

Budget Update
May 13, 2022

Supplemental Public Correspondence
Received as of May 11, 2022

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: pdxwanderer@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 4:22 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package ("Package")

Dear Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,

I thank you for helping to bring the Package forward. I strongly support the inclusion of the Package in the ODFW budget.

This Package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thanks for your consideration

Richard Sany
Portland, OR
503-515-3789 mobile

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Roberta Jortner <robertajortner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 4:18 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Greetings:

I am writing to express my support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I appreciate ODFW bringing forward this package as it will provide much needed resources for additional wildlife biologist capacity, to help fund proactive outreach and stakeholder engagement to promote stewardship and prevent human/wildlife conflicts, a Living with Wildlife Campaign, and Wildlife Rehabilitation facilities.

I volunteer at the Portland Audubon Wildlife Care Center (care center) and I know from first hand experience how important these facilities are across Oregon. And while there is a high level of demand for wildlife rehabilitation service, these facilities are under-resourced and run on shoe-string budgets that limit the amounts and types of services they can provide. I also know from my involvement with the care center, that it is vital to have more resources devoted to community outreach about living in harmony with wildlife and to help prevent human/wildlife conflicts.

Your consideration and approval of this package is a first and very important step in the process that will hopefully continue into the next legislative session. I urge you to support this package.

Thank you very much!
Roberta Jortner
Portland, Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: June Stephens <junebirdart@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 4:12 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I strongly support the inclusion of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in the ODFW budget! It is very important that we engage people in conservation and wildlife education.

The population of Oregon is rapidly increasing and encroaching into wildlife habitats. New housing is expanding into the UGB, thus contact with wildlife is inevitable. As a result, it is extremely important that we promote proactive steps through education and outreach to prevent conflicts between humans and wildlife, and provide humane and effective solutions for wildlife when such conflicts arise.

Humans can live peacefully with wildlife when given the appropriate tools and information!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

June Stephens



June Stephens Wildlife Art

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Karen Davies <karenleedavies@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 3:36 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. This package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. Your support of this package would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Karen Davies DVM

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: BRENDA WEBER <SWEBER30@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 1:37 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello,

I am a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and member of Umpqua Wildlife Rescue in Roseburg, Oregon. I really appreciate the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package that you are proposing for inclusion in the budget. This could make a huge difference in educating the public and protecting wildlife in the state. It is important to continue the partnership between ODFW and wildlife rehabilitators and hopefully strengthen it throughout the state.

Brenda Weber
Permit #1202

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Support Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

From: Joanne Richter <joanneerichter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 1:50 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Support Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

To whom it may concern. Having read about the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package currently being considered by the ODFW Commission, I am strongly in support of this initiative and encourage the Commission to add the proposed package to ODFW's budget. This package will help promote wildlife stewardship projects to reduce human / wildlife conflicts, and encourage new participants to engage in wildlife conservation. Thank you for your attention to these comments. Joanne

Joanne Richter
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"The idea of wilderness needs no defense. It only needs more defenders." Aldo Leopold

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Suzanne Linford <linfordsuzanne@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 1:11 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support inclusion of Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Please include the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in the budget. There is currently little public outreach educating the public about wildlife and expanding ways in which protection of wildlife is a priority for local business developers, recreationists and others. This organization would provide support for ODFW in management of wildlife. It could also counter the Department of Wildlife Services in their killing of many species.

Thank you.

Suzanne Linford,
Executive Director, Protect Animal Migration

From: Heidi Supkis <heidi.supkis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 12:49 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package!

RE: **Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package!**

This is the way to move forward - in conjunction with other organizations and agencies on the same page. Much can be done if folks come together with a passion to "balance" the equation with WILDLIFE and Humans.

Understanding and commitment are paramount to bringing Nature into balance. Thank you for the "thumb's up" and support . We appreciate the efforts of ODFW.

*Thank you for your attention.
Heidi Chapman Supkis*

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Adriana Wells <wellsadri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 12:45 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW

To Whom it may concern:

First of all, thank you so much for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. My family and I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget.

This will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. All very crucial aspects to have a more ha presentation of our precious ecosystems.

We dearly thank you for all the work you've done and continue to do.

Adriana

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Stephanie Arnold <arnold@lclark.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 12:31 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife coexistence package

To the ODFW Commission

I am a 35 year Oregon resident and taxpayer. I want to thank you for bringing forth the wildlife package which I think promises a healthier future for wildlife and residents of our beautiful state. I am a member of 1000 Friends of Oregon, the Audubon Society, and Columbia Riverkeeper. I try to do my part as a private citizen to promote good stewardship of our natural environment. I greatly appreciate your work in extending more protections to our wildlife that will bring more people into a partnership for conservation efforts.

With many thanks.

Stephanie Arnold
Portland, Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kermit Williams <kermit.donna@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 12:16 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Cc: Kermit Williams
Subject: ODFW's Wildlife Coexistence Package

Dear ODFW Commissioners:

We strongly support the Wildlife Coexistence Package that you are considering this Friday.

We want to thank ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Package. These funds would be so supportive of ODFW's mission statement to protect our wildlife and their habitat for this generation and future generations. It is extremely important to include this funding in the ODFW budget.

The proposed funding for five coexistence wildlife biologists is paramount considering needed protections for Oregon's predator population of cougars, wolves, coyotes and bobcats. We are members and volunteers of multiple wildlife advocacy groups, both local, statewide, and nationwide. It would be so helpful to have an agency help with outreach and education about our wildlife, such as why feeding deer is harmful to why indiscriminate killing of carnivore predators is actually scientifically proven to cause increased predation of livestock.

A communications coordinator is essential also in promoting stewardship and how one can prevent wildlife human conflicts. Likewise an anti poaching campaign is so necessary considering that poaching is a major cause of wildlife death. The example of the unbelievably large numbers of wolves killed and poisoned in NE Oregon is just one of multiple examples where an anti poaching campaign will help stop these illegal acts. Grant funds to support wildlife rehabilitation centers is also critical. We personally support a new rehab center that is located in Bend called Think Wild. If it were not for them, the great gray owl that we rescued after it flew into a resident's window would not have been able to be released back into the wild since it had hemorrhage in one eye that would have prevented it to hunt. The rehab center hospitalized and treated the owl for 5 days and determined that it was safe to release. Having grant money to support the center would ensure that they have adequate funding to continue doing their important jobs as a wildlife rescue center and non profit.

Thanks for considering our input.

Donna Harris D.V.M.
Kermit Williams

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Trevor Wells <trevorwells503@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 11:50 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Good morning,

We want to thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

We firmly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget.

This will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

We thank you for all the work you've done and continue to do.

Trevor

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: John Hale <thehales94@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 11:50 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Greetings! I am the Board President of Badger Run Wildlife Rehab in Klamath Falls. We are a small, non-profit facility with about a 10,000 square mile response area that admits around 200 wildlife patients annually. We also do substantial educational outreach to give folks a better appreciation of their native wildlife and mitigate negative human/wildlife interactions. We do all this with one paid, part-time wildlife care manager and a dozen dedicated volunteers. Our local ODFW folks have been a HUGE help to us over the years by assisting us with the sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife reported to us.

We are thrilled that you are considering the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package for inclusion in the ODFW budget! This would be a significant step in public education and improving environmental stewardship. We appreciate your inclusion of wildlife rehab center grants as part of the package. Thank you!

Laura V. Hale
President, Badger Run Wildlife Rehab
Klamath Falls, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

From: Christine Poklemba <christine.poklemba@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 11:29 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello,

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I very strongly support the inclusion of this package in the ODFW budget. I'm very proud to live in a State that is prioritizing these issues. It is very important work that will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Sincerely,
Christine Poklemba

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Badger Run Wildlife Rehab <brwrdrhru@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 11:12 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello,
I am the founder and Animal Care Manager of Badger Run Wildlife Rehab, a small not-for-profit organization in Klamath County. We have one part-time paid employee (me) and a handful of dedicated volunteers that keep us running. Without the help and support of our local ODFW folks we wouldn't be able to help some of the sick/injured/orphaned animals that get reported to us. The Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package sounds like a wonderful way to help us and other rehabilitators in Oregon even more! Thank you so much for considering this package and PLEASE include it in the ODFW budget! Thank you.

Liz Burton
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ODFW Permit #1526

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

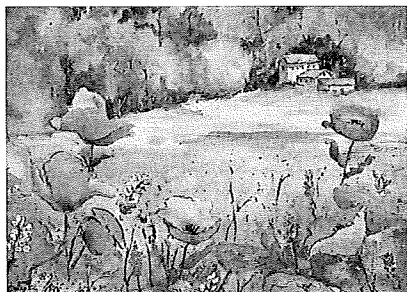
From: newbold0505@bendbroadband.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 10:52 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: The Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello,
Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package! I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. This package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human/wildlife conflicts.
Thank you,
Jacqueline Newbold

Come paint with me in Italy! May 22-28, 2022

Jacqueline Newbold

<https://newboldart.com/>



BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Alice Elshoff <calice58@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 10:49 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistent Funding

Please include the Wildlife Coexistent Funding Package in your budget. What a brilliant idea---
we Oregonians love our wildlife.
Alice Elshoff

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Rene Smith <rgs.bend@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 10:41 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Oregonians remain closely linked to wildlife. Increasingly though, habitat degradation and other pressures are compromising resources that our wildlife need to survive. This increases competition and conflict between people and wildlife. As this trend continues, conflicts with wildlife can be expected to increase in frequency, making finding effective and humane means of conflict resolution a priority.

I strongly support this package being in the ODFW budget because it will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

Sincerely,

Rene Smith
1307 NE Hoover Loop
Bend, OR 97701

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Sandra Taylor <taylormusic@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 10:40 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence funding package

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I support this package as it will enrich conservation efforts, work on ways to reduce conflict between humans and wildlife co-existence and promote continued caretaking of wildlife.

Sandra Taylor
Dallas, Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: dearmolly@aim.com <dearmolly@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:55 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: YES to Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

ODFW:

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. This package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thank you,
Ann Bakkensen
1141 SW Mitchell Lane
Portland, OR 97239

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Evelyn Taylor <etdixiemountain@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:51 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife

- Thank ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package
- Let the ODFW Commission know that you strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget
- Let the ODFW Commission know that this package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Nancy Mauter <osomauter3@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:50 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Package

Thank you for considering the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package and I support its inclusion in the ODFW budget.

I value the effort to reduce human-wildlife conflicts, promote wildlife stewardship and enhanced conservation.

With the ever increasing demands on our ecosystem from climate change. Additional efforts for wildlife conservation is very important.

Nancy Mauter
Lebanon, Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Betsy Packard <betspackard@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:40 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding

As a member of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, it has been brought to my attention that an innovative proposal to support Oregon's fish and wildlife populations is being considered. Thank you for bringing this forward. It is so important to raise awareness of this issue and engage new audiences in an effort to promote wildlife stewardship and reduce conflicts between humans and wildlife. I strongly support including this project in the ODFW budget.

Betsy Packard

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: amy becker <aevebecker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:31 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Act

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support the inclusion of this in the ODFW budget. This will promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human wildlife conflicts. As habitat degradation continues, we need to become ever more vigilant in protecting what is left.

Thank you,
Amy Becker

If you talk you can sing, if you walk you can dance.
Old African saying

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago,
The second best time is now

Old chinese proverb

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Susan Mates <smmates@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:42 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Supporting the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Packing. It is a crucial piece of your ODFW budget. Funding outreach, education, and response around human interactions with wildlife becomes more critical by the day. I applaud this shift in your approach to wildlife management and wildlife interactions.

Sincerely,
Susan Mates

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: David Stone <dns@efn.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:03 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Coexistence

Thank you for supporting coexistence with wildlife.

The innovative funding package you are including in your budget will bring long conflicting interests together. Such an approach is long overdue and will be supported by Oregonians all across the state.

David Stone
Springfield

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: LeeAnn Kriegh <krieghl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:36 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hi,

I'm a lifelong Oregonian and am writing to express support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package (WCFP). I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget and look forward to the meaningful improvements that would result.

The WCFP will help us reach new audiences, improve stewardship of wildlife, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts, all of which leads to cascading benefits for people and wildlife in Oregon.

Thank you for your support of the WCFP!

LeeAnn Kriegh
Bend, Oregon

LeeAnn Kriegh (she/her)
Author of *The Nature of Bend* and *The Nature of Portland*
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Susanna Askins <tlknkr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:04 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding

I very strongly support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding package. This is an essential part of saving our planet's ecosystem and stopping the ignorant, cruel practices being used for wildlife management and rehabilitation.

Thank you,

Susanna Askins

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Michele Barney <mickibarney@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:01 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

I want to express my support for this funding. Thank you for including it in the budget. I feel this package will promote wildlife stewardship and help reduce human-wildlife conflicts. I live in Corvallis and frequently hear of sightings of cougars, coyotes, foxes. Some people react with fear, others delight. We need more education on how to deal with these interactions.

Thank you.

Michele Barney, Corvallis

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: marnie mcphree <knobler50@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:40 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Good morning,

I am writing to thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package and let you know that I strongly support its inclusion in the state budget.

As a volunteer in the Portland Audubon Wildlife Care Center since 2018 and an educator by profession, I am heartily dedicated to providing increased resources for educating and working with the general public around wildlife stewardship, rehabilitation, and how to reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

I hope my voice is one of many supporting this package!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Manon Veilleux

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: veronica poklemba <ronnie717@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:27 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

- Hello,

I want to thank ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. It's really important to engage people in relation to the protection of wildlife.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Veronica Poklemba

Portland, OR 97206

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Courtney L Dillard <cldillard@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 5:50 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Another Oregonian in favor of the Coexistence Funding Package

Good morning!

I wanted to write as a person who has lived in Oregon for close to 25 years and who has been trying to speak up on behalf of Oregon's wildlife who lives here too since I arrived.

I really appreciate you introducing this funding package and encourage you to include it in the ODFW budget. I think you would probably agree that broadening the stakeholders in this conversation will benefit the state and likely result in more innovative and sustainable, compassionate practices going forward. I very much appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,
Courtney Dillard
2083 NW Johnson St., Apt. 56,
Portland, OR 97209

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Wildlife coexistence fund

From: paulae1013@aol.com <paulae1013@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:05 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Wildlife coexistence fund

I am an Oregon resident and I strongly support the Wildlife Coexistence Fund. Please ensure this proposal progresses and gets enacted.

Paula Edgar
Marcola, Oregon

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Thomas Doherty <thomasjosephdohertyiii@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:00 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello,

I am a parent living in Oregon. I wanted to thank the ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I and my family strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget this year. We believe this package will help engage new audiences in conservation, increase wildlife stewardship, and help reduce human-wildlife conflicts. This is important to us as Oregonians.

Thanks again for your hard work.

Regards,

Thomas Doherty
3953 NE 12th Ave
Portland, OR 97212

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Wildlife Coexistence Funding

From: Judith Norton <judithmarie55@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 8:51 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding

- Thank you ODFW Commission! I was thrilled when I read about the proposed Wildlife Coexistence Funding. Yes, please! As our population increases, we need more education and structures that minimize human impacts on wildlife - and vice versa. I fully support adding this important program to the budget.

Judith Norton
8606 N Portsmouth Avenue
Portland OR 97203

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Anne Trainor <annetrainor@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 8:20 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

To the ODFW:

Thank you for bringing this package forward. It seems like a great opportunity to both preserve and protect as well as give more people opportunity to enjoy and appreciate our amazing natural resources.

I would certainly like to see it included in the budget! What an important heritage to be able to leave for future generations.

Sincerely,

Anne Trainor
Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Karen Berry <karenberry1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 8:13 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear Commissioners -

Thank you for introducing the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. As a long-time Oregonian, I **strongly** support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. I'm am sure, that should the Package go forward, it will both promote wildlife stewardship and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. I so appreciate your work toward these goals.

Karen Berry, Portland, Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Bobbee Murr <bobbeemurr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 8:08 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package - yes!

Dear Commissioners:

Urging you to include the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in the ODFW budget. As you likely know, many, if not the majority, of Oregonians are eager to learn ways to co-exist with other species who grace our shared habitat.

Thank you for your efforts,

Bobbee Murr
former NMFS fisheries researcher
Portland, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

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Bobbee Murr
former NMFS fisheries researcher
Portland, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Karen Sjogren <sjogrenkaren2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 8:07 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW; Kelly Peterson
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

As a lifelong observer of fish and wildlife, I would ask you to support this package. It is endorsed by the Audubon Society and other organizations that I have found to be effective in dealing with the complexity of managing wildlife populations. Rather than taking a topdown, rules and regulations approach, it focuses on engaging with all stakeholders, education and problem solving. I would like to give a special good word for the funding of wildlife rehabilitators, those unsung heroes among us such as Lynn at Blue Mountain out in Pendleton and the facility in Corvallis. She herself has said that education is more effective than prohibitions on, for example, the use of ammunition containing lead which has been deadly so often to our bald eagle population. I would also like to see education on the detrimental effects of rodenticides, and alternative solutions to problems that do not have unintended negative consequences on other wildlife. I would assume that the funds for Living with Wildlife are directed to such alternative solutions.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Judy Steinberger <jlasteinberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 8:05 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife coexistence funding pkge

- I want to thank the commission for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package for consideration for next year's budget. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget and believe it will both help engage more citizens in conservation and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Please include the Wildlife Coexistence Finding Package in next year's budget.

Thank you.

Judy Steinberger

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jim <opecheelake@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 7:45 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello, and thank you for taking input. I strongly support the concept of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package, and urge you to include it in your budget. In 40 years on the western slope of the Tualatin Mountains in Multnomah County, I have seen how successfully people and wildlife can share a watershed if key habitat elements are retained for wildlife. Enhancing this understanding through valid data and citizen education is vital to keep this balance intact over the generations.

Thank you.

Jim Emerson

13900 NW Old Germantown Road

Portland, Oregon 97231

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Helena Wald <helena.wald@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 7:37 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: RE: the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello,

As an Oregon resident (in Portland) I want to thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget as it will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thank you,
Helena Wald

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Chelsea Batavia <ckb523@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 6:48 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for wildlife coexistence

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to commend you for considering the proposed Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package, and to strongly encourage you to adopt this package in your budget proposal. I am a Senior Environmental Scientist with the state of California, but I have lived in Oregon for nine years and completed my Master's and Ph.D. here with a focus on environmental ethics. Speaking in this capacity, I sincerely believe that a model of wildlife management predicated on views that objectify, commodify, and/or oppress wildlife is misaligned with sound science and morally untenable in the 21st century. It is time for society at large to move toward a model that promotes human-wildlife coexistence. Toward this end, we have much to learn from Indigenous Peoples who have inhabited these lands since time immemorial, and who have lived sustainably in kinship relations with the more than human world for many millennia. Adopting a path toward coexistence not only advances the worthy cause of recognizing the dignity and intrinsic value of wildlife as entities deserving of our respect and compassion, but also makes strides along the arc of moral progress by creating space for Indigenous views to hopefully find expression and exert greater influence over stewardship of Oregon's lands, waters, and wildlife.

Thank you very much for accepting my comment.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Batavia, PhD
Sr. Environmental Scientist
Delta Science Program, Delta Stewardship Council (but commenting as a private citizen, not a representative of my organization)

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Susan Saphone <susansaphone2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 5:46 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding

To the ODFW Commission members:
Thank you for this opportunity to use the budget to protect wildlife.

Although we think we are the kings of the planet, we couldn't do it without all the other species that make up our ecosystems.

As diversity diminishes and as populations decrease, it is extremely important to protect our wildlife. The cures for disease and other planetary ills may lie in other species' attributes.

And, of course, the birds and insects are our pollinators, without which we will not survive.

Thank you,
Susan Haywood
2146 NW Everett Street
Portland, OR 97210

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Anita Rose Savio <anitasavio@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 5:35 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. This package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

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Anita R. Savio
541-592-3073 (H)
541-592-9406 (C)

Has anyone tried unplugging the country and plugging it back in again?

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mickie Harshman <mschickadeedee@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 5:13 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hi,

I support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

It's a very exciting initiative!

Thanks so much,
Mickie Harshman

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: susan bauer <sjbauer75@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 4:52 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Oregon Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

I want to thank you for bringing this program forward!!! It has been needed for so long and it's adoption will benefit all Oregonians, animals and human!! Our wildlife is such a vital part of our environment and we need to learn to share the space we have with the animals!! I am so relieved that this issue is finally being addressed!! Again, many thanks and I will look forward to it becoming a reality!!

Susan Bauer
Medford, Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Shannon <shannonhunter11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 4:06 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

I'm writing to thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package - something I strongly support and that I hope you will include in the ODFW budget.

This package will help to promote wildlife stewardship, will help to reduce human-wildlife conflicts and will engage new audiences in conservation.

Thank you for taking this into consideration!

Shannon Hunter
Gladstone, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Elaine Miller <EMiller@neea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:59 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: I support the Passing of ODFW's Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW,

I want to share my strong support for the inclusion of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. Thank you for bringing this funding package. This package is crucial to helping engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

As a parent of a middle schooler who loves to camp and see wildlife, we need more of this kind of support.

Thank you, Elaine Miller

Portland Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Y Lind <yancy.lind@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:35 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: 2023-2025 Budget Planning

ODFW Commissioners,

I am a 6.5 year member of the ODFW Restoration & Enhancement Board, my second and final term ends October 2023. During this time, I have also been the R&E Board's representative to the External Budgeting Advisory Committee. I stress that I write this email to you as an individual, the views expressed are my own.

The R&E program was created in 1989 by the Oregon legislature to address what were concerns at the time with ODFW's budgeting process and to include representative stakeholders in spending decisions. The R&E board was purposefully established to directly report to you, the ODFW Commission, to maintain its independence. R&E was initially a temporary program but was made permanent by the legislature in 2019.

The R&E program is funded by surcharges on recreational and commercial fishing licenses. Since the program was established in 1989, recreational license surcharges have only been increased once, from \$2 to \$4, in 2009 to reflect inflation. Commercial surcharges have never been increased. I request that you consider adjusting surcharges in the next biennium to reflect inflation, thereby restoring R&E's budget to a level equivalent to the original legislative intent. A similar recommendation was made in the 2016 Secretary of State audit of ODFW but was not implemented. I understand that the department may be considering such an increase, and that this may require an act of the legislature, but I have seen nothing in the current EBAC materials indicating such a proposal.

I am proud of the volunteer work the R&E board has done. I believe that the board has provided valuable, independent, on-the-ground stakeholder input. Our ability to provide that service to our fellow anglers and all Oregonians, as well as meet the intent of the legislature, however, is diminished on an annual basis as surcharges stay fixed.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yancy Lind
yancy.lind@gmail.com

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Susan Weedall <weedallfamily@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:29 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: I support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

Dear Commissioners

Thanks for including the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in your budget submission. This package will start to engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. I am in strong support of this budget allocation.

Sincerely,

Susan Weedall
3124 NE Knott St.
Portland, OR 97212

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Debra W <wilsondebraj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:23 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: I strongly support ODFW's Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package!

I strongly support Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's "Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package"!

The package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Debra Wilson
Ashland, Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: finn shattuck <finnshattuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:20 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW,

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package, I and many others strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget and I am excited about the positive changes it has the potential to bring. This package will help engage the public with conservation efforts, promote positive wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Oregon's constituents and its wildlife appreciate the environmental support this package will bring.

Thank you
Finn Shattuck

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ruth Phinney <ruth.phinney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:11 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Thanks for ODFW support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear Commissioners,

I write to express thanks and gratitude for your support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. Your actions show recognition of the crucial role diversity has to play in preserving and protecting our environment during our complex and changing times. Your role in helping to manage these issues and in communicating their importance to the general public and increasing the public's understanding of the role individual actions play will have an enormous impact on the problem.

You will bring the opportunities and problems of the interface between the public and our natural environment to many who have previously spared little to no attention for the subject. You will raise new supporters for conservation. You will provide further understanding of wildlife stewardship and the complex ecologies that support it. You will enable more people to enjoy nature while reducing conflicts between people and wildlife.

You have my sincerest thanks and support for including this in the ODFW budget.

Very sincerely yours,
Ruth V. Phinney

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Ruth Phinney

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Teri Wadsworth <teriwadsworth@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 2:56 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: wildlife coexistence funding package

Dear ODFW,
Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. IT will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship and reduce human-wildfire conflicts.

Thank you,
Teri Wadsworth
8200 NE Worden Hill Rd, Dundee, OR 97115

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Su Libby <bigwiscon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 2:50 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding

On behalf of Great Old Broads for Wilderness

We would like to voice our support for inclusion of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package into the upcoming ODFW Budget.

Our Oregon Wildlife has for far too long been seen as a resource for game animals and recreation, or in worst cases as a nuisance, rather than a recognition of the vital role that our native species play in the maintenance of a healthy ecosystem for all...including humans.

We support the addition of knowledgeable Staff dedicated to Wildlife Coexistence and in particular support the addition of funding solely for the purpose of wildlife rehabilitation.

Broadly Yours
Su Libby
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
PNW Wildlife BRAT
Eugene, OR 97402

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Hillary Tiefer <hillarytiefer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 2:33 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Thank you for considering the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in your ODFW budget. I highly support this package. I care very much about Oregon's wildlife and like many other Oregonians want fish and wildlife to be properly managed and conserved in Oregon, using more humane approaches and reducing and mitigating human conflicts with wildlife. Please include this vital package in your ODFW budget.

Sincerely,

Hillary Tiefer, PhD

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Nina <babunina10@mind.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 2:33 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

I wish to thank ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I absolutely support its inclusion in ODFW's budget. This will bring a new audience into conservation, in promoting stewardship of our wildlife and reduce human wildlife conflicts. The importance of bringing the human species closure to all that is natural is of the utmost importance today,.

Nina Council, Resident of Ashland, Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Please Pass the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

From: Tammy Spencer <tammy_spencer@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 2:27 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Please Pass the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hi there,
Thank you to ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget and am enthused this funding package has moved forward in the budget. I truly believe this funding will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. All of these areas are important aspects of the critical work of wildlife coexistence.

This funding proposal appears to represent a positive shift in the way ODFW approaches wildlife management and wildlife rehabilitation. I would be thrilled to see this happen.

Tammy Spencer
Past Portland Audubon Board Member
Current Portland Audubon Volunteers

Sent from one of my devices.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Sally Compton <sally@thinkwildco.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 1:52 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Think Wild Support Statement for Wildlife Coexistence Program
Attachments: Wildlife Coexistence Program-Think Wild Support Statement.pdf

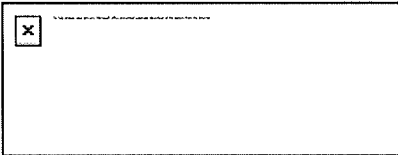
Dear Chair Wahl and Commissioners,

Please see the attached support statement from Think Wild for the Wildlife Coexistence Program. We are thrilled to see that this funding package prioritizes wildlife stewardship, humane-wildlife conflict prevention, and wildlife rehabilitation, as these are the core areas of our mission.

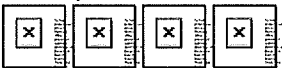
Please let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to the results of the meeting on Friday.

Best,
Sally

Sally Compton
Executive Director
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www.thinkwildco.org | info@thinkwildco.org



"Inspiring our high desert community to care for and protect our native wildlife through education, conservation and rescue/rehabilitation."



BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Andrea <andreasher_2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 1:23 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding - in Favor

Dear ODFW Commissioners

The Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package is critical in our states progress toward more contemporary and humane wildlife management and care practices. I am writing in support of this funding package because I believe in the conservation focused practices that reduce human-wildlife conflicts in favor of peaceful wildlife and human co-existence.

Please support this very important Funding Package!!

Thank you
Andrea Kozil

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Steven Storla <srstorla@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 1:18 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW,

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. This package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Sincerely,
Steven Storla

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Chris Dodge <chris.c.dodge@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 1:12 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

To whom it may concern,

I was thrilled to learn the direction that ODFW is going with the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. This is such a huge leap in the right direction and I wanted to share my enthusiasm and support and thank you for setting funds aside for these important initiatives.

I was really excited to see that funds will be set aside for biologists, as well as a coordinator to assist with outreach - I think this will result in better and more informed wildlife stewardship and expand the reach of important messaging and education.

It's wonderful that grant money is being set aside to support organizations doing the important work of wildlife rehabilitation.

Thank you so much for creating this coexistence funding package -- I really hope it makes it into the 2023/2024 budget as planned!

~Chris Dodge

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Barb Greene <bgreen@flyingfocus.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:57 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget

This package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts

Thank you for supporting Oregon's wildlife!

Barb Greene
N Portland

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Deb Foster <dfosterpta@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:55 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: co-existing with wildlife- YES!

Dear ODFW,

First and foremost, THANK YOU for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package! I support, in the strongest possible way, its inclusion in the ODFW budget. Prioritizing a healthy and thriving wildlife population, for their own sake, is long overdue, but even more important than ever now as our warming climate and horrific wildfires are decimating their habitat. Thank you for working with Portland Audubon on this project- our wild neighbors need all the possible help we can provide.

In addition, this package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. By making sure that wildlife is thriving, we are also making sure that WE will continue to survive and thrive. Our worlds are intertwined. Please see that this package is included, in its entirety, in your budget.

With the utmost sincerity, urgency and gratitude,

Deb

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: RICK MILLER <imillerman@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:55 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding

Hello, I am highly in favor of this being passed.

Thank you,

Rick Miller
Portland OR 97225

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Linda Zook <lindazooker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:54 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW

- Thanks ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package
- I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget
- This package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts

Linda Zook
18 condolea dr
Lake Oswego, Or 97035
phone 503.313.1349

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Elizabeth Collins <circle2square@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:42 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: I support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello,

I want to thank you for your work on the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I support this package and it should be included in the 2023/24 budget.

It has been demonstrated in other states that funding efforts to teach people how to live with and prevent harming animals is cheaper, safer and better for the environment than our archaic and detrimental attempts to eradicate animals. Turns out we need them and we need to protect them.

I thank you for including a Living with Wildlife campaign, developing a communications coordinator position, and supporting wildlife rehab centers, most of which struggle just to continue to exist. I urge you to include this package in the ODFW 2023/24 budget.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Collins
3625 NE Alberta Ct.
Portland, OR 97211
(503) 803-7747

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

From: Ulrike Streicher <Ulrike@cascadesraptorcenter.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:38 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW commission members,

Bob Salinger informed us about the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package you have developed. This would be such an important step in the efforts to protect Oregon's unique wildlife! I strongly support the inclusion of this package into the ODFW budget. At the rehabilitation centers we directly feel the consequences of people moving to a wildlife rich state and then having no idea how to live with wildlife around. There is often so little knowledge and more education in this field is so important. On top of that it is great that there is some grant money which looks like it is earmarked for rehabilitation efforts. It will be a visible sign that ODFW appreciate the work rehabilitators do and they consider them a valid partner.

I really hope this will be included in the future budget and look forward to possibly working together on aspects within this package.

Sincerely,

Ulrike Streicher

Dr. Ulrike Streicher
Veterinarian
Cascades Raptor Center
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Oregon

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lynn Kitagawa <lynnkit@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:27 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please pass the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW,

Thank you for bringing forward this funding package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. As a long time Portland Audubon member, I know this package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Sincerely,
Lynn Kitagawa
Portland OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: paullips3@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:07 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: ODFW Advancing Funding "Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package"

I have had the privilege of serving as the executive leader at Portland Audubon this past year.

Audubon has been working with the ODFW for the past six months to develop a "Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package" for the 2023/24 budget. This package which is in your proposed budget will go before your ODFW Commission Friday, May 13.

It is exciting to report to our supporters that this represents a massive and very positive shift in the way ODFW approaches wildlife management and wildlife rehabilitation. THANK YOU.

And, we know this package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. This is on very important step in a process that will continue into the next legislative session.

Thank you for supporting Oregon's wildlife!

Paul Lipscomb

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Paul Lipscomb
503-784-9471

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Bob & Ruth <harbach@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:01 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.
I strongly support inclusion of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in the ODFW budget.

Increasingly, habitat degradation and pressures such as climate change are compromising resources that our wildlife need to survive. This increases competition and conflict between people and wildlife. As this trend continues, conflicts with wildlife can be expected to increase in frequency, making finding effective and humane means of conflict resolution a priority. This package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Ruth Schellbach
Salem, Oregon



Blue Mountain Wildlife

71046 Appaloosa Lane
Pendleton, OR 97801

Telephone: 541-278-0215
Email: lynn@bluemountainwildlife.org
www.bluemountainwildlife.org

May 10, 2022

Dear Members of the ODFW Commission,

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in the 2023/24 ODFW budget. As the Executive Director of Blue Mountain Wildlife I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. Blue Mountain Wildlife is the only permitted wildlife rehabilitation center in eastern Oregon. In 2021 BMW admitted more than 800 migratory birds from throughout eastern Oregon, returning half of them to the wild.

Typically (before COVID-19) BMW provided more than 100 environmental education programs to schools and other public venues each year. We are now providing those programs via Zoom which allows us to bring environmental awareness of the impact of humans on our planet to even more members of the public. We also share data collected from our rehab and ambassador birds with research biologists.

BMW is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization. Our annual budget is more than \$200,000 per year. More than 70% of that funding comes from the public we serve. Having access to grant funding from ODFW would reduce the time spent fundraising and allow more time to serve the people and wildlife of eastern Oregon.

Thank you for this opportunity to relay Blue Mountain Wildlife's support of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package to you.

Sincerely,

Lynn Tompkins
Executive Director
Blue Mountain Wildlife
71046 Appaloosa Lane
Pendleton, OR 97801

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Adelia Hwang <adeliahwang@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:59 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support the inclusion of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in the ODFW budget. This package will support many valuable goals including cultivating new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thank you!
Adelia Hwang

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

From: Domyo Burk <domyodawn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:48 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW,

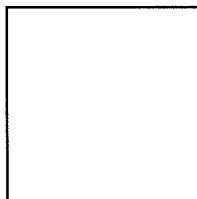
Please fully fund the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

It has been a valuable effort putting the package, and funding it will have many benefits for people and wildlife.

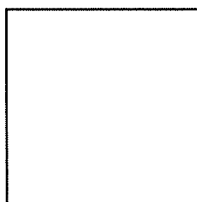
Thanks,
Domyo Burk

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Domyo Burk - 12180 SW Walker Road, Beaverton OR 97005 - 971-207-1843



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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Yancette Halverson <yancette5592@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:43 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW

I am writing to you urging you to support the Oregon Wildlife Co-Existence plan. It has been distressing to read about the surging crises of Wildlife whom are experiencing the degradation of and loss of their lands, homes and eco-systems...upon which, they are dependent simply to survive. Humans have continued to behave as though they are separate from the rest of all beings; that we can continue to destroy Nature and Wildlife ...without consequence. We Cannot. We are facing an extinction event now and it is likely, if we continue to behave as though we can wrest everything and every being within Nature and cause it to bend to our Hubristic Will, the Human Animal will face extinction as well. We ARE one of the products of Nature. This short-sighted thinking and behaving MUST END. NOW. Please consider this as you make your decision.

Thank-you for your time,
Yancette Halverson

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Wildlife coexistence package

From: Peggy Cheatham <peggyc2960@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:37 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Wildlife coexistence package

I am delighted to see something like this come to light. Thanks for continuing to work toward coexisting in harmony with wildlife rehabilitators.

Peggy Cheatham
Umpqua Wildlife Rescue
Roseburg Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Dave Cummings <cummings.d@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:22 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Coexistence With Wildlife Package

Gentlemen:

I wanted to let you know I support the Coexistence With Wildlife Package being proposes with the provision that it not be funded with fees for fishing and hunting licenses and tags. ODFW is already unable to adequately fund programs for game and fish species and this package should be funded out of the state general fund.

Thank you!
Dave Cummings

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: kylene williams <kystenew@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:21 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for creating and considering the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package (WCFP) for funding. The inclusion of funding for five wildlife biologists, a communication coordinator, monies for a "Living with Wildlife Campaign" and grant programs for rehab centers is very welcome and necessary. I appreciate the positive direction and focus on wildlife management and rehabilitation. I strongly support the inclusion of this package in the ODFW budget: I believe it will successfully engage a larger and more diverse audience for conservation, stewardship and decrease wildlife conflicts.

Sincerely,

Kylene Williams
16110 SW Royalty Pkwy
Portland OR 97224

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Martrese Beck <martrese@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:34 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello ODFW,

Thank you VERY much for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget, as it will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thank you for supporting Oregon's wildlife!

Best regards,
Martrese Beck, Hillsboro, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Barbara Ports <bjports@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:19 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW; Barbara Ports
Subject: Support for Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Thank you, ODFW, for bringing this package forward. It's extremely important that this package be included in the ODFW budget. It will greatly help to inform the citizenry, engage them in conservation and find ways to avoid or reduce conflicts between humans and wildlife.

Barbara

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Stephen Bachhuber <srbachhuber1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:15 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife coexistence

To the ODFW:

Funding coexistence with wildlife is a fabulous concept. As our farms, industrial forests, and cities expand this becomes more urgent. We must learn to live with our wild neighbors, rather than extirpate them.

Our health and the planet's health depend on it. You have my full support.

Stephen Bachhuber
3428 SE 9th Avenue
Portland, OR 97202
503-319-3950

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Donna Steadman <dab1219@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:57 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Yes! to the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW Staff,

I've recently become aware of the **Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package** and think that there are many good reasons to include it in your budget. The money would be put to good use and would produce many benefits to both the people and wildlife in our state..

Thank You,

Donna Steadman
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Tigard, OR 97224

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ali Berman <emmash@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:53 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please fund the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW,

Thank you so much for putting forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I wholeheartedly support including it in the budget. With these steps you will help transform people into wildlife stewards who are equipped with the tools to protect wildlife and reduce wildlife conflicts.

We are all neighbors with wildlife. It's important we are caring and considerate neighbors.

Best,

Ali Berman
Portland, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Dana L Brown <danaconsulting@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:51 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Pkg

Thank you for bringing this funding package forward. I strongly support its inclusion in your budget.

This will assist in meeting many purposes that the public views as important, including reducing wildlife-human conflicts, connecting with new groups as conservationists and encouraging wildlife stewardship and protection.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dana Brown

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Anne Kollender <akollender@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:50 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello!

First I want to thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Package! I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget because of the potential it has to engage new audiences in wildlife stewardship, along with a potential reduction of human/wildlife conflicts. This funding package represents and supports such a positive direction for Oregonians and the wildlife who share this state with us. I strongly recommend its inclusion in the budget.

Thanks again,
Anne Kollender


BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Danahy Sharonrose MA LPC <auspiciouslife@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:45 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: wildlife

Dear folk:

- Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package
- I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget
- This package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts

Thank you for supporting Oregon's wildlife!

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: We support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

From: Lin Bernhardt <linbernhardt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:38 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: We support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

- Thank ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package
- Let the ODFW Commission know that you strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget
- Let the ODFW Commission know that this package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts

Dear Commissioners:

We would like to encourage the implementation of this very important work. Thank you for bringing forward this funding package. Wildlife and humans alike deserve this forward-thinking approach to conflicts and is consistent with the high value Oregonians place on wildlife.

We strongly support this funding!

Thank you,

Lin Bernhardt

Southern Oregon Animal Advocates

Talent, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Vicky Medley <vickymmedley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:26 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Please support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I would like to strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget! The additional resources it will bring will help engage new audiences, promote wildlife stewardship and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

As a Portland Audubon supporter I encourage you to include this package in the 23/24 budget.

Thank you.

Vicky Medley

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Michael Oliver <oliver100@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:29 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding

Commissioners:

I am writing in support of ODFW advancing the proposal to fund the Wildlife Coexistence Plan as part of the Department's next biennial budget.

This proposal will help to address a huge current need and help to narrow the asymmetry in the State's lagging support for this critical obligation.

Michael Oliver
3217 SW Arnold St
Portland 97219

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kimber Nelson <kimber_nelson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:26 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence

As a Portlander, wildlife tracking volunteer for ODFW, and supporter of Portland Audubon, I thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget because this package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thank you for your work on this funding package and for helping to move it forward.

Kimber Nelson, RN
Portland, OR
Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kathryn Sheibley <kssheibley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:12 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Thank you for introducing the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package which I strongly support to be included in the ODFW budget.

Kathryn Sheibley

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Sheila Donley <sforrette77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:07 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

- Thank you for creating this funding opportunity. I wholly support this and other wildlife protections. This package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.
- Again, THAN YOU!!!

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Nikko Baraquio <nikkob@windermere.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 2:48 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Importance: High

Dear ODFW:

I first want to thank ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I want you to know that I strongly support its inclusion in the budget.

I volunteer for the Portland Audubon in wildlife rehabilitation and we require an increase in support and resources to help wildlife stewardship, wildlife rehabilitation, engage new constituencies and to reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Sincerely,

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: KIFFI HARRIS <kifharris@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:23 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I am writing to let you now I strongly support this package and encourage you to please fund this program. I volunteer weekly at a local rehabilitation center and I see the serious impacts of human and wildlife conflicts. It is so important to educate the public on how to coexist with wildlife and have the support system in place when intervention is necessary to help injured and orphaned wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this package.
Kiffi Harris

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Nancy Yeend <nancyeend@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 8:50 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: funding

I recently had an opportunity to read about the proposed ODFW Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package, and am so delighted to see that you are increasing that funding. The programs you support are critical to rehabilitation projects, outreach and education.

Nancy

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Carolyn Vock Dempsey <dempsey999@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 7:41 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package support

ODFW Commission

First of all I want to thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. It's a great opportunity to broaden knowledge to our public and help with wildlife in our urban and rural communities. I strongly support this being included in the budget and am excited that it under consideration.

I currently volunteer in wildlife rehabilitation and have the opportunity to interact with the public quite a bit to discuss wildlife in their neighborhood to help understand what is natural and can be enjoyed safely and how to deal with potential conflicts. This funding package help broaden this knowledge to continue to make our state a special place to live.

Thanks

Carolyn vock

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Gabriel Amadeus Tiller <gabrielamadeus@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 3:12 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: I support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello,

I'm writing in support of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package and strongly encourage you to include it in the upcoming budget.

I'm happy to see the increasingly important human-wildlife interface being proactively planned for in packages such as this. I work in tourism and recreation development throughout Oregon and always try to integrate conservation messaging and mitigation in the work I do. Recreation, as you well know, has grown substantially during the pandemic. I'm hearing reports that say trail usage is up 150-200%.

While I'm happy that so many more people are finding value and solace in wild places, this means interactions with wildlife are also on the rise. The Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package will help educate the public, support stewardship efforts, rehabilitate wildlife, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thank you,

Gabriel Amadeus Tiller
(503) 381-4456

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Founder, Oregon Timber Trail Alliance
Co-founder, Oregon Mountain Biking Coalition*

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Pronouns: he/him/his

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: hazel smith <hazeltheowl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 10:56 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife co-existing funding!

Hello fish and wildlife!

Thank you so much for including funding for wildlife co-existing package in your budget proposal!!!
I am 100% in support of any and all funding to support wildlife and the environment!
I have been volunteering as a wildlife rehabber for 25 years. It's the most valuable thing I do for this world and I am a nurse by profession.

Sincerely,

Ann Spencer
Oregon native and tax payer since 1965

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: NANCY KNIGHT <knight4252@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 8:47 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

ODFW,

Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the budget. I currently volunteer at the Audubon Society Care Center as a Greeter (I help check in injured birds and small mammals). I am amazed at the commitment of the people who work and volunteer there, as well as the many people who come long distances to bring injured animals for care. Given these things, it is so important that ODFW increase resources to help support wildlife stewardship, wildlife rehabilitation, engage new constituencies, and to reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thank you,
Nancy J. Knight

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Deb Whitcomb <1debwhit@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 8:29 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package - upcoming budget

Hello ODFW Commission,

I was so pleased to see the inclusion of a Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in your upcoming biennial budget. I volunteer at Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center, so see on a regular basis the damaging results of human/wildlife interactions. There is great need for a public who is better educated about living with wildlife. Thank you for recognizing this need!

Deb Whitcomb

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Marilyn Ellis <marilyncellis@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 7, 2022 4:51 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: WILDLIFE COEXISTENCE PACKAGE FINDING 2023

I am a wildlife rehabilitator with Portland Audubon, wildlife educator and instructor for Portland Community College. I have dedicated the past 30 years to protecting wildlife and educating the public. I support more funding to treat injured wildlife and to educating the public about wildlife needs as well as potential conflicts. Oregon's wildlife is a State and National Treasure and is vitally important to all of us.

Please help us to help YOU by implementing this funding package.

Marilyn Ellis, OMN, CIG
Oregon Master Naturalist
Certified Interpretive Guide

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kelly Peterson <kpeterson@humanesociety.org>
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 8:00 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Cc: Kelly Peterson
Subject: Support for Wildlife Coexistence Program (Wildlife Response Workgroup Recommendation)
Attachments: Wildlife Coexistence Program-HSUS Support Statement.pdf

Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission:

Attached please find our comments in support of the Wildlife Coexistence Program, a recommendation from the Wildlife Response Workgroup.

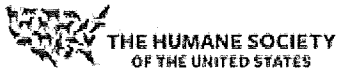
Thank you.

Kelly

Kelly Peterson
(she/her/hers)
Oregon Senior State Director

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

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**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

May 6, 2022

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

Re: Support for Wildlife Coexistence (Wildlife Response Workgroup Recommendation)

Dear Chair Wahl and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), I am writing to express our support for the proposed Wildlife Coexistence Program as outlined in the 2023-2025 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Budget. We appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Wildlife Response Taskforce led by Commissioners Mark Labhart and Kathayoon Khalil. We also want to thank the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) for their collaboration and commitment to invest meaningfully in resources that mitigate human-wildlife conflicts, inspire urban wildlife stewardship and responsibility, and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Today many species of wild animals flourish in our communities while others are increasingly adapting to urban living. As Oregon's human population continues to expand, conflicts with wildlife can be expected to increase in both kind and frequency, making finding effective and humane means of conflict resolution a priority. Taking proactive steps through education and outreach to prevent conflicts from occurring in the first place, and providing humane and effective solutions for wildlife when they do, is something that a diversity of wildlife stakeholders can get behind.

This investment will pay off in many ways for Oregonians. By providing information and responses that help people make appropriate decisions, it will reduce the likelihood of problems becoming exacerbated, incurring costs for both the public and our responding agencies and personnel. Additionally, this program will provide an important base for responding to conflicts and challenges associated with long-term climate change trends as well as other human and environmental impacts that we may face in the future.

The Wildlife Coexistence Program will also provide much needed support for our state's wildlife rehabilitator organizations—who all operate as nonprofits—and who are equally committed to caring for and helping to conserve Oregon's wildlife while also serving as a hands-on resource for their local communities and fielding thousands of calls each year for help and guidance.

Once again, we want to offer our gratitude to both the Department and the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission for bringing forward a wildlife coexistence program that reflects Oregon's changing values towards wildlife. We know from survey results that a strong majority of Oregonians, or 76%, believe it is extremely important for fish and wildlife populations to be properly managed and conserved in Oregon, suggesting approval of more humane solutions and approaches to reducing and mitigating conflicts with wildlife.

The HSUS looks forward to working with Commissioners Labhart and Khalil and the Department in the months ahead to help support this comprehensive program and to ensure humane and effective solutions are at the forefront of this effort.

Sincerely,

Kelly Peterson
Oregon State Director
The Humane Society of the United States



May 9, 2022

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

Re: Support for Wildlife Coexistence (Wildlife Response Workgroup Recommendation)

Dear Chair Wahl and Commissioners:

On behalf of Think Wild, Central Oregon's public non-profit wildlife hospital and conservation center, I am writing to express our support for the proposed Wildlife Coexistence Program as outlined in the 2023-2025 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Budget. Think Wild's mission is to inspire the high desert community to care for and protect native wildlife through education, conservation, and rescue and rehabilitation.

The need for wildlife education, rescue and rehabilitation in Oregon is great. Central Oregon, specifically, is one of the fastest growing areas in the United States, but it is largely encompassed by public lands home to abundant and diverse native wildlife. Rapid urban development is intensifying human encroachment on wildlife habitat and subsequently, the occurrence of human-wildlife conflicts. Ecologically significant wildlife such as apex predators, keystone species, and Oregon Species of Concern are especially susceptible to human encroachment and conflict-related injuries.

Last year, Think Wild responded to over 2,000 calls from the public about wildlife related concerns through our wildlife hotline. Of those calls, more than 50% were resolved through individualized guidance and education, while the rest required professional rescue, rehabilitation, and/or wildlife veterinary services at our Center. Think Wild provides these essential resources and more to the community, people and wildlife, at no-cost. Although we work closely with state and federal agencies and significantly offset calls, requests, and services by our local and state government regarding wildlife, we do not currently receive any government funding.

As the region's leader in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, it is also our mission not only to provide essential medical care to native wildlife, but to address root causes of harmful human/wildlife conflict through education, outreach, and conservation services. This aligns closely with the goals outlined in the Wildlife Coexistence Program. Think Wild provides onsite, offsite, and virtual wildlife education programming, especially to underserved, rural communities, professional development and veterinary workshops, riparian restoration and humane exclusion

services. Partners include the Central Oregon Community College Veterinary Technician Program, Jefferson County School District, the Crooked River Watershed Council, and many more.

A \$300k wildlife rehabilitation grant program would allow Think Wild, and other Oregon wildlife rehabilitation centers, to continue to provide and expand our essential services for the benefit of both humans and wildlife. Thank you for considering our facilities in your budget, and please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Compton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sally Compton
Executive Director
Think Wild Central Oregon
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