

Budget Update
May 13, 2022

Supplemental Public Correspondence
Received as of May 13, 2022

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Anne Ryder <anneryderslp@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 4:50 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Yes for Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello,

I would like to inform you of our support for this plan.

Sincerely
Anne Ryder
Eugene

Sent from my iPad

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Sczyrba, Meg <meg.sczyrba@usbank.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 2:59 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

I wanted to take a moment to comment the ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package! What a wonderful approach to ensuring that we can reduce human-wildlife conflicts! I think it is also important to promote wildlife stewardship and engage more people in conservation! Well done!

In sum, I am expressing my support for including this package in your budget!

Have a great day!

U.S. BANCORP made the following annotations

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Amy Patrick <amy@oregonhunters.org>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 2:37 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Commission testimony
Attachments: OHA Testimony - budget.pdf

Please accept this written testimony regarding the budget component of today's commission meeting in addition to the verbal testimony I provided at the meeting.

Thank you!
Amy

Amy Patrick
Policy Director

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May 13, 2022

Chair Wahl, Director Melcher, Commissioners,

The Oregon Hunters Association appreciates the ability to participate in the External Budget Advisory Council process and provide input on the agency's budget, policy options packages (POPs), and legislative concepts. As such, OHA has reviewed the thirty-five POPs that have been put forth with the draft budget and would like to identify several that we feel should be prioritized and a glaring absence.

With mule deer populations in decline, the revision of the mule deer management plan is a much needed priority for the department. OHA supports the Mule Deer Coordinator and Mule Deer Research and Data Management proposals and we encourage the increased staff capacity and ability to bolster research and data management to better inform the decisions for future mule deer management. Additionally, OHA continues to support the acquisition of the Minam River Wildlife Area and encourages the department to prioritize this final phase of acquisition.

However, the lack of funding for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) research and the establishment of in-state testing abilities is disturbingly absent from the agency's budget proposals. With CWD cases recently found in Idaho, there is an extreme need for the department to develop in-state testing, as well as increased research and sampling outreach.

CWD is of such importance to our ungulate populations that funding, even General Funds appropriation, should be prioritized over numerous other packages listed in the budget. It is difficult for OHA to fully support packages such as the Wildlife Coexistence Program, with 6 positions and \$300,000 in additional funding, when an issue as potentially dire as CWD has been left out of the budget entirely.

Should CWD reach Oregon, the consequences could have extremely detrimental effects on hunter participation, recruitment, retention, and, ultimately, license and tags sales which would endanger ODFW's budget. Now is the time for the department to prioritize in-state testing abilities, as well as develop additional research and sampling framework to prepare Oregon for the worst case scenario.

In the absence of a policy option package designed to prioritize funding for this imperative issue, OHA cannot give the budget our full support.

In relation to the department's legislative concepts, OHA would not be supportive of the concept regarding the commission gaining the ability to adjust license products to the Consumer Price Index. The department has been successful in managing funds without a rate increase for six years, which OHA applauds, and as such, we see no reason to change the current structure in place for future license products.

Regarding the need to restructure the commission due to Oregon's new congressional district, OHA encourages the department to restructure the current legislative concept language to incorporate representation by congressional district. OHA believes it is imperative that commission members continue to be representative of Oregon's voters and the regions of the state.

Thank you,
Amy Patrick
Policy Director

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: borden beck <bborden@teleport.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 2:20 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: wildlife coexistence funding

ODFW

Please fund/pass the proposed Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

I've always felt ODFW pays far more attention to fish and wildlife that are hunted and I wish that in addition to that charge, ODFW would devote more resources to protecting the broader variety of non-game life. I do not see this as a request to shift resources, but rather to gain additional resources to better broaden your charge to enhance and protect all wildlife and habitat.

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smile more, it's good for you

Borden Beck
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Pam Whyte <pamwhyte@emgewhyte.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 1:49 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding

Greetings:

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

Pam Whyte
Emge & Whyte

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: GC MacCrone <gmaccrone@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 1:37 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Average Joe Citizen Comments: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello, Commissioners--

First, I appreciate your concern and its manifestation in working with your constituents--fellow citizens all. Let us be "good ancestors," as Robert Macfarlane notes in his book, "Underland."

Second, I write to convey my support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. As you are undoubtedly aware, our planet is in the midst of a sixth great extinction. This appropriation, however, is a balm to the damage we humans--by our mere existence--have caused this big, beautiful, blue marble, this miracle of creative coincidence, this fortuitous and gratuitous agglomeration of stardust. Your proposal is a wonderfully positive step forward in helping ensure that the beauty of Oregon that attracts us all remains for all, now and in the future. Let's get 'er done!

Thank you for your work.

Gm.
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Gregory C. MacCrone
Portland, Ore.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Danny Mankin <Danny@cascadesraptorcenter.org>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 1:35 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

To: ODFW Commission,

I would like to thank ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. I believe that this package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Danny

Danny Mankin
(he/him)
Interim Executive Director
Cascades Raptor Center
Working Days: Monday/Wednesday/Friday



BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lindsay Magill <lindsaym@wildlifeimages.org>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 10:52 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

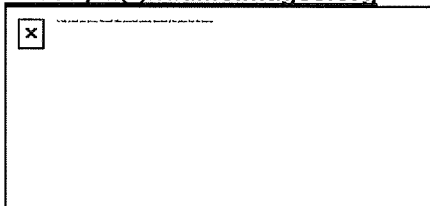
Good evening,

I am the lead wildlife rehabber at Wildlife Images and I want to thank you for moving the Wildlife Coexistence Funding package forward. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget.

Sincerely,

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Lindsay Magill (she/her)
Lead Wildlife Rehabilitator
Wildlife Images Rehabilitation and Education Center
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Chris Plaisted <cjplaisted@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 10:23 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package Request

Hi,

As an environmental attorney working in Oregon, I feel it's important for me to speak out in support of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I hope that by funding this package the ODFW will be able to do even more to promote wildlife stewardship and work to reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thank you,

Christopher Plaisted

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Wildlife coexisting funding package

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

From: Karen Boulton <Karenboulton@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 10:23 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Wildlife coexisting funding package

I am writing to let you know that I and many other people who believe it is important to support the Wildlife Coexisting Funding Package. Please include it in your budget.

Thanks you.

Karen Boulton & Jonathan Briggs
206 214 8993

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: In support of the The Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

From: Rachel Sitler <rachelmsitler@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 10:22 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: In support of the The Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hi,

As a veterinarian licensed in Oregon, I feel it's important for me to speak out in support of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I hope that by funding this package the ODFW will be able to do even more to promote wildlife stewardship and work to reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thank you,

Dr. Rachel Sitler, DVM

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: JudyR <judyreportland@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 8:58 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Coexistence wildlife funding package

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I heartily endorse the funding package to provide education, stewardship and collaboration among Oregonians around wildlife activities. I am a regular reader of Montana Outdoors, a publication of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and have long wished Oregon DFW had similar perspective and outreach on conservation and wildlife matters. This funding package is a step in the right direction.

Please support its inclusion in your budget.

Best regards,
Judy Roumpf
NE Portland

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Susan Sullivan <susanirene13@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 10:16 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hi ODFW,

Thank you for investing in and prioritizing the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I'm a volunteer with Portland Audubon and work a weekly shift in the Wildlife Care Center. The resources in this funding package are sorely needed and I'm in full support of it's passage in your proposed budget.

Thank you for investing in and engaging in new ways to continue to reduce wildlife-human conflict.

Best,

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Georgia Wier <georgiawier@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 10:14 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: wildlife coexistence funding package

To ODFW Commissioners:

I join the Audubon Society of Portland, the Humane Society of the United States, and members of your department in praising the crafting of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. This carefully planned package deserves a secure place in the ODFW budget.

With this new plan, many more Oregonians will understand how to work toward the conservation and wildlife stewardship that we all want. I am especially happy that five Wildlife Biologists will focus on outreach, education, and response around human interactions with wildlife. Again, I enthusiastically support all components of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

Sincerely
Georgia Wier
Portland, Oregon 97202

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Laurel Hines <laulehines@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:59 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for considering the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support including it in the ODFW budget. It is needed to reduce animal and human conflicts, and to expand conservation. Please pass this very important step in the process of better conservation of our natural wildlife resources for future generations.

Laurel Hines, Salem Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Audrey Addison <audrey.e.addison@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:14 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 budget. I volunteer at Audubon's wildlife care center and know how important it is that resources are available to help support wildlife stewardship, wildlife rehabilitation, and to reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

I appreciate your work and for supporting Oregon's wildlife!

Audrey Addison
N PDX Resident

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ann Littlewood <annlittlewood3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 8:54 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear Commissioners,

This package is such a great plan. As people continue to encroach on wild areas with our housing and recreation, we really need this kind of information about living with wildlife. This will help people and wildlife both. Thanks for your work on this and best of luck getting it rolling.

Ann Littlewood
Portland, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kim Marks <intuitivephoenix@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 8:02 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

I just want to let you know that I support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. Thank you for making wildlife a priority

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Kim Marks

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Graham Williamson <dwilliamson@audubonportland.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 6:36 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package Support

ODFW Commission;
Thank you for considering the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I wanted to voice support for this package in ODFW's budget, as it will provide means of promoting better and safer interactions with wildlife, as well as aid wildlife rehabilitators in harm reduction of negatively affected wildlife.
Thank you again for bringing this package forward, and I hope you will support its addition to the budget.

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Graham Williamson
Portland Audubon
WCC Rehab Assistant

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Stephanie Herman <stepherman1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 6:05 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW Commission,

I was thrilled to hear that ODFW is putting forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package - Oregon residents, both human and wildlife, need and deserve more access to humane resources for preventing and addressing human/wildlife conflicts. As a wildlife rehabilitator, I see first hand the thousands of people and animals every year who need the resources this funding package, and I also see first hand how our state's current level of support falls short. With better public awareness, so much can be avoided: inappropriate and dangerous human-wildlife interactions, harm to our natural resources, and suffering of animals.

Thank you for including this funding package, and I look forward to the good that can be done when this is accepted into the budget.

Stephanie Herman

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Scott Bowler <scott.r.bowler@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:58 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Package! Full support for a. great idea!

Hi the ODFW Folks—

Please register my strong and enthusiastic support for the Wildlife Coexistence proposal currently being crafted. I am a recently retired science and environmental educator, now volunteering by researching, writing about, and working on natural history explorations, habitat enhancement projects, and assessments of wild and scenic river noiminees and wilderness study area certification. Our community of Sisters greatly values wildlife and outdoor recreation, but all too often this means conflicts between humans and wildlife, from window strikes and car crashes, to destructive developments and habitat incursions, wildlife is in trouble with declining health and decreasing numbers. It's time to arrest this trend.

I know first hand, because I see it daily, that conflicts between wildlife and our ever increasing human population are on the rise, due to our often poorly thought out and mis-managed infrastructure developments (such as, for one heinous example, the Thornburgh Resort Proposal on Cline Butte near here). Increased traffic, shrinking and fragmented habitat, poaching, behavioral disruption, invasive species, inappropriate building projects, poor night time lighting, and a host of other human-caused problems beset Oregon's beleaguered wildlife. It's time to spread the word and engage a new audience in promoting wildlife-friendly practices, and I believe that this program proposal will be a major step in such mitigation and remediation—well done for proposing it.

Let's get it moving forward! Thank you all for your great work.

Scott R Bowler
205 West Heising Drive
Sisters, OR 97759

Sent from Scott B's overworked and misunderstood iPad

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Janice Asher <janasher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:50 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding

Dear Commissioners:

As a person who loves all of Oregon's wildlife I really support your effort in promoting all the programs included in the funding package. Especially the efforts in human and wildlife interactions and conflicts. Please support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding in the 2023/24 ODFW budget.

Thank You,

Jan Asher
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Beaverton, OR 97005

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Scott Carpenter <slcarpenter@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:41 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in support of 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 bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

Sincerely,

Scott Carpenter
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Portland, OR 97225-3427

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Pronouns: he/him

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: E W <ewolf97@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:26 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: In support of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

To the ODFW Commission:

I am writing in support of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

I am the director and the permitted rehabilitation professional for Native Bird Care in Sisters, Oregon. This is our 10th year caring for avian species, specifically non-raptor and owl, in Oregon.

I want to encourage the commission to support this proposal. It offers the state and its citizens important, new opportunities for living with and managing wildlife issues.

We at Native Bird Care are greatly appreciative of this innovative and important proposal.

In general, people need far more education on wildlife, what befalls them, and how they can prevent harming them in their everyday lives.

It would be wonderful if, as part of the front-line interface with people, wildlife rehabilitation professionals had more support in our efforts to educate the public. Certainly, funding would be highly appreciated.

Thank you for considering this well-designed proposal, it has enormous potential to improve human/wildlife interactions here in Oregon, and would greatly benefit our wildlife.

Elise Wolf
Native Bird Care
Sisters, OR
541-728-8208

"The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man." C. Darwin

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: John D. Vandenberg <john.vandenberg@klarquist.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:21 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife,

Please include the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in your budget.

I live in a rural area of Clackamas County. Through funding this package, ODFW can improve the way it communicates about wildlife, educates people about wildlife, and responds to wildlife issues and wildlife interactions with humans.

Thank you.

John D. Vandenberg
Sherwood, Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Alyson Farquhar <alysonfarquhar@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:50 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: In Support of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Chair Wahl and Members of the Commission,

Firstly I would like to thank ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I feel this funding package would have a positive impact on Oregon's native wildlife, and I strongly support its inclusion into the ODFW budget.

I live in Salem and am aware of our current lack of local wildlife rehabilitation services. I have some previous experience in wildlife rehabilitation and would like to found a new wildlife rehabilitation center in the area. Since December 2021, I have spent several hours each week shadowing the staff at Chintimini Wildlife Center in Corvallis. I have started conversations with my District Biologist about the permitting requirements, and I have also taken steps to incorporate a new nonprofit. The biggest hurdles I have identified as I work to establish a new wildlife rehabilitation facility in the Salem area have been (1) obtaining funding, and (2) securing a site to operate out of. I am finding that the upfront costs of building a professional, functional facility are high. Additionally, I have found that it is particularly difficult to fundraise without already being established.

Speaking as someone who is starting from the ground up, I am grateful to see this package being considered, and I feel encouraged to see so many others who are in support of it. I believe that this package would help others like me who are interested in meeting the regional need for wildlife rehabilitation services, but are discouraged by the high upfront costs of building an appropriate facility. I urge the Commission to include the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in ODFW's budget.

Sincerely,

Alyson Farquhar
Salem, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: McKenzie Joslin-Snyder <joslin.snyder@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:26 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

I support the wildlife coexistence funding package! Thank you for allocating resources to the important work of wildlife stewardship and conflict avoidance - and thank you for including it in your budget! I currently work in wildlife rehabilitation at Portland Audubon, and this funding is an important step in building good relationships between rehabbers and agencies. It also shows the public that you care about issues directly impacting them.

Thank you again for supporting this funding!
McKenzie Joslin-Snyder

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

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

From: Jane Bicquette <jbicquette@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:13 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Cc: jbicquette <jbicquette@gmail.com>
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife,

Thank you for including the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in your budget considerations.

I am writing to urge you to include the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in your budget. I live in a rural area, outside of Sherwood. I see every day the need to help neighbors and our community learn how to live WITH wildlife and work in harmony with nature. From destroying bird nests to shooting coyotes, from blasting at geese to spraying insects, often people are driven by an immediacy that does not include a "bigger picture" of coexistence. We are not going to have habitat and species going forward into the next generation unless leaders in our government start shifting away from viewing wildlife as "a problem." Through funding this package, ODFW can begin a positive shift in the way it communicates about wildlife, in the way it educates people about wildlife, and in the way ODFW responds to wildlife issues and wildlife interactions with humans. This package will have far-reaching effects, and will offer at least some new thinking for those that continue to see wildlife as problematic. This package will align ODFW with more than 75% of Oregonians who want ODFW to manage our wildlife with utmost care and respect for our animals and habitats.

Also, certainly funding to support wildlife care centers is in line with ODFW responsibilities.

I plead for you to include this package in your budget. Please do your job of protecting wildlife and communicating about wildlife in a proactive and supportive way.

Thank you.

Jane Bicquette
Sherwood, Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jennifer Hauge <jhauge@aldf.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:12 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package - SUPPORT

Dear Commissioners:

I want to express my appreciation to ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. The Animal Legal Defense Fund strongly supports its inclusion in the 2023/24 budget. The proposed funding areas will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. I was particularly excited to see the additional staff and programmatic investments that will expand the reach of the department to do broader conservation work at such a significant level. This reflects Oregon's values toward wildlife and should be very well received. Our thanks go to the Department in working with the Oregon Wildlife Coalition to develop such an innovative and robust plan. I urge your support of it as recommended.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Hauge (she/her) | Legislative Affairs Manager
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Rynda Clark <ryndaclark@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 3:38 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hello commission, I appreciate ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. The Great Old Broads for Wilderness support its inclusion into the ODFW budget. This package will engage new groups in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. We appreciate you.

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Rynda Clark

Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Bend, Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lynn Herring <lynnhe@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 3:32 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Enthusiastic Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package as part of the ODFW budget!

To the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to express most enthusiastic support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package to be a part of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife budget!

The very worthy goals of this package to promote wildlife stewardship, reduce human-wildlife conflicts and support wildlife rehabilitation efforts in Oregon could be achieved through funding the following dedicated staff additions and campaigns/programs:

Dedicated Staff

- 5 Wildlife Coexistence Biologists to do the work: outreach, education and response around human-wildlife interactions, support for wildlife rehabilitators and partners
- 1 Communications Coordinator to develop and implement proactive outreach and stakeholder engagement

Campaigns and Programs

- \$400,000 for a Living with Wildlife Campaign
- \$300,000 grant program to support wildlife rehabilitation centers

This package will only further the ODFW Mission: "To protect and enhance Oregon's Fish and Wildlife and their Habitats for Use and Enjoyment by present and future generations."

Current and future generations will thank you for taking this prescient action that will only benefit greater understanding and protection of our wildlife.

In support,

Lynn Herring

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: jean cypher <jeancyph@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 3:21 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for considering the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in your budget. I hope it will help alleviate suffering among Oregon's wildlife species.

Sincerely,

Jean Cypher, DVM

Rowena Wildlife Clinic

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: cheryl platt <fromcher@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 3:05 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW,

Our family was excited to hear about this project and we hope you will include funding for it in the new budget!

Thank you,
Cheryl Platt-Morris

Sent from my iPad

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lloyd Vivola <nouveladam@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 3:02 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Fund the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my support for including the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in the ODFW budget. The hard work of ODFW in reaching this conservation enhancement package with input from stakeholders is the sort of directive and funding measure that is needed to guide our legislators toward the sort of policymaking that will promote effective scientific expertise and mitigate costly wildlife/human conflicts of interest. Bound to be a good investment for all our Oregonian relations.

Thank you.
Lloyd Vivola
6035 SE Knapp Street
Portland, Oregon 97206

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ashley Lema <ashley_lem@yaho.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 12:46 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Good afternoon,

I wanted to express my support and excitement for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package! Investing in wildlife stewardship, promoting reduction in human-wildlife conflicts, and giving support to wildlife rehabilitation efforts in Oregon are all incredibly important to me, and the local community. This represents a massive and very positive shift in the way ODFW has historically approached wildlife management and wildlife rehabilitation, the latter of which I've been involved in for years. Thank you, for bringing this funding package forward!

Ashley Lema
Multnomah County Resident

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: salina holden <smlholden@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 12:06 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Coexistence Funding package

Hello,
Thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. As a mom of three kids it's so important to educate and bring our kids into a better future. It's also very important to lead by example and that is why I am involved in this matter. The hope is to engage new groups of people and help support wildlife stewardship. Teaching conservation and reducing human-wildlife conflicts is so important moving forward. Please help create a better tomorrow and help educate the new generations.

Thank you for your time!

- 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: Cathie Batavia <cbatavia@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:59 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to encourage the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. It is way past time that we look for ways to support our fish and wildlife populations with more humane solutions and approaches to reducing and mitigating conflicts with wildlife.

I thank ODFW for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package and strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. This package will help engage and educate new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. As these animals go about the daily business of living and dying, they actually help promote a healthier ecosystem. The least we can do is help them help us!

Sincerely,
Cathie Batavia
Portland, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mathieu <mathieuf.sc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:50 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: wildlife coexistence

ODFW:

First, thank you for considering the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package.

I strongly support all efforts to teach people to coexist with wildlife. I too often hear people who are afraid of wildlife for no reason, and often kill wildlife out of that fear or ignorance.

Our wildlife is under enough stress from loss of habitat and loss of natural ecosystem cycles due to human encroachment, habitat fragmentation, pesticides, etc. People who choose to live outside of cities should also be willing to live with wildlife. Cities are also seeing more wildlife due to habitat stresses.

Information about wildlife coexistence to larger audiences will help both wildlife and people. People should learn to appreciate the wildlife around them.

Can you reduce costs by referencing existing work? I have used and referred other people to the WDFW Living with Wildlife information. There are a lot of sources out there that could be used in conjunction with your own work to save money. See: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/living>

Thank you.

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Mathieu Federspiel

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lisa Mirhej <lfmirhej@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:38 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: wildlife protection

Dear ODFW,

I'm a long-time resident of Lane County, Oregon and concerned about how Oregonians can live in ways that don't harm the natural world. Not only is that the right thing to do, but maintaining the health of the natural world is crucial to our own health and survival.

I want to thank you for bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget. This package will promote conservation, wildlife protection and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Thank you for your work to protect Oregon's precious animal citizens.

Best regards,

Lisa Mirhej

3862 Woodson Ct.

Eugene, OR 97405

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

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

From: William Ramirez <wtexramirez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:26 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

I encourage you to support the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package that would promote wildlife stewardship, reduce human wildlife conflict, support wildlife rehabilitation efforts, and protect Oregon' wildlife.

As the population of Oregon grows, and as the impact of climate change become more apparent, conflicts between Oregonians and wildlife could increase. It is important that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department take steps so that both Oregonian and wildlife can coexist.

Please include this vital package in the ODFW budget.

Respectfully yours,

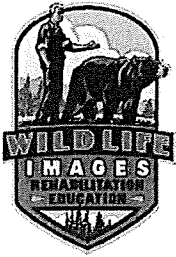
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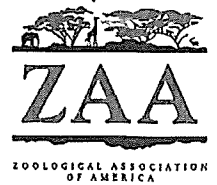
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Dear Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioners:

I am pleased to write a letter of support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package that is on the docket for the upcoming negotiations for the 2023/24 budget.

I want to start by thanking the ODFW for bringing this program forward with an eye toward responsible conservation in the state. I strongly support the inclusion of the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in the upcoming budget.

The presence of this package is critical to the future of wildlife conservation in the state. The five Wildlife Coexistence Biologists will help our statewide focus on outreach, education, and response related to human interactions with wildlife. They will also be vital in engaging and supporting Oregon's wildlife rehabilitators and other response partners. The Communications Coordinator will be indispensable in our efforts to develop and implement proactive communications and stakeholder engagement as we promote responsible stewardship and aim to prevent human-wildlife conflicts.

Poaching remains an ongoing threat to wildlife, and the \$400,000 Living With Wildlife Campaign will be essential in helping the general public understand the ramifications of poaching and how we all play a role in preventing it in our own parts of Oregon.

The \$300,000 grant for wildlife rehabilitation centers will help entities such as ours save wildlife. That is our primary mission at Wildlife Images. We focus on helping sick, injured and orphaned animals get back on their feet and return to the wild. In 2021, we took in more than 1,200 wild animals with this goal in mind, and we are not taxpayer supported. We strive to give animals the best possible care, and our efforts have been recognized with an accreditation by the Zoological Association of America.

Please consider including the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package in your upcoming budget. Wildlife depends on it.



Dave Siddon
Executive Director
Wildlife Images
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ryan Schwartz <losetheshoes@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:13 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for 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.

Sincerely,
Ryan Schwartz
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713.446.3736

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

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

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

From: Michelle McSwain <mdmcswain@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 8:02 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear Commission Members,

I write to let you know I support the Subject funding package and urge you to vote in favor of it's passage. As more and more people and businesses move to Oregon and development continues to push into wildlife habitat, it is becoming imperative that we provide education and resources to ensure we successfully coexist with our precious wildlife.

Please pass this funding passage, for the sake of Oregon's wildlife.

Thank you!
Michelle

Sent from my iPad

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Yes for Wildlife Coexistence!!!

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

From: Deborah Merchant <dmerchant@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 7:37 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Yes for Wildlife Coexistence!!!

Dear ODFW,

As a lifelong Oregonian, my human existence has been uplifted and made meaningful by wildlife of all kinds that reside in the Great Basin Desert, Pacific Ocean, Cascade mountains, and lush Willamette Valley.

Thank you - which is putting it mildly - for bringing funding forward to ensure that wildlife continue to be part of my life, and that of my family, friends and neighbors. It takes people, and therefore strategic funding, to put forth creative ideas, initiate momentum, and create awareness and support for all efforts that make sure the non-humans (who were here long before humans...) have the chance to simply live unimpeded by human presence, as well as receive our help when we cause them harm. I fully support including this proposal in the ODFW budget.

Only positive change can come from funding wildlife coexistence. People across the state will become educated about the fullness of human life when wildlife stewardship is part of their world. I'm grateful for your support and commitment to this incredibly important proposal.

Gratefully,

Deb Merchant
Albany, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: lindsay gillingham taylor <shadygopher@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:38 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife budget.

I strongly agree with inclusion in the budget!

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: English Friend <nowallremains@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:54 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Support for the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Hi there,

Thank you for suggesting the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I am writing to state the strongest possible support for 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.
Kate Ferrandino
97209

Sent from my heart
(she/her)

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jacqui Parker <mrchickadee@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:00 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife coexistence funding package

I fully support this measure in order for the fish and wildlife to be more effective at their actual job which is to protect fish and wildlife and wild lands. There should be sufficient staff who are knowledgeable and can make the proper assessments and the best decisions for humans and wildlife interactions and Preservation of our natural resources for generations to come.

Clearly our methods have not been working. Wildfires are out of control, there is still clear cutting which creates erosion and pollutes local streams and waterways. By having professional biologist who specialize in different areas of conservation, cohabitation, and preservation of our natural lands will help the agency to spend money more wisely and more effectively.

ODFW commission needs to pass this so that we have the budget to deal with what is coming and what is already here in terms of our climate changing our population growing and our wildlands dwindling

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Jacqui

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Jacqui Parker
Portland, OREGON

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I realized that If I had to choose,
I would rather have birds than airplanes
Charles Lindbergh (1902 - 1974), Interview 1974

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: janette Ackermann <jackermann@colton.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 6:29 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife coexistence package

I wholly support this and am grateful it is on the ballot

Janette Ackermann DVM

American Wildlife Foundation

Janette Ackermann

Author, Whispers from the Wild

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Co-Director, American Wildlife Foundation Dedicated to teaching people to care for and about the environment through wildlife care and conservation education.

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Erin E. Walker <erinwalking@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 5:09 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package

Dear ODFW,

I just want to send a message of appreciation for you bringing forward the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. I strongly support its inclusion in the ODFW budget because I believe deeply this package will help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and reduce human-wildlife conflicts. I volunteer with a few efforts in the local Portland area, including as a Solutions Counselor for Portland Audubon. I speak to local residents weekly and hear where their hearts and minds are. To support this package is to support the heart of this community and the wildlife community of which we are a part. The more I learn, the more I realize how little I know about how our lifestyle impacts wildlife and the environment, which in turn affects our lifestyle and health.

Thank you for your work on this critical matter.

Erin Walker

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Scott Kennedy <Scott.Kennedy.523408440@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 5:04 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: I strongly support ODFW's wildlife coexistence funding package

Dear Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Commission,

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

This funding package will help ODFW shift toward wildlife management that's focused on human-wildlife coexistence and wildlife rehabilitation. The funding package will also help engage new audiences in conservation, promote wildlife stewardship, and either prevent human-wildlife conflicts or provide humane and effective solutions for wildlife when conflicts occur.

I support including this funding in ODFW's 2023/24 budget.

Thank you for your time.

Signed,
Scott Kennedy
6027 Sir Lancelot Ct NE
Keizer, OR 97303