.0 million in local gateway regions while visiting National Park Service lands in Oregon. These expenditures supported a total of 1,060 jobs, \$37.5 million in labor income, \$62.7 million in value added, and \$105 million in economic output in the Oregon economy.”⁸⁶

In the United States, bears are one of the most photographed and watched animals.⁸⁷ In a study that measured the monetary worth of bobcats, authors calculated that a single bobcat in one year’s time in Yellowstone National Park was valued at \$308,105, a figure 1,000 times greater than a bobcat’s pelt price of \$315.⁸⁸ That one bobcat enabled the hiring of wildlife-watching guides and photographers to sell their prints, and other employment including hospitality services.⁸⁹ We are unaware of a similar valuation of bears, but their constituency would be much larger than bobcat photographers—simply because bears are much more visible in national parks.

Oregonians value and appreciate black bears. According to Manfredo et al. (2018), only 29% would call for a bear to be killed even if that bear attacked a human.⁹⁰ That means that nearly 70% of the population would allow that bear to live. Oregon’s population is one of the fastest shifting in terms of wildlife values. In 2004, 33% of Oregonians identified as holding Traditionalist values (those who believe “wildlife should be used and managed for the benefit of people”), but only 27.5% identified as such in 2018, representing a -5.5 percentage point change.⁹¹ Over these same two time periods, the number of Mutualists (those who “see wildlife as part of their extended social network”) increased by 6 percentage points from 34% to 40%.⁹²

ODFW must consider people’s changes in wildlife attitudes and wildlife-related spending, and shift wildlife management so that it is more democratic. Colorado recently passed a bill to collect fees from all outdoor user groups to bolster its sagging revenue stream.⁹³

6. ODFW should consider that black bears are highly sentient, hold intrinsic value and benefit their ecosystems – therefore, trophy hunting of them is improper

Bears are highly sentient and have the largest brain size of any carnivore.⁹⁴ Their intelligence has been compared to that of great apes; they are able to, for example, estimate quantities (count), assess moving stimuli and subsets of stimuli.⁹⁵ They form close social attachments with kin.⁹⁶ Cubs learn foraging styles from their mothers.⁹⁷ They can

use tools.⁹⁸ They have a right-paw bias while foraging.⁹⁹ Bears know when they are being hunted and change their foraging behaviors—even forgoing feeding—to avoid encountering hunters.¹⁰⁰

Black bears also hold intrinsic value; that is, they are inherently valuable beyond their benefits to society or even their ecosystems. A 2019 study of adult U.S. residents found that 81% believe that wildlife hold intrinsic value.¹⁰¹ As Bruskotter et al. (2015) write, “. . . most people believe that wildlife possess ‘intrinsic value,’ which suggests that wildlife should be treated with regard for their own welfare, not just their utility (or lack thereof) to humans.”¹⁰²

Black bears are an important umbrella species that increases the biological diversity of their forest ecosystems. For example, black bears eat fruits and deposit them across long distances,¹⁰³ and disperse more seeds than birds.¹⁰⁴ Bears cause small-scale ecological disturbances to the canopy that allow sun to filter to the forest floor creating greater biological diversity.¹⁰⁵ Bears break logs while grubbing, which helps the decomposition process and facilitates the return of nutrients to the soil. In one study, researchers found that black bears were the dominant species moving fish from streams into riparian zones. Bears ate about half of the fish, leaving remnants that contributed to greater tree ring growth.¹⁰⁶ They also found higher plant growth along the riparian areas where bear trails existed and where bears’ urine deposit was high.¹⁰⁷ When black bears are out of the den, they also protect gray foxes from competition with coyotes and bobcats, who avoid bears.¹⁰⁸ So in this way, bears create a non-lethal “trophic cascade” – meaning that bears indirectly benefit gray foxes. And by changing the makeup of the smaller carnivores in the ecosystem, this in turn can affect rodent populations and seed dispersal.¹⁰⁹

7. ODFW’s statutory duties require preventing serious depletion of indigenous species

Oregon law requires that ODFW and the Commission use sound science to manage Oregon’s wildlife for all Oregonians—including non-consumptive users—present and future. O.R.S 496.012. ODFW’s statutory mandates include “mak[ing] decisions that affect wildlife resources...for the benefit of the wildlife resources,” considering the “utilization of wildlife resources by *all* user groups,” and “prevent[ing] serious depletion of any indigenous species.” *Id.*

In keeping with these obligations, ODFW regulations recognize that “the black bear [is] an important part of Oregon’s fauna, valued by many Oregonians” and commit ODFW to “conduct[ing] a management program that maintains healthy populations of black bear” while respecting “the desires of the public and the statutory obligations of the department.” Or. Admin. R. 635-170-0005. ODFW’s stated regulatory objectives are “maintain[ing] healthy and optimum bear populations,” “develop[ing], refin[ing], and evaluat[ing] population abundance estimation through modeling techniques,” and “improv[ing] basic understanding of black bear management...through applied research.” Or. Admin. R. 635-170-0000.

The proposed trophy hunting regulations run afoul of these statutory directives and are therefore beyond ODFW’s authority to promulgate and contrary to state law.

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Re: 2022 “Big Game Regulations” for cougars (*Puma concolor*)

Dear Chairwoman Wahl, Director Melcher and Members of the Commission,

On behalf of the Humane Society of the United States, WildEarth Guardians, Humane Voters Oregon and our supporters in Oregon, we submit the following comments regarding the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (“ODFW”) cougar (*Puma concolor*) trophy-hunting¹ quotas for the 2022 hunting season. ODFW permits high levels of trophy hunting for cougars without a reliable population estimate, threatening the sustainability of their population and exacerbating conflicts with these native carnivores. We request that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission substantially reduce quotas for cougars across the state and align cougar management with the best available science, including reassessing the agency’s cougar population estimation methods. We also call on the Commission to end ODFW’s cougar target zone program as it is inhumane, unnecessary, and likely exacerbates conflicts instead of reducing them.

Oregon law requires that ODFW and the Commission use sound science to manage Oregon’s wildlife for all Oregonians—including non-consumptive users—present and future. O.R.S 496.012. ODFW’s statutory mandates include “mak[ing] decisions that affect wildlife resources...for the benefit of the wildlife resources,” considering the “utilization of wildlife resources by *all* user groups,” and “prevent[ing] serious depletion of any indigenous species.” *Id.* In keeping with these obligations, ODFW’s 2017 Cougar Management Plan commits to “manag[ing] the state’s cougar population at a level well above that required for long term sustainability,” in part by using “empirical data and numerous indices” to “assess population status” before establishing quotas and other seasonal regulations. ODFW, 2017 Cougar Management Plan, at i.

The proposed trophy hunting regulations run afoul of these statutory directives and are therefore beyond ODFW’s authority to promulgate and contrary to state law. ORS 183.400. We oppose the trophy hunting of cougars. However, if ODFW is to continue allowing this practice in Oregon, we request that it make the following changes:

- 1) **Update the agency’s cougar population modeling using the best available science.** ODFW’s cougar population model uses outdated and disproven methods, including relying on dead cougars as proxy for the living population.² We are concerned that the current model significantly overestimates Oregon’s cougar population, which ODFW is then relying on to set hunting quotas that are far too high to ensure the species’ stability. No other state, including California, which prohibits trophy hunting of cougars and has significantly more suitable habitat for the species, claims such a high population estimate.
- 2) **Limit the hunting quota to no more than 14% of the adult and subadult population.** ODFW’s cougar quotas authorize hunting levels that exceed what experts consider a sustainable offtake rate, threatening the stability

of the species' population. Research demonstrates that trophy hunting must not exceed 14% of the adult and subadult population to ensure stability.³ The current quota is likely more than double this level.

- 3) **Protect female cougars and their dependent kittens by shortening the hunting season and limiting female mortality to no more than 20% of total hunting mortality.** Oregon's year-round cougar hunting season means that trophy hunters inevitably kill mother cougars, resulting in the death of their dependent kittens. ODFW can greatly reduce these deaths by shortening the season to avoid peak birthing and denning season, specifically in the summer and fall months.⁴ A season that starts in December and ends in March avoids this peak birth pulse and is in line with cougar management across western states. Additionally, ODFW must limit hunting mortality of female cougars to no more than 20% of the total hunting mortality to ensure population stability. Research now shows that ODFW's current baseline of 35% female mortality is far too high and no longer in line with the best available science.⁵
- 4) **End the use of target zones to manage Oregon's cougars.** ODFW continues to cull cougars in designated target areas for the misguided and scientifically unjustified reasoning that it will boost prey species such as deer or reduce conflicts in the area. In such areas, volunteer houndsmen are allowed to track down and kill cougars with the use of radio collared dogs, undermining the will of Oregon's public majority who voted to ban hound hunting of cougars.
- 5) **Consider the ecological, social and intrinsic value of cougars in their management.** Cougars have immense value in their own right, as well as for Oregon's other wildlife. These animals are highly sentient, spend extended periods of time raising their young, and are vital to Oregon's beloved wild spaces. Trophy hunting of cougars is not only harmful to individual cougars but to their entire community. Research continues to show us that indiscriminate trophy hunting and predator control of cougars is not only ineffective for boosting prey species in the long term but may actually exacerbate the decline of rare species as well as increase conflicts with humans, pets and livestock.

Cougars are rare native carnivores who deserve reasoned and scientifically accurate management. ODFW's current management of cougars is not in line with the best available, current science nor the will of the majority of Oregon voters. Therefore, we ask the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to reject the proposed 2022 cougar trophy hunting regulations and, instead, adopt our recommendations above, which are further explained in the supplemental information below. Thank you for your consideration.

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Supplemental information

1) ODFW must conduct a thorough population study and limit the quota to no more than 14% of the adult/subadult population.

We are concerned that ODFW's cougar population is likely overestimated. ODFW states that nearly 7,000 cougars reside in Oregon. This estimate is far higher than any other state estimate, including California, which has far more habitat for them and prohibits cougar trophy hunting. Based on suitable habitat models,⁶ it is highly unlikely that Oregon's cougar population is as large as ODFW claims. We urge ODFW to conduct alternative population modeling in order to verify cougar density estimates. Beausoleil et al. (2013) suggest that wildlife managers use a density of 1.7 (2) adult cougars/100 km² in suitable habitat if managers cannot afford to conduct a mark, recapture study.

If ODFW is to continue using the current population model, the agency must only rely on the adult cougar population estimate to set quotas that are more in line with sustainable cougar management. ODFW's current cougar estimate includes kittens who have extremely low survival rates and are not legally trophy hunted. ODFW's Cougar Management Plan states that, in fact, the adult cougar population estimate is approximately 3,300 cats.⁷ In other words, the statewide cougar quota of 970 cats amounts to nearly 30% of the purported statewide adult cougar population. This quota is extremely high and not in line with the best available science on cougar management. The best available science across multiple studies suggests a hunting quota of no more than 14% of the adult/subadult population to avoid overkill of cougars.⁸

Trophy hunting is the greatest source of mortality for cougars in Oregon.⁹ At a minimum, ODFW must adopt rational, sound science and establish a reliable population estimate for cougars in the state. The agency must use this estimate as a baseline to prevent trophy hunting quotas from exceeding sustainable levels discussed above. Such action will support the sustainability of Oregon's cougar population if trophy hunting of the species is to continue in our state.

2) ODFW must protect breeding female cougars and their dependent kittens by shortening the hunting season and limiting female mortality to no more than 20% of total hunting mortality.

ODFW's current cougar management is extremely harmful to female cougars and dependent kittens. The agency can better protect these most vulnerable individuals by shortening the hunting season and limiting female mortality.

a. Shorten the hunting season to December 1st through March 31st.

We recommend ODFW limit the cougar hunting season to December through March to reduce the unnecessary and avoidable killing of mother cougars and their dependent kittens. Research shows that delaying hunting season until December 1st would avoid the critical denning period for 91% of female cougars and their kittens. It also avoids the peak birthing season pulse for cougars that occurs from approximately June through October in North America.¹⁰

Kittens are most vulnerable during their early months of life and wholly reliant on their mothers for survival. Yet their mothers are vulnerable to trophy hunting when they venture off to find food for their families. Female cougars will leave their newborn kittens in the den until they are older and ready to learn valuable hunting skills from their mothers. Thus, female cougars with young kittens may be spotted alone and then killed by a hunter. Shortening the hunting season to avoid the peak birthing and denning seasons would reduce kitten orphaning and the subsequent death of these vulnerable animals from starvation, predation, or exposure to the elements.¹¹

b. Limit female mortality to no more than 20% of total hunting mortality.

Currently, ODFW seeks to ensure that adult female cougar mortality does not exceed 35% of total mortality. This threshold is based on outdated science. We now know that adult female mortality must be limited to no more than 20% of total mortality to ensure population stability. Research by Laundre et al. (2007) shows that killing the adult female segment of the cougar population above 20% can lead to population declines.¹² Additional research by Anderson and Lindzey (2005) shows that when adult female composition in hunt mortality reaches approximately 25%, the population declines.¹³

Each year, hundreds of cougars are killed by trophy hunters in Oregon. At highest risk are females, who are the species' biological bank account, and their young. Females provide extended parental care to their young and limit reproduction.¹⁴ On average, female cougars reach reproductive age when they are around two-and-a-half years old (between 27 and 29 months old).¹⁵ They reproduce every two years, averaging two to three kittens per litter, many of whom do not survive to adulthood.¹⁶

Female native carnivores are frequent victims to trophy hunting, both directly from the trophy hunter, and indirectly because social chaos leads to intraspecific strife.¹⁷ Thus, a trophy hunter or trapper kills more than just the animal in the crosshairs, causing a sudden disruption in the species' social structures that leads to additional mortalities that are never counted in states' hunting quotas.¹⁸ If a trophy hunter kills a mother, multiple young can die from starvation, dehydration, exposure or predation.¹⁹ Cougar kittens up to 12 months of age are likely incapable of killing prey animals on their own and are unable to survive without their mothers.²⁰

For these reasons, ODFW must limit the cougar hunting season to December 1st through March 31st and close management zones that meet or exceed a 20% female threshold.

3) ODFW must end the use of expensive and ineffective target zones to cull cougars.

Target zones, with essentially unlimited killing, benefit a small minority of houndsmen at the expense of the majority of Oregonians, who have shown twice that they value wildlife with the passage of Measure 18, and want to see them protected. Moreover, the use of target zones is unscientific, unjustified, cruel, and an extraordinary waste of life and taxpayer's precious resources. In 2015 alone, ODFW targeted large numbers of cougars in select target zones on 6,236 square miles of Oregon's lands and permitted the indiscriminate killing of cougars using packs of hounds and/or neck snares. These state-administered practices amount to no more than large-scale culling of one of Oregon's native carnivores, costing up to several thousand dollars per cougar. No other cougar-occupied state in the U.S. allows for so much cougar culling using professional USDA Wildlife Services predator control agents and volunteer "agents of the state."

According to Appendix L of the Draft Cougar Management Plan, between 2006 and 2014, 349 cougars were killed in target zones at a total cost of \$517,332. This amounts to an average cost of \$1,482, with ranges of \$461 to \$3,796 per cougar.²¹ ODFW must end the use of target zone killing for the following reasons:

- A. Hound hunting and trapping cougars are cruel management practices that should immediately cease. The Oregon public does not support these methods for recreational trophy hunting and they should not be used for culling practices under ODFW management. Using radio-collared trailing hounds to chase cougars and bay them into trees or rock ledges so a trophy hunter can shoot these cats at close range is unsporting, unethical and inhumane.²² Hounds kill kittens, along with other wildlife,²³ and cougars often injure or kill hounds.²⁴ The practice is exceedingly stressful and energetically taxing to cougars.²⁵
- B. The use of wire neck snares by USDA Wildlife Services agents in target zones causes a horrific death, and is indiscriminate, inevitably leading to the deaths of non-target animals, which are often either under-reported by

WS agents or disposed of with the “shoot, shovel, and shut up” practices that are prevalent within the WS culture.²⁶

- C. Culling cougars in target zones is not an effective, long-term solution to prevent conflicts. Both Oregon’s trophy hunting mortality and target zone killing of cougars are very likely destabilizing the cougar population, and leading to increased conflicts with humans and livestock.²⁷ A recent review of mammalian carnivore-removal studies found that the practice is “typically an ineffective and costly approach to conflicts between humans and predators” and, as a long-term strategy, will result in failure.²⁸ Instead, the authors concluded, non-lethal alternatives to their removal, coupled with coexistence (husbandry techniques) may resolve conflicts.²⁹ Studies from Washington³⁰ and California³¹ show that indiscriminate killing of cougars to reduce complaints and livestock depredations can have the opposite effect. Hunting disrupts cougars’ sex-age structure and tilts a population to one that is composed of younger males, who are more likely to engage in livestock depredations than animals in a stable, older population.³²
- D. The best available science demonstrates that killing native carnivores to increase ungulate populations is unlikely to produce positive results. Numerous recent studies demonstrate that predator removal actions “generally had no effect” in the long term on ungulate populations.³³ Because ecological systems are complex, heavily persecuting cougars will fail to address the underlying malnutrition problems that deer face. Persecuting cougars will not help bighorn sheep recruitment, either, as these animals are in decline because of trophy hunting, disease from domestic sheep,³⁴ resource competition by livestock, and loss of habitat.³⁵ ODFW should focus its efforts on research to evaluate the effects of human development and climate change on prey populations and ways to mitigate those effects, rather than culling cougars, which will have little long-term benefit for increasing prey populations.

For these reasons, ODFW must eliminate target zone management, where the most cruel and extreme methods of hunting and trapping are allowed. These actions are not in the best interest of Oregon’s cougars nor the majority of Oregonians who have voted against these methods. Target zones are not a useful management strategy and do more harm than good by disrupting the social structure of Oregon’s cougar population.

4) Consider the ecological, social and intrinsic value of cougars in the species’ management.

Trophy hunting is the greatest source of mortality for cougars throughout the majority of their range across the western and midwestern United States, including in Oregon.³⁶ The practice is harmful to more than just the wild cats who are killed. Conservation biologists have derided this practice as unnecessary and wasteful. Batavia et al. (2018) write: Compelling evidence shows that the animals hunted as trophies have sophisticated levels of “intelligence, emotion and sociality” that are “profoundly disrupted” by trophy hunting.³⁷ ODFW must consider the very real impacts of trophy hunting on cougars, along with the value these animals hold intrinsically and for our human and wildlife communities:

- A. *Trophy hunting is unsustainable and cruel:* Large-bodied carnivores are sparsely populated across vast areas, invest in few offspring, provide extended parental care to their young, have a tendency towards infanticide, females limit reproduction and social stability promotes their resiliency.³⁸ Human persecution affects their social structure,³⁹ and harms their persistence.⁴⁰

Research shows that trophy hunting results in *additive mortality*—trophy hunters increase the total mortality to levels that far exceed what would occur in nature.⁴¹ In fact, the effect of human persecution is “super additive,” meaning that hunter kill rates on large carnivores has a multiplier effect on the ultimate increase in total mortality over what would occur in nature due to breeder loss, social disruption and its indirect effects including increased infanticide and decreased recruitment of their young.⁴² When trophy hunters remove the

stable adult cougars from a population, it encourages subadult males to immigrate, leading to greater aggression between cats and mortalities to adult females and subsequent infanticide.⁴³

- B. *Trophy hunting is particularly harmful to kittens and their mothers:* In heavily hunted populations, female cougars experience higher levels of intraspecific aggression (fights with other cats) resulting in predation on themselves and their kittens.⁴⁴ Over-hunting harms a population's ability to recruit new members if too many adult females are removed.⁴⁵ A Utah study shows that trophy hunting adult females orphans their kittens, leaving them to die by dehydration, malnutrition, and/or exposure.⁴⁶ Kittens are reliant upon their mothers beyond 12 months of age.⁴⁷
- C. *Trophy hunting harms entire cougar communities:* A Wyoming study shows that cougars are quite social and live in "communities," with females sharing kills with other females, their kittens and even with the territorial males. In return for these meals, the adult males protect the females and their kittens from incoming, competing males.⁴⁸ Disrupting these communities leads to deadly intraspecific strife, including infanticide on the kittens, and social chaos within the family groups.⁴⁹ Trophy hunting destabilizes cougar populations, which may cause increased conflicts with humans, pets and livestock.⁵⁰
- D. *Trophy hunting is unnecessary, as cougars are a self-regulating species:* Cougars occur at low densities relative to their primary prey, making them sensitive to bottom-up (prey declines) and top-down (human persecution) influences.⁵¹ Their populations must stay at a smaller size relative to their prey's biomass or risk starvation.⁵² They do this by regulating their own numbers.⁵³ When prey populations decline, so do cougar populations.⁵⁴ Cougar populations also require expansive habitat, with individual cats maintaining large home ranges that overlap with one another.⁵⁵
- E. *Killing large numbers of cougars halts their ability to create trophic cascades in their ecosystems, which benefits a wide range of flora, fauna and people:* Cougars serve important ecological roles, including providing a variety of ecosystem services.⁵⁶ As such, conserving these large cats on the landscape creates a socio-ecological benefit that far offsets any societal costs.⁵⁷ Their protection and conservation has ripple effects throughout their natural communities. Researchers have found that by modulating deer populations, cougars prevented overgrazing near fragile riparian systems, resulting in greater biodiversity.⁵⁸ Additionally, cougars help maintain the health and viability of ungulate populations by preying on sick individuals, reducing the spread of disease such as chronic wasting disease (CWD) and brucellosis.

These wild cats help other wildlife, too. For example, carrion left from cougar kills feeds scavengers, beetles, foxes, bears and other wildlife species, further enhancing biodiversity.⁵⁹ Cougars also reduce vehicle collisions with deer, saving drivers \$1.1 million in collision costs annually in South Dakota.⁶⁰

- F. *Heavy trophy hunting and predator control of cougars can lead to increased conflicts with humans, pets and livestock:* Social stability of native carnivore populations is a significant contributor to their resiliency. Yet human persecution, primarily from trophy hunting, predator control and trapping, changes the demographics (sex and age) and density of native carnivore populations.⁶¹ For example, if the cougar in a home range is removed or killed, the vacancy likely will attract a younger, dispersing animal that is more likely to be involved in human or livestock conflicts.⁶² As such, trophy hunting can easily destabilize the cougar population, leading to increased conflicts.⁶³ Research shows that while livestock conflicts with cougars are extremely low in Oregon,⁶⁴ conflict with these wild cats is higher in areas with trophy hunting and indiscriminate predator control.⁶⁵

G. *Trophy hunting of cougars is not economically sound or supported by the majority of Americans:* The public values cougars and views them as an indicator of healthy environments while posing little risk to people living near them.⁶⁶ Surveys also show that the majority of Americans do not support trophy hunting.⁶⁷ Nonconsumptive users are a rapidly growing stakeholder group who provide immense economic contributions to the communities in which they visit.⁶⁸ The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s 2016 wildlife-recreation report indicates that wildlife watchers nationwide have increased 20% from 2011, numbering 86 million and spending \$75.9 billion, while all hunters declined by 16%, with the biggest decline in big game hunter numbers, from 11.6 million in 2011 to 9.2 million in 2016.⁶⁹ Altogether, hunters spent \$25.6 billion in 2016, about one-third that spent by wildlife watchers.⁷⁰

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Please find attached comments from the Mountain Lion Foundation about the 2022 Big Game Controlled Hunt rulemaking.

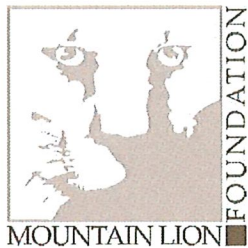
We look forward to working with you and the department staff to support this rulemaking process and your mission to make decisions for the benefit of wildlife resources, especially cougars.

Many thanks for your hard work on behalf of Oregon wildlife.

Warm regards,
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RE: 2022 Big Game Regulations – Recommendations for Cougars (*Puma concolor*)

Dear Chairwoman Wahl, Director Melcher and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Mountain Lion Foundation (MLF) and our nearly 8,000 members and supporters nationwide, we submit the following comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (department) *2022 Big Game Controlled Hunt Tag Numbers, Season Dates and Regulations*, included as Exhibit F on the September 17, 2021 Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda.¹ We urge the department to revise its hunting quotas for cougars across the state to better align with the best available science for cougar management. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input to the Commission as it considers approval of the 2022 big game regulations, which unfortunately maintain the status quo for cougars, and encourage a more balanced approach to management of this apex carnivore moving forward.

Founded in 1987, the Mountain Lion Foundation is a national non-profit conservation organization whose mission is to ensure that America's lion survives and flourishes in the wild. MLF is deeply involved in cougar conservation and habitat management throughout the United States, including protection of these iconic big cats in their ecological communities and coexistence measures to ensure their long-term survival.

Oregon law and policy requires the department and Commission to manage wildlife to "prevent serious depletion of any indigenous species" and to "make decisions that affect wildlife resources... for the benefit of wildlife resources." O.R.S. 496.012. The department's 2017 Oregon Cougar Management Plan further seeks to "manage the state's cougar population at a level well above that required for long

¹ Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Chapter 635, Division 67. *2022 Big Game Controlled Hunt Tag Numbers, Season Dates and Regulations*.

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term sustainability.”² In accordance with these obligations, we request that the department and the Commission consider the following recommendations for managing cougars in Oregon:

1. Adopt updated cougar population estimates using a revised population model that factors habitat suitability, prey abundance, and current population demography
2. Reduce the total annual anthropogenic mortality quota for adults, including hunting, to no greater than 12 percent of the estimated cougar population
3. Implement a 20 percent mortality sub-limit for female cougars within the total hunt quota to help stabilize cougar populations
4. Limit the cougar hunting season to December 1 – April 31 to avoid peak cougar birthing and denning periods
5. Require improved animal husbandry practices before granting depredation permits for cougar, and only permit the removal of animals identified with habitual predatory behavior on livestock

These recommendations are supported by the latest scientific research on cougars and additionally align with the department’s mission to “protect and enhance Oregon’s fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.”³

1. Adopt updated cougar population estimates using a revised population model that factors habitat suitability, prey abundance, and current population demography

Current estimates of annual cougar abundance in Oregon are based on a deterministic, density-dependent population model published nearly two decades ago that was originally based on data collected from the 1960’s through the early 1990’s.⁴ Oregon’s current statewide population estimate of 6,987 for 2020⁵ is based on this inaccurate model and likely overstates the actual total. Oregon’s estimate further inflates cougar numbers by including all age classes (kittens, juveniles and adults), rather than just adults as is typical for cougar counts. Approximately 40-50 percent of mountain lion kittens do not survive to adulthood.⁶ In fact, the department’s 2017 Cougar Management plan estimates the number of adult cougars to be approximately half the total estimated across all age classes,⁷ an important distinction for setting statewide hunt quotas.

It appears that the department has not updated or retested its model since 2006, and although it incorporates cougar mortality data annually, the model fails to include auxiliary information such as updated habitat suitability and prey abundance.⁸ Incorporating auxiliary data from telemetry, scat surveys, catch-mark-recapture, or a combination of methods can improve the accuracy of population estimates. Relying on mortality data and biological data alone is not sufficient in estimating population parameters without incorporating auxiliary data.⁹ If wildlife managers lack auxiliary data to inform an

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accurate census, the scientific literature recommends using a resident adult density of 1.7 cougars/100 km² as it represents the probably average value for western populations of cougars.¹⁰ Regardless of what data or method is used, population estimates must distinguish between cougar age classes, and set hunting quotas and mortality caps based only on the adult population.

Factoring prey abundance and distribution, and habitat suitability can improve the accuracy of predictions of cougar distribution and densities. Cougar prey distribution and abundance, mainly mule deer, limit cougar populations. Their prey is limited by access to quality forage. Cougar populations typically respond to changes in mule deer populations with a four-year lag.¹¹ Drought resulting from climate change has been shown to be a limiting factor to cougars through bottom-up effects. Stoner et al (2018) found a positive relationship between mule deer population size and primary plant productivity. Cougars decreased their home range size when primary plant productivity increased.¹² Therefore, as primary plant productivity declines in response to drought, cougar home ranges increase. This in turn may cause cougars to expend more energy to sustain themselves over larger ranges, impacting survival and reproduction, and lowering population densities during years of prey scarcity.

Oregon is currently experiencing statewide drought conditions with increased fire risks.¹³ Cougars are known to utilize burned areas two to five years after the burn, but avoid burned landscapes within the first year.¹⁴ Oregon's current drought conditions, high temperatures, and decades of active fire suppression have increased the likelihood of larger and more destructive fires that affect entire landscapes, reducing the amount of suitable habitat for cougars and their prey until ecosystems recover.¹⁵ Such information should be considered in population estimates.

2. Reduce the total annual anthropogenic mortality quota for adults, including hunting, to no greater than 12 percent of the estimated cougar population

Cougars do not typically require management to control population growth, as their populations are self-regulating. This regulation comes from the species' social structure, territoriality, limited prey abundance, and the carrying capacity of the land to support cougar populations.¹⁶ Cougar hunting causes additive mortality that is greater than what would be experienced in the absence of hunting. This increased mortality can cause instability and decline in a population. To maintain a stable cougar population, total anthropogenic mortality (from depredation, poaching, public safety removals, etc.) should not exceed the intrinsic growth rate of cougars in a non-hunted population of 1.14 or 14 percent.¹⁷ If mortality from hunting and other sources exceeds this level, then cougar populations may

¹⁰ Beausoleil et al. 2013, Research to Regulation: Cougar Social Behavior as a Guide for Management. Wildlife Society Bulletin 37(3):680-688.

¹¹ Laundré, J. W., L. Hernández, and S. G. Clark. 2007. Numerical and Demographic Responses of Pumas to Changes in Prey Abundance: Testing Current Predictions. The Journal of Wildlife Management 71(2): 345-355.

¹² Stoner, D. C., J. O. Sexton, D. M. Choate, J. Nagol, H. H. Bernales, S. A. Sims, K. E. Ironside, K. M. Longshore and T. C. Edwards Jr. 2018. Climatically Driven Changes in Primary Production Propagate Through Trophic Levels. Global Change Biology 24(10): 4453-4463.

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¹⁴ Jennings, M. K., R. L. Lewison, T. W. Vickers, W. M. Boyce. 2016. Puma response to the effects of fire and urbanization. The Journal of Wildlife Management 80(2):221;234.

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¹⁶ Wallach, A. D., I. Izhaki, J. D. Toms, W. J. Ripple and U. Shanas. 2015. What is an apex predator? Oikos 124(11): 1453–1461.

¹⁷ Beausoleil, R.A., G.M. Koehler, B.T. Maletzke, B.N. Kertson and R.B. Wielgus. 2013. *Research to Regulation: Cougar Social Behavior as a Guide for Management*. Wildlife Society Bulletin 37(3): 680-688.

decline. Cougars are a keystone species that contribute greatly to their ecosystems. Their decline can trigger increases in prey populations with cascading effects on habitats, and a loss of carrion that supports large diversity of vertebrate scavengers. This can result in landscape-level changes from a loss of biodiversity.¹⁸

The Department should limit annual anthropogenic mortality, including hunting, so that it does not exceed 12 percent of the adult (>2-year-old) cougar population in Oregon. This quota provides a slight buffer to account for stochastic events, increasing impacts from climate change, unexpectedly high losses from vehicle strikes and other factors that may contribute to unanticipated increases in anthropogenic mortality. If we assume the adult cougar population is approximately 3,837 (based on the 2021 population estimate with a liberal 55 percent ratio of adults) and apply the hunt and non-hunt mortality thresholds from 2021 (970 cougars), that constitutes an unsustainable potential quota of more than 25 percent of the adults removed from the population.¹⁹ For the upcoming 2022 hunting season, we suggest lowering the total threshold for anthropogenic mortality—including hunting—to no more than 460 adult cougars (12 percent). (This total mortality quota, including take from hunting, should be further adjusted upon updating the population estimator per our recommendations above.)

3. Implement a 20 percent mortality sub-limit for female cougars within the total hunt quota to help stabilize cougar populations

Cougars are a long-lived species in which females contribute disproportionately to the population. Adult females are crucial for population recruitment as kittens depend on maternal care. When too many adult female cougars are removed from a population, that population can become unstable, and begin to decline.²⁰ Recruitment of females in an area typically arises from short-distance dispersal from their mother's home range, while male recruitment to an area typically arises from immigration of males dispersing long distances.²¹ This can make female cougars more sensitive to hunting mortality. If mortality rates (anthropogenic and natural) exceed 20 percent of the resident adult female population, the population is likely to experience a lack of stability and decline.²²

Additionally, Stoner et al (2006) found that the killing of more than 30 percent of the adult population—with 42 percent killed being adult females—led to reduced density and fecundity and skewed the age structure of the cougar population to be younger.²³ Skewing a population age structure lower can result in a higher saturation of young cougars that are more likely to prey upon livestock and pets from a lack of experience.²⁴

¹⁸ Beschta, R. L. and W. J. Ripple. 2012. The role of large predators in maintaining riparian plant communities and river morphology. *Geomorphology* 157-158: 88-98; Elbroch, L. M., C. O'Malley, M. Peziol, H. B. Quigley. 2017. Vertebrate diversity benefiting from carrion provided by pumas and other subordinate, apex felids. *Biological Conservation* 215: 123-131.

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²⁴ Dellinger, J. A., K. K. Macon, J. L. Rudd, D. L. Clifford, S. G. Torres. 2021. Temporal trends and drivers of mountain lion depredation in California, USA. *Human Wildlife Interactions* 15(1): 162-177.

Due to their importance to the cougar population many agencies have implemented female sub-limits within the total hunt quota. We recommend implementing a sub-limit within the hunt quota for female cougars to 20 percent of the quota for the season to help maintain stable cougar populations.²⁵

4. Limit the cougar hunting season to December 1 – April 31 to avoid peak cougar birthing and denning periods

Sport hunting of cougars is generally allowed year-round in Oregon, although females—seen to be accompanied by kittens—are not allowed to be taken. However, during the denning period female cougars away from their den are often without their dependent young. In these instances, hunters may be unaware that a female cougar has dependent kittens and take her as part of a hunt. Mortality among orphaned kittens is usually high.

In fact, cougar hunting leads to an increased rate of kitten mortality in heavily hunted populations.²⁶ Cougars are dependent on their mothers for up to 18 months of age. The loss of an adult female with kittens can result in the death of her young from dehydration, malnutrition, predation, and/or exposure, even in young six months to a year old.^{27, 28} The removal of too many adult female cougars can reduce recruitment into a population, leading to diminished resiliency to anthropogenic and natural mortality.^{29, 30}

Limiting the hunting season to between December 1 and April 31 would significantly reduce overlap with the peak cougar birthing season during June through October as well as the denning period, reducing potential impacts of hunting on cougar reproduction and recruitment.³¹ Aligning the hunting season to avoid birthing and denning provides hunters a better opportunity to detect kittens, visually or through tracks and signs, and avoid taking females with dependent young, reducing the likelihood of orphaning kittens.

5. Require improved animal husbandry practices before granting depredation permits for cougar, and only permit the removal of animals identified with habitual predatory behavior on livestock

Lethal cougar control is commonly used in attempt to solve cougar-human conflicts. But lethal measures can often exacerbate the problems they aim to solve. Higher rates of cougar depredation can result in increased predation rates on pets and livestock in the years that follow. The removal of

²⁵ Laundre, J.W. et al. 2007. Numerical and Demographic Responses of Pumas to Changes in Prey Abundance: Testing Current Predictions, *Journal of Wildlife Management* 71, no. 2.

²⁶ Logan, K. A. and L. L. Sweanor. 2001. *Desert puma – evolutionary ecology and conservation of an enduring carnivore*. Island Press, Washington, D. C., USA.

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²⁸ Cooley, H. S., R. B. Wielgus, G. M. Koehler, H. S. Robinson and B. T. Maletzke. 2009. Does hunting regulate cougar populations? A test of the compensatory mortality hypothesis. *Ecology* 90(10): 2913-2921

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³¹ B.D. Jansen and J.A. Jenks, 2012. Birth Timing for Mountain Lions (*Puma Concolor*): Testing the Prey Availability Hypothesis, *PLoS ONE* 7 no. 9; O'Malley, C., L. M. Elbroch, A. Kusler, M. Peziol, and H. Quigley. 2018. Aligning mountain lion hunting seasons to mitigate orphaning dependent kittens. *Wildlife Society Bulletin* 42: 438–443.

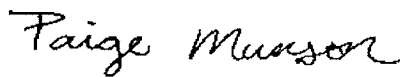
cougars from a population, especially adult male cougars, can produce empty territories and disrupt cougar social structures. Juvenile male cougars often move into unoccupied territories, and are known to prey upon livestock and pets at higher rates than female cougars and adult male cougars.

Considering these consequences, improving animal husbandry practices is a more effective way of preventing conflicts within an established, functioning cougar population area. Control measures could then focus on specific and identified cougars that habitually prey on livestock or pets. The Department should work with sister agencies to promote and require improved animal husbandry before authorizing individuals to kill specific cougars. These can include adequate fencing height, electrical fencing, practices such as housing small hoofstock and pets in enclosures at night and using livestock guardian dogs to protect herds. Improved animal husbandry practices offer a long-term solution to prevent conflict, maintain sustainable cougar populations, and increase livestock herd survival and production.

The state of Oregon has also conducted general, non-specific lethal removal of cougars within “Target Areas” as a management tool to mitigate human-cougar conflict or achieve other management objectives. In fact, non-targeted lethal removal in conflict areas is unlikely to effectively reduce conflict.⁶ General zonal cougar control has not proven effective for other management purposes, including for increasing ungulate populations. The Department could potentially resume Target Area control in accordance with the 2017 Cougar Management Plan. We strongly object to any such future departmental control actions for the reasons stated above.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the 2022 Big Game regulations, and for your consideration of our recommendations for updating cougar hunting and mortality quotas, seasons and population data. We look forward to working together to implement robust, science-based management of cougars throughout Oregon. Please include these comments as part of the official record regarding your decision on this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Roxann Borisch, Rules Coordinator Wildlife Division

Subject:

FW: September 17th Biggame tag setting agenda item.

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

From: Dale Webb <ikesays@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:35 PM

To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>

Subject: September 17th Biggame tag setting agenda item.

Dear Commissioners,

In reading through the 600 series deer proposals I found increased antlerless tags being proposed for the Saddle Mt., Wilson and Trask units. The footnote to the right stated "Biological surplus". Am I led to believe the ODF&W staff has found a way to accurately count Blacktail deer (yes I'm aware of the DNA studies) and also are conducting habitat studies and quantifying the amount of deer and elk this habitat can support? I would ask that the commissioner have a serious and long discussion with staff before we start going down this path, I suspect it is not a defensible position.

I see the Saddle Mt. unit had a higher buck harvest last year than usual, but 15% of that was spike bucks, they will not be around for this year's hunt, it will be really interesting to see the results this coming year and next year. If our deer herds are starting to turn the corner, it really is not a good time to start adding more antlerless harvest. Let us build the herds back and then add in the harvest, this is a simple concept that fails to be given a chance to work.

Speaking about results, I see the commissioners were updated on the Mule deer population and an estimate was given. I and many of your constituents would appreciate it if the population estimates could be kept up to date on the herd compositions pages. Evidently the data is compiled.

Sincerely yours,

Dale Webb

Vernonia

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

Subject: FW: Comments on Proposed 2022 Big Game Regulations
Attachments: Comments on Big Game Regulations 091721.pdf

From: Randy and Pamela Comeleo <rottlyer@peak.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 12:40 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Comments on Proposed 2022 Big Game Regulations

Dear Chair Wahl and Commissioners,

We are writing to express our concern that ODFW is not managing cougars according to the best available science.

There is mounting research from Washington state, British Columbia, and other locations in the west which indicates that excessive trophy hunting disrupts cougar social networks and may result in increasing cougar-human conflict and population declines.

While ODFW dismisses these studies out of hand, the studies show that when more than 14 percent of a cougar population is harvested in a given region, the population starts to skew young, territories dissolve, and problem encounters increase.

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For Example, in Zone A, 136 of the 180 allowed cougars were killed in 2020. ODFW estimates there were 989 cougars of all ages in Zone A in 2015. If half of those were adults, then over 27% of adult cougars in the region were killed in 2020. Research suggests that's a number high enough to cause increasing conflict with humans.

ODFW needs to begin managing cougars to maintain social stability, promote territoriality by adult males, and avoid the consequences of over-hunting. In our opinion, ODFW places too much emphasis on providing trophy hunting opportunities for a dwindling number of hunters rather than serving the millions of Oregonians who enjoy wildlife in a non-consumptive way.

Respectfully,

Randy and Pam Comeleo
Corvallis, Oregon

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

Subject: FW: Fees and regulations

From: greg alagoz <galagoz@live.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:52 PM

To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>

Subject: Fees and regulations

Hello

I want to express my extreme frustration with the so called late tag fees. I purchased my sports pac earlier in the year, which at that time your system didn't allow for me to print my deer, elk, bear tags. As someone who works for a living, I didn't print my tags the day before the archery hunt and therefore am being punished by paying these so called late tag fees to get my archery tags. I completely disagree with those fees especially if I prepaid the sports pac fees. Very frustrating.

Not sure what good the ODFW has been doing for sportsman in Oregon with the ever so dwindling fish returns due to fish hatchery closures and mismanagement. Closures in the state. Regularly devaluing the sports pac by taking away from it by removing hunting opportunities but at the same time raising the prices of the license and tag fees. The ridiculous Columbia river endorsement that did and still does absolutely nothing to help sport fishing. Why should I continue purchasing tags in Oregon when fishing and hunting gets worse every year. Unless that's your plan. To deter sportsmen.

Extremely unhappy sportman
Greg Alagoz

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

Subject:

FW:

From: Steve Davis <srdavis707@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 4:50 AM

To: Odfw.websales@state.or.us

Subject:

Hello I am trying to find somewhere opinion is heard or someone I can email where my opinion is heard. I am a oregon archery hunter and with the fires going on it is impossible for me to go to the west side and hunt. Making general archery deer over for me. Not only is it harder to get elk but now I have to pass up the chance to get deer. Why cant you make it harder for rifle instead of archery? Not only are you limited of distance of shooting big game now limited of deer.

Think about it, you have a buck 75 yards away who do you think will get a buck archery or rifle?

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

Subject:

FW:

From: Oliver Twist <otwist2016@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 11:40 AM

To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>

Subject:

Why are there native americans hunting chesnemous unit with rifles and shooting from the roads while people who pay for licence and tags are trying to bow hunt?

One guy shot 3 cows and lost 1 that was found later and reported.

Then the same guy came back and shot 2 more in 2 days.

All were cow elk and from the road and winched whole into a pickup.

I dont like my licence and tag dollars spent to fund someone killing all the baby makers from the road and with a gun durring bow season.

This unit seems to be lacking animals from prevous seasons and they are deffenatly running scared from beginning of season.

They can shoot cows at anytime from the road so why do they need to do it durring bow season?

Not real happy about driving 9 hours to hunt a draw unit that is being miss managed and called a draw unit. This unit should be a general hunt unit. I waisted my prefferance points this year.

Emmit Fulcher.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

Subject: FW: Non-Resident Disable Veteran Hunter

From: WOLFER Brian H * ODFW
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 5:29 PM
To: ryan_nicoletti@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Non-Resident Disable Veteran Hunter

Mr. Nicoletti –

Thank you for your service.

The Oregon State Legislature establishes the fee structure that is charged for hunting and angling licenses and also sets the requirements to be considered a resident or to qualify for resident prices for hunting and angling licenses, tags, and permits. The discounted fees you noted in your email for nonresident active duty Uniformed Services members and resident disabled veterans are established in law and the Fish and Wildlife Commission does not have the authority to expand the qualifications for those discounts.

Respectfully,

Brian Wolfer
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Game Program Manager
(503) 947-6310
brian.h.wolfer@odfw.oregon.gov

From: Ryan Nicoletti <ryan_nicoletti@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:24 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Non-Resident Disable Veteran Hunter

Good afternoon,

I am writing you today to ask for your help and consideration on a matter that is very important to me. I am an avid hunter and a passionate advocate of the State of Oregon. I successfully harvest an Elk with my bow in Oregon in 2020 and was so impressed with how you treated military members as residents. I bragged relentlessly to my friends and family about how I appreciated the opportunity I had. However, I transitioned out of the military after 15 years and I am now rated at 70% disabled. My father, a 32 year Veteran, avid hunter, 90% disabled and I wanted to hunt together next year but we got some alarming news. The great state of Oregon does not view Non-Resident Disabled Veterans favorably... Many Western states such as Washington view me as a resident as long as I have a disability rating of a certain amount or higher and to provide that documentation. While I personally dislike hunting in California (where I currently reside) I want to continue to spend my free time hunting and recreating in Oregon.

I feel that Oregon does a much better job of game management and overall beauty of the state is where I wish to continue to hunt. However, Non-resident prices and tags are so far out of my price range (especially for my father considering he lives in Florida) that I am pleading to the Commission to please consider amending or adding Disabled Veterans to the list of resident hunters. I humbly request this in efforts to not only hunt there myself but to offer this for other hunters who have served our great nation as well. I hate asking for anything like this but hunting, fishing and the outdoors are truly a passion of mine. I truly hope this can be considered or at least vetted to the correct people who can

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jacqueline Taylor <jacquetaylor5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:50 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: black bear and cougar protection

THANK YOU for protecting black bear and cougar lives in Oregon. I am reminded by a letter to the Mail Tribune that some trophy hunters do not have the wiring to understand the big picture. Bear and cougar, like so many species that are now long gone, belong here, and their numbers are not guaranteed, as you know.

The loss of these integral species in our state spells disaster for all life. The cruelty of trophy killing these beautiful animals is only worsened by all the suffering that is caused when the animal is not killed, but left to endure agony, when hunters do not cleanly hit their mark.

May I take this opportunity to say thanks to ODFW for your work to preserve wildlife and our natural surroundings, such as our beautiful forests, woodlands and waterways in Oregon. Please continue to be guided and watchful for ways that keep all species safe from people who do not understand how essential these animals and places are to the big picture.

With respect and more thanks for all you do, Jacqueline Taylor Medford, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: David Johns <johnsd@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 9:23 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Trophy Hunting

10 September 2021

Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission
Salem, OR 97302

Dear Commissioners,

That Oregon still permits and even encourages killing of wildlife for trophies is an embarrassment. I have watched our human population double to over four million, with fields, roads and towns almost everywhere, and wildlife populations continue to shrink. We should not be further persecuting them—we already steal their homes to make ours. Killing Black Bears and Cougars for sport is pathetic. Shooting at creatures that can't shoot back is cowardly. I live on the west side, but spend a good deal of time in the more rustic parts of the state. If people need something to shoot at let them take aim at each other. I have both black bears and cougars where I live and am glad for them. To live in a world mostly of humans would be very abysmal.

You are the trustees for wildlife. Please carry out your responsibilities.

Sincerely,
David Johns
PO Box 725
McMinnville, OR 97128

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: June Stephens <junebirdart@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 5:32 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Spring Trophy Hunting

Dear Commissioners:

I strongly oppose the 2022 spring black bear and cougar trophy hunting. Black bear cubs' mothers are often killed while still in hibernation. The cubs that are old enough to survive are left to fend for themselves, often to a very bad outcome. This practice is extremely cruel and needs to stop.

There is absolutely no excuse for trophy hunting black bears or cougars (or any wildlife) and slaughtering these iconic animals for the sake of trophies is immoral, outdated, and unnecessary. It serves no purpose but for boosting someone's ego. Furthermore, it has been proven that anyone who enjoys killing animals is psychologically abnormal.

It is time that we, as humans, are held to a higher cause. ODFW's focus should be upon the promotion and preservation of Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,

June Stephens



Exhibit F

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Received September 10 to September 15, 2021

**Subject: Please Say No to the Trophy Hunting of
Black Bears and Cougars**

**290 individuals submitted the attached letter
(*Letter, Comments & List Attached*)**

**50 individuals submitted the letter
with additional comments
(*Letter Attached*)**

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Vivian Warnock <463691@bsd48.org>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 10:08 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

Dear Commission Member,

As an Oregon resident who cares deeply about animals and our natural ecosystem, I urge you to support the end of all trophy hunting of black bears and cougars in our state!

No animal should be made to suffer for sport. Black bears and cougars are rare and iconic native carnivores—not trophies.

A majority of Oregonians do not support trophy hunting and would much prefer to see these animals alive and thriving in the wild than as a trophy in someone's living room. Your support on September 17th could help end the cruel and unnecessary practice of killing native carnivores in our state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Vivian Warnock
149th Ter
Portland, OR 97229


	From	Subject	Received	SCM
Yesterday				
	Lauren Abrahamson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Tue 9/14/2021 9:4...	4...
	Stephanie Kerr	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Tue 9/14/2021 6:2...	4...
	Beth Marshall	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Tue 9/14/2021 11:...	4...
	Mary Collier	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Tue 9/14/2021 10:...	4...
	Alyssa Sheldon	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Tue 9/14/2021 8:4...	4...
	Christopher Lang	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Tue 9/14/2021 7:2...	4...
Monday				
	Laura Daniel	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Mon 9/13/2021 10:...	4...
	Mary Elias	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Mon 9/13/2021 9:5...	4...
	Janet Coffman	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Mon 9/13/2021 6:0...	4...
	Diana Hewlett Hewlett	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Mon 9/13/2021 4:1...	4...
	Lisa B	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Mon 9/13/2021 2:1...	4...
	ALBERT LEPAGE M. Ed. Science B.S. Bi...	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Mon 9/13/2021 11:...	4...
	Mary Adams	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Mon 9/13/2021 12:...	4...
Sunday				
	Cassandra Fazio	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 11:...	4...
	Becky McGill Johnson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 11:...	4...
	Leslie Malloy	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 10:...	4...
	Eric Vilmer	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 7:0...	4...
	Melissa Hathaway	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 5:2...	4...
	Carolynn Kohout	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 5:1...	4...
	Theresa Barbour	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 3:0...	4...
	Jan Morgan	Stop unregulated killing of wildlife. Support Fish and G...	Sun 9/12/2021 2:4...	4...
	Judy Whittington	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 2:3...	4...
	Melanie O'Meara	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 1:4...	4...
	Osalyn Houser	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 1:0...	4...
	Linda Jenkins	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 12:...	4...
	Rhyan Grech	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 11:...	4...
	Irene Saikevych	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 10:...	4...
	Michael Calhoon	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sun 9/12/2021 3:2...	4...
Last Week				
	Valerie Snyder	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 11:0...	4...
	Daniel Gonzalez	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 9:58...	4...
	Carla Hervett	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 9:48...	4...
	Casey Jo Remy	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 9:16...	4...
	Julia Jasinski	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 7:44...	4...
	Pamela Wood	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 6:12...	4...
	Sara Smith	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 5:57...	4...
	Mary Maxson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 5:10...	4...
	Lorie Pepin	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 12:4...	4...
	Barbara Shor	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 12:2...	4...
	Anne Mitchell	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 12:2...	4...
	Marie Weatherhead	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 12:0...	4...
	Jane Cedar	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 11:2...	4...
	Susan Monson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 11:1...	4...
	Valerie Retter	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 10:2...	4...
	Trace Sexton	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 10:0...	4...
	Joan Beldin	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 9:21...	4...

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Patricia Caputo	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 8:31...	4...
Dana Brown	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 8:00...	4...
Sandra Samel	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 7:22...	4...
Thomas Brown	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 6:50...	4...
Pan Sammons	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 6:48...	4...
Allison Everitt	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 5:04...	4...
Erin Byrne	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 3:54...	4...
Kristin Smith	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 3:39...	4...
Linda Voci	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 2:07...	4...
Teresa Sem	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 1:48...	4...
Petite Resch	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 1:00...	4...
Julie Rivas	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 12:4...	4...
Jamie Shields	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Sat 9/11/2021 12:1...	4...
Josh Laughtland	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:5...	4...
Stacie Dullmeyer	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:3...	4...
Debra Culwell	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:3...	4...
Jeannine Herndon	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:3...	4...
Denise Schweitzer	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:2...	4...
Cindy Baertlein	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:2...	4...
Amy Roberts	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:0...	4...
Diane Ostby	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:5...	4...
Jud Schlacter	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:2...	4...
Gabi Ford	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:1...	4...
Hellene Chapman	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:0...	4...
Mary Jensen	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 9:46 ...	4...
Satya Vayu	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 9:40 ...	4...
Heather Marsh	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 9:32 ...	4...
Brian Hoyt	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 9:22 ...	4...
Brian Bisbee	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 9:18 ...	4...
Louise Hawker	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 9:02 ...	4...
Chris Lazarus	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 8:50 ...	4...
Mika Gentili-Lloyd	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 8:32 ...	4...
Renee Clark	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 8:27 ...	4...
Marilyn Knox	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 8:24 ...	4...
Monique Williams	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 8:14 ...	4...
Chris Bray	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 8:10 ...	4...
Jack Kendall	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 7:48 ...	4...
Andrea Firpo	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 7:42 ...	4...
Rosalie Sable	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 7:40 ...	4...
Martha Rohrer	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 7:22 ...	4...
Lise Hull	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 7:22 ...	4...
Diane Luck	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 7:21 ...	4...
Janet Conklin	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 7:21 ...	4...
J Mark	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 7:18 ...	4...
Adriana Voss-Andreae	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 6:06 ...	4...
Carol Woolfter	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 6:00 ...	4...
Larry Morningstar	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 5:58 ...	4...
David Rauenzahn	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 5:50 ...	4...
April Simandl	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 5:43 ...	4...

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Marney Reed	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 5:34 ...	4...
David Edwards	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 5:28 ...	4...
Rick Miller	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 5:22 ...	4...
Wendy Vanderwerf	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 5:08 ...	4...
Sheila Dooley	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 5:06 ...	4...
Adele Bostwick	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:41 ...	4...
Irene Kour	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:37 ...	4...
Barbara Gatewood	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:36 ...	4...
Juliette Manuel	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:34 ...	4...
Thomas Scarpinatto	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:24 ...	4...
Joan Viers	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:20 ...	4...
John Peterson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:20 ...	4...
John Spahr	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:18 ...	4...
Kamilla Aslami	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:16 ...	4...
Lisa Billings	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:14 ...	4...
Elan Sandberg	PLEASE SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears an...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:12 ...	4...
Maureen O'Neal	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:10 ...	4...
Ron Brunt	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:09 ...	4...
Linda Alstad	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:04 ...	4...
William Babcock	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 4:00 ...	4...
Greg Haggard	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 3:54 ...	4...
Sandy Noel	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 3:48 ...	4...
Jane Jones	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 3:46 ...	4...
Nathan Nowak	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 3:38 ...	4...
Susanna Askins	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 3:36 ...	4...
Karen Logsdon	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 3:33 ...	4...
Marsha Allen	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 3:24 ...	4...
Mauria McClay	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 3:06 ...	4...
Mike Miller	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 3:04 ...	4...
Denise Echaui	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:52 ...	4...
Daniel Anderson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:52 ...	4...
Sandy Miller	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:48 ...	4...
Carolyn Saia	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:44 ...	4...
Demelza Costa	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:42 ...	4...
Jocelyn Atkins	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:38 ...	4...
Susan Williams	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:38 ...	4...
Kimberly Wick	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:32 ...	4...
Roger Mueller	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:24 ...	4...
Dolores Matthys	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting!	Fri 9/10/2021 2:14 ...	4...
Stephanie Hortsch	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:14 ...	4...
Denise Bussard	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:14 ...	4...
Dana Sewall	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 2:04 ...	4...
Iulia Dumitrescu	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 1:58 ...	4...
Randall Webb	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 1:54 ...	4...
MARI PURDY	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 1:50 ...	4...
Jerry Polder	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 1:48 ...	4...
Stacy Moranville	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 1:44 ...	4...
Marie Weatherhead	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 1:42 ...	4...
Susan Glarum	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 1:40 ...	4...

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Elise Capley	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 1:38 ...	4...
Cierra Buer	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:5...	4...
James Keough	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:5...	4...
Mary Card	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:5...	4...
Seth Williams	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:5...	4...
Autumn White	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:5...	4...
Clint Landeen	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:5...	4...
Misha Sashayvich	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:4...	4...
stephanie edwards	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:4...	4...
Larry & Narlock	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:4...	4...
Carol Dotson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:3...	4...
Erinnicole Quinn	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:3...	4...
Sua Lee	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:2...	4...
Marc Anderson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:2...	4...
Catherine Gamblin	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:2...	4...
Rich Kang	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:2...	4...
Michelle Casey	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:2...	4...
Wanda Graff	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:2...	4...
Katie Haldeman	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:2...	4...
Chedryl Trosper	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:2...	4...
Melissa Parker	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:1...	4...
Donnasue Jacobi Jacobi	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:1...	4...
Ruth Anne Fackler	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:1...	4...
Will Ritter	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:1...	4...
Alma Thompson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:1...	4...
janna piper	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:1...	4...
Monica Geyer	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:1...	4...
Anne Smith	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:0...	4...
Connor Amundsen-Kuester	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:0...	4...
Jan Stone	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:0...	4...
Amber Haven	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 12:0...	4...
Cheryl Johnson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:5...	4...
Linda Rentfrow	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:5...	4...
Elizabeth Brunt	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:5...	4...
Louise Jefferies	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:4...	4...
Barbara Stinson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:4...	4...
Peter Toft	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:4...	4...
Cynthia Ruark	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:4...	4...
Elizabeth Cordova	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:4...	4...
angela fazzari	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:3...	4...
Justice BOYD	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:3...	4...
Hillary Tiefer	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:3...	4...
valerie RAYNAUD	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:3...	4...
Dennis Brown	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:3...	4...
Joel Kay	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:2...	4...
Helen Moissant	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:2...	4...
Julie Walker	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:2...	4...
Ann Henry	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:2...	4...
Kathryn Archibald	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:1...	4...

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	Jane Burkhouse Burkhouse	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:1...	4...
	Charles Spencer	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:1...	4...
	Lee Ratcliffe	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:1...	4...
	Barbara Foreman	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:1...	4...
	Corinne Randall	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:1...	4...
	Kim Beck	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:1...	4...
	Craig Lerner	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:1...	4...
	Katrina Shortridge	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:0...	4...
	Julie Longanecker	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:0...	4...
	k l	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 11:0...	4...
	Sandi Cornez	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:5...	4...
	Cindy Hubbell	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:5...	4...
	Jane Balzer	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:5...	4...
	Tori Kristina	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:5...	4...
	Angela Norse	Please do not support the trophy hunting of black bears...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:5...	4...
	Nathaniel Feyma	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:5...	4...
	Gregory Carroll	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:5...	4...
	Olga Iliuk	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Scott Kennedy	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Robin Seagrave	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Marguerite Eliasson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Cathie Bell	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Gay Hall	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Paul Halliday	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Susi Higgins	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Susan Koch	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	shirley williamson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Heather Elliott	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	donna roddvik	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Kathy Ransier	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:4...	4...
	Susan Magnuson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Vita Lawson	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Marina Soto	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Pam Rensch	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Len Edholm	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Thomas Durst	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Carole Russelle	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Randa Law	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Kathleen Ruiz	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Cynthia Earle	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Raymond Cox	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Ulana Cole	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:3...	4...
	Pam Doran	Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and...	Fri 9/10/2021 10:2...	4...
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Margarita Crowell <rcrowell@baystateanimals.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:58 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

Dear Commission Member,

As an Oregon resident who cares deeply about animals and our natural ecosystem, I urge you to support the end of all trophy hunting of black bears and cougars in our state!

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I moved to Oregon 3 years ago to be closer to family.

The natural beauty here is wonderful. My college education was in biology with emphasis in environmental science. The hunting of native carnivores for trophies is abhorrent. These are thrill kills and have no place in a humane society where an animal has no defense against unseen bullets. Defenseless Cubs and kits left to starve or die by predation is inexcusable. There is a natural order in the wilderness and trophy hunting is not normal. Trophy hunting is a cruel and unnecessary practice anywhere.

Margarita Crowell
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Tualatin, OR 97062

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Betty Shelley <greenhouseone@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 8:56 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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Predators are crucial to maintaining and restoring ecological balance. Please consider the bigger picture of the health of the entire ecosystem.

Thank you,

Betty Shelley
8044 SW 10th Ave
Portland, OR 97219-4512

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Crystal Elston <Crystal.Elston@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 3:06 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
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Each year resident of Oregon in the majority oppose these types of hunts, yet we largely go ignored. Please start protecting our wildlife and the wildlife that the majority of us as residents, enjoy and want to see thrive in our wilderness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Crystal Elston
501 E Oxford St
Newberg, OR 97132

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Sally Needham <sneedham@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 12:18 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: No trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

Dear Commission Member,

As an Oregon resident who cares deeply about animals and our natural ecosystem, I urge you to support the end of all trophy hunting of black bears and cougars in our state!

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I worked hard gathering signatures to put the measure to ban bear baiting and hunting of cougars with dogs on the ballot years ago, and then helped to get it passed. I fully support ending trophy hunting of black bears and cougars in Oregon.

Sally Needham
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PORTLAND, OR 97224

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Donna Steadman <dab1219@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:24 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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All wildlife are struggling to survive now due to climate change and widespread destructive fires. Putting additional pressure on bears & cougars at this time is not good management policy...especially the spring bear hunt where pregnant sows could be killed. Please do NOT support the proposed hunting regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Donna Steadman
9440 sw Lakeside Dr.
Tigard, OR 97224

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Vivian Kirk <vakirk@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:10 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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I am actually a former Oregon resident now, currently residing in Wyoming. Baiting and trapping are rampant here but I've always thought of Oregon as more ahead of the times and as such, more humane in their policies. I hope I am right, that Oregon will lead and hopefully, other states such as mine will follow.

Thank you for your consideration.

Vivian Kirk
9701 SE Johnson Creek Blvd, #01
Happy Valley, OR 97086-9615

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jane Bicquette <jbicquette@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 3:34 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

Dear Commission Member,

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I join my voice with the many others who believe we are no longer living in the 1800's, that we have evolved to choose compassion and common sense, that we share this planet with animals, that wildlife is crucial to our survival, that maintaining and protecting populations of all wildlife(including key predators like wolves, coyotes, cougars and bears) serves to preserve our planet and natural habitats. We in Oregon should be looking forward, not backwards. We should lead into our future with science-based truth and compassion of our hearts. No one needs such a horrifying and cruel thing as a dead precious animal as a trophy or for any other purpose. Thank you.

Jane Bicquette
29040 SW Baker Rd.
Sherwood, OR 97140

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Stephanie Christensen <steph.e.chris@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 11:42 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

Dear Commission Member,

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It is deeply troubling that the ODFW, which is in charge of "managing" Oregon's wildlife on behalf of ALL Oregon citizens, would continue to allow the killing - for SPORT - of cougars and black bears. It is unethical and shameful that this agency could condone this sickening practice. I URGE the ODFW to reverse course, and make it AGAINST THE LAW to shoot ANY cougars or black bears....or ANY wildlife for that matter - for SPORT.

Stephanie Christensen
7502 SW Miles Pl
Portland, OR 97219

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jan Marney <jmarney4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 10:26 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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We live in a part of the world where traveling to the store for groceries you sometimes see a cougar and her cub, or a bear. How many shoppers can say that? It's rather magical to see such majestic animals living freely. I, FOR ONE, DO NOT TAKE THIS FOR GRANTED. If you support trophy hunting of these ever decreasing animals - you DO take it for granted. Mankind encroaches on nature to it's detriment - and ours. Do we really need to continue to be so BLIND AND DEAF? Please - once bears were all over the world, cougars have a 200 mile terrain. Let's keep this corner of the world SAFE for them - and stop the VANITY of man. Bears and Cougars are majestic - man's vanity is an obscenity. Thank you for your consideration.

Jan Marney
22772 Carpenterville Road
Brookings, OR 97415

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Susan Strauss <susan@straussstoryteller.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 2:40 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: NO on trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

Dear Commission Member,

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In today's world, where wildlife are suffering enough with heat domes, fires and loss of habitat -- and viewing wildlife has become so scarce, why does anyone get pleasure from shooting a bear or cougar? As an active hiker and wildlife viewer, I oppose the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars. I have met black bear in the wild several times and never feared for my life. An animal should only be taken for self-defense or for food. Life was given as a gift and should not be destroyed in some kind of ego, testosterone amusement park game. Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Strauss
66280 White Rock Loop
Bend, OR 97703-9069

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Dave Lutes <dlutes@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 10:46 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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Unless a person is destitute and starving there is no excuse for hunting wild animals for sport and trophy. This outrageous act has to stop, there's no excuse for it it is not a sport it is basically murder and the animal has no chance at survival. Thank you for your consideration.

Dave Lutes
245 SW Cherry Park Rd.
Troutdale, OR 97060

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Linda Bernhardt <linbernhardt@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:16 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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Please do not allow trophy hunting of bears and cougars, especially spring hunts. Wildlife belong to all Oregonians, not just the few who want to kill them. This is simply just not right. .

Linda Bernhardt
704 Foss Rd
Talent, OR 97540-7835

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Sue Lane <178purplecat@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 1:12 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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Sue Lane
730 Rural Ave S
Salem, OR 97302-5284

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Valrey Van Gundy <nwrider55@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 10:18 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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Isn't it time that humans give up the cave-man remnants of their beliefs and stop hunting animals for sport? It is barbaric. Thank you for your consideration.

Valrey Van Gundy
1243 NE 9th St
Mcminnville, OR 97128-4108

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Linda Brown <lugoil@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 7:30 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars ODFW's cruel policies are not supported by MOST Oregonians

Dear Commission Member,

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ODFW, we basically hate you and your policies.

Linda Brown
5823 Crooked Finger Rd NE
Scotts Mills, OR 97375

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Terry Ciecko <tciecko51@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 7:14 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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Its hard to imagine that you would not approve a ban on trophy hunting for bears and cougars in our state especially in the spring. You are the Fish and Wildlife Commission for crying out loud. Who else is going to do it? I urge you to protect the remaining wildlife we have in Oregon against the cruelty and completely unnecessary trophy hunting. To be totally honest I will be shocked if you actually chose wildlife over trophies of wildlife but would love you to surprise me!!

Terry Ciecko
3630 SE Hosner Terr
Gresham, OR 97080

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Michael Janover <janovermichael@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 6:02 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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Trophy hunting is obscene, savage and despicable. It should be outlawed, PERIOD.

Michael Janover
3575 Hilyard St, #7
Eugene, OR 97405-3876

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Georgia Wier <georgiawier@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 5:34 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
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I don't hunt; recently I'm not even getting to go visit our beautiful parks and wild places. But I do pay taxes and I want black bears and cougars to thrive in our state. Please end the horrible practice of trophy hunting of bears and cougars. They "belong" to all of us.

Georgia Wier
2533 SE 38th Ave
Portland, OR 97202

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Bobbee Murr <bobbeemurr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 5:28 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Calling for a permanent moratorium on the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

Dear Commission Member,

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Other states, such as Florida, have at least a moratorium on black bear hunts. Oregon should be a leader in the conservation of large carnivores and omnivores, yet it is not. The Sixth Great Extinction is ongoing and trophy hunting contributes to it. Stop the killing.

Bobbee Murr
31 NW 22nd Pl, #3
Portland, OR 97210-3565

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lora Meisner <lmgb@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:56 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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As an Oregon resident and tax payer I have found that ODFW has never made decisions that favor our precious wildlife, always on the side of the hunters/killers. I would be nice if just once you protected our wildlife. Thank you for your consideration.

Lora Meisner
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Carole George <mardau79@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 4:24 PM
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These are animal beings. Different from us, yes, but they are no less important or valuable to our home - earth. They are not here for human entertainment, sport or decoration. They are part of complex ecosystems, that we must not only respect, but save! Thank you for your consideration.

Carole George
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Philip Ratcliff <skazz999w@hotmail.com>
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Trigger-happy rednecks give hunters a bad name.

Philip Ratcliff
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Salem, OR 97302-3533

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Howard Shapiro <howeird3@gmail.com>
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I don't consider trophy hunting sport. Sport is when both sides have an even chance to win. Ambushing an animal with a high powered repeating rifle puts the animal at a definite disadvantage.

Thank you for your consideration.

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kim Davis <k.mdavis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 3:40 PM
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For all future generations, we must protect what is left and this must include our invaluable wildlife. Thank you.

Kim Davis
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Rebecca Wacklor <rwacklor@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 3:36 PM
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Thank you for your consideration. PLEASE ALLOW THESE TOP PREDATORS TO BE THE TOP PREDATORS THAT NATURE HAS INTENDED. DO NOT ALLOW HUMAN HUNTERS TO REPLACE THEM AS "TOP PREDATORS". ALLOW NATURE TO BALANCE ITSELF RATHER THAN PERMIT MANS OFTEN MISGUIDED ATTEMPT TO CONTROL NATURE FOR SELF-SERVING PURPOSES.

Rebecca Wacklor
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Central Point, OR 97502-1999

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mary Elias <marybells_1963@gmx.com>
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Trophy hunting needs to STOP! This sick, barbaric and selfish practice has no place in Oregon. Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Elias
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Beaverton, OR 97007-9123

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Leslye Epstein <leslyee@comcast.net>
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PLEASE STOP ALLOWING THE KILLING OF THESE ANIMALS!

I AM NOT SURE WHY HUMANS FEEL THEY ARE SUPERIOR TO ANIMALS AND JUST KILL THEM RANDOMLY. I IMPLORER YOU TO STOP THIS PRACTICE.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leslye Epstein
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Portland, OR 97205-1740

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Louisa McCleary <lmccleary1@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 2:32 PM
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Trophy hunting is an exercise of pure ego gratification based on suffering and death. Killing even mothers with kittens awaiting their return until they die is unconscionable. So is killing bears just emerging from hibernation. This is only the worst part of this disgusting, cruel practice. Make no mistake, I do not condemn honorable hunting. If someone goes out to hunt an abundant animal to provide meat for their family, that is morally defensible. Trophy hunting is not. Thank you for your consideration.

Louisa McCleary
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Scott Kacek <scottkacek@gmail.com>
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Please consider entertaining the concept that we are not living in 1950. Imagine Wild life

Scott Kacek
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Portland, OR 97216-3376

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kate Dewetering <klkats@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 2:12 PM
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Hunting these animals when they've just given birth is like a bully picking on the helpless little kid with glasses. It makes me sick. Trophy hunting has no place in our world and it has to stop in our state. Listen to your people not the corporate biggies who just want to sell products at the cost of anything. This hunting is not done to feed people who can't afford meat otherwise. It's purely about trying to be macho. But it's just pure abhorrent behavior for no reason!

Kate Dewetering
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Catherine Smith <cathysmith6@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 1:24 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
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Please put an end to trophy hunting of cougars during peak birthing season, and hunting black bears when they are just waking up from hibernation and are in a weakened state. Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Smith
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Debra Wilson <wilsondebraj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 1:20 PM
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Also, please protect gray wolves!
They belong on the Endangered Species List.
Thank you for your consideration.

Debra Wilson
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Ashland, OR 97520-8796

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Sam Linder <sam@linderdomain.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 1:10 PM
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I am beyond outraged that this disgusting practice has been allowed to continue. STOP IT NOW!

Sam Linder
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mary Lynn Willis Parodi <mlwp1@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 12:26 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
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Personally, I feel that trophy hunting of any and all species NEEDS TO END!!

Mary Lynn Parodi
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Judith Hayes <eagleflight0649@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 12:16 PM
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I understand the need for the hunting of certain animals at certain times to keep the ecosystem clean and the animals healthy, but the trophy killing of Cougars and Bears here in Oregon is NOT that time, anytime. Thank you for your consideration.

Judith Hayes
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Medford, Oregon
97501

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Medford, OR 97501-2610

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Gregg Corey <greggcorey@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 12:00 PM
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Thank you for your consideration. This needs to be stopped now! This is senseless, and outright cruel! I'm a registered Republican and my commentary may be contrary to a number of Republican citizens of the State of Oregon; but please stop this!!

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Tui Lindsey <tuifern@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 11:22 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: We need you to stand up for what is right!!Please SAY NO to the trophy hunting of black bears and cougars

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Humans devastate habitat and kill for sport but the time is. Is to stand for something right and humane. Please please help. Thank you for your consideration.

Tui Lindsey
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Roxane Auer <roxane24@gmail.com>
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I couldn't feel more strongly about this issue. It is backwards and cruel to allow the hunting of apex predators when our climate is collapsing and these animals already face a precarious future. To continue hunting this necessary species is to ignore science and best practices when it comes to ensuring the survival of our natural environment, which we rely on for survival. Please, please, please

Roxane Auer
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Michelle Seden <michelleseden@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 11:02 AM
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Thank you for your consideration. In some ways we have evolved as a human species. Most of our hearts are in the right place and we have respect for all the other creatures who share our planet.

Though I myself am not a hunter, I would be hypocritical to say that hunting for food was immoral as I do consume meat and fish.

Trophy hunting however is senseless and hurts the environment, upsetting the balance of nature. We risk losing a magnificent species from this type of hunting. If in fact these trophy hunters enjoy the majesty of our black bears and cougars, I'd encourage these people to allow the animals to exist alive in the wild.

Please stand up for the animals and support the the majority of Oregonia's call to action to ban this horrible practice.

Thank you.

Michelle Seden
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Christine McClure <chrismcclure43@icloud.com>
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Trophy hunting is horrific. These animals should be protected, not slaughtered.

Christine McClure
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Joan Evan <dreamsville851@q.com>
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Considering what is going on in our natural environment and the need for humans to change what they do to preserve the only planet we call home, giving any consideration to a special interest group like trophy hunters is completely wrong-headed.

These folks need to get a new hobby.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joan Evan
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Eileene Gillson <egillson3@gmail.com>
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Bears are an important part of the ecosystem and must be protected.

Eileene Gillson
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Sherwood, OR 97140-7110

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lisa Frangente <franolisa2000@gmail.com>
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Thank you for your consideration. I believe that trophy hunters are immoral people. No one should have the right to slaughter our precious wildlife for a wall plaque. Truly disgusting! Please help end this horrible practice.

Lisa Frangente
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Vanessa Brigham <vbrigham@gmail.com>
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Trophy hunting is an archaic practice, cruel, and simply put, killing for killing's sake. It has no purpose in our society. Thank you for your consideration.

Vanessa Brigham
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Deborah Friedman <cat_sailor@icloud.com>
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I absolutely do not support trophy hunting! Hunting cougars or bears when they are weak, or caring for their young, is simply wrong. I want these iconic animals to survive. I want a healthy and robust environment, which means keeping cougars, bears, wolves and coyotes as a part of it. We need modern day techniques to protect people, not archaic blood sport.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debbie

Deborah Friedman
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Hillsboro, OR 97123-9014

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Sarah Lopez <sarahtsubaki@gmail.com>
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Please be reminded that that these creatures are here for a reason as are we. We must find ways to harmonize and bring balance to the eco-systems and habitats so that we don't rush the sixth and seventh extinctions.

Sarah Lopez
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, OR 97005-2901

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Joseph Johnson <Johnson25129@live.com>
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Thank you for your consideration. Please reduce the numbers of licenses for this hunting. There are other ways to find funding that the killing of the ecosystem.

Joseph Johnson
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Terry Jess <terry.e.jess@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 10:26 AM
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As you consider, I reiterate, "The death of an animal is always a tragedy, but even more so when that death is entirely preventable. Trophy hunting is a cruel and unnecessary "sport"practice.

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Do disregard the life of these animals for the thrill of trophy hunters is truly immoral. We saw with the pandemic how the animal kingdom thrived with less human interference. I hope you as the keepers of the wildlife will seriously consider your responsibility to help protect them. Thank you for your consideration.

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Thank you for your consideration. This issue needs attention. People need to be aware of the indiscriminate slaughter under present law & work to change it.

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