

# **Exhibit E**

**Supplemental  
Public Correspondence Received as of  
September 15, 2023**

Contest Prohibition for Taking  
Unprotected Mammals

## BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW

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**From:** Ruth <schellmon@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 5:52 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Support of the proposed administrative rule to ban wildlife killing contests on public land and significantly restrict, at a minimum, on private land

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I support of the proposed administrative rule to ban wildlife killing contests on public land and significantly restrict, at a minimum, on private land.

- Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewarded and are grossly out of step with the principles of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation centered values.
- Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife.
- Oregon's wildlife belongs to all its citizens and allowing a small group of individuals to engage in wanton waste of a wildlife species as part of a contest is an abdication of the state's duty to protect the public's wildlife, which are held and managed for the benefit and enjoyment of all Oregonians.

Please start considering the wishes and needs of all Oregonians and the wildlife within our state's boundaries. You should consider us all, not just a few people who like to kill things.

Ruth Schellbach  
Salem, Oregon

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** jonlutz845@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 6:19 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** The meeting tomorrow in Bend, specifically regarding the question of whether or not coyotes killing contests should be prohibited.  
**Attachments:** IMG\_1365.JPG; IMG\_1344 (2).JPG

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Dear ODFW Commission,

Good morning! My name is Jon Lutz and I have been an Oregon resident since 2009. I believe that I have registered for tomorrow's meeting successfully. I wish to speak IN FAVOR of PROHIBITING coyote killing contests.

Is there going to be audiovisual at the meeting, for example to show a couple of photos (perhaps Power Point format?), or shall I just read my speech from a piece of paper for one or two minutes?

Although I am unknown in Oregon hunting and trapping circles, I used to be fairly well known in the infectious disease medicine community. My B.A. is in biology, UCLA, 1979. Admittedly it was NOT in wildlife biology.

I am going to try to attach one or at most two photographs of me in the field. One is from Cameroon, central Africa, December, 2004. It will be obvious....

I am not going to B.S. anyone. I am certainly NOT a "poseur" as the kids say.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon E. Lutz, M.D.  
21132 Copperfield Avenue  
Bend, OR 97702-1888  
559-696-5786

## BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW

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**From:** BENNETT Erin \* OPRD  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 7:35 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

We are Oregon residents in Bend, OR. We purposely moved here because of the natural beauty of Central Oregon. Coyotes are an important part of our ecosystem. We do not support this type of uncontrollable irradiation. If ODFW finds there is a legitimate reason to take a dog or pack out, then it should be done by a professional to ensure public safety. Ranchers and farmers should be able to protect their livestock from coyotes and kill them if necessary. We also support legal hunting limits.

Looking historically in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, when we have allowed unregulated killing and habitat destruction, it has pushed many species to the edge of extinction. Natural resources are not limitless and need to be protected and managed for future generations. Wildlife already struggles to live in the interface of human encroachment into more wild areas.

*Living with Coyotes teaches - Coyotes play an important role in the food chain by controlling mice, rats and other rodents and scavenging on dead wildlife that otherwise could spread disease. Cemeteries and golf courses, have reported declines in damage associated with gophers once coyotes appeared. Coyotes also help to control geese in urban areas and on agricultural lands where flocks can forage and destroy young crops. Coyotes sometimes kill domestic and free-roaming cats for food or to remove competition. This can be controversial with some members of the public; however, a positive consequence of coyotes preying on feral cats can be an increase in nesting success for neo-tropical songbirds.*

While grey wolves may not be as present as they once were, there is still disease, competition, and natural predators to control coyote numbers. And wolves are making a come back around the state.

Please, we are asking ODFW to do the right thing. Properly manage coyotes legally and prudently. Keep Oregon wild. We support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon.

Jim Bennett 541-390-6573, Erin Bennett 541-948-7974, James Bennett 541-410-6357, Jaycie Bennett 541-390-5244, Justin Bennett 541-321-4676

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Foster Fell <fosterfell6@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 8:18 AM  
**To:** BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW  
**Subject:** No on Coyote Killing Contests

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With regard to Exhibit entitled "Derby Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Mammals" that is being considered today by the ODFW Commission, I would like to urge the commission to finally disallow and ban these heartless activities that contribute nothing to coyote population control.

Oregon should join the other states that have already banned these contests.

In Oregon all of wildlife is managed for the benefit of the people of this state. Time and again polling has shown overwhelming majorities opposed to this wanton sport that--akin to bullfighting, cockfighting, etc.--has no other aim than to satisfy a peculiar lust for cruelty that has been packaged under the rubric of "sport."

Sincerely,

Foster Fell  
1104 NE 12th St.  
Bend, OR 97701



TO: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
FM: Shaun W Robertson, President Grant County Farm Bureau  
DT: 09/15/2023  
RE: OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED RULES TO PROHIBIT DERBIES

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Please consider the following objections on the above-referenced proposed rules, which are filed on behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Grant County Farm Bureau.

Background: The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (“Commission”) proposes to adopt rules to prohibit the killing of unprotected mammals in Oregon as part of a derby or contest. The Commission does not contemplate prohibiting any such derby or contest as long as the killing involves big game, game birds, or other mammals. The Commission directed the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (“ODFW”) to prepare the rules after receiving a petition from multiple animal rights corporations. The proposed rules target a small number of contests held in some of Oregon’s most economically disadvantaged and socially stressed communities. There is no biological basis for the rule and is being approved so that the leftist members of the Commission may demonstrate their virtuosity and responsiveness to a small number of paid professionals representing predominantly urban, elitist corporations so that those corporations can, in turn, use the issue as a fundraising tool.

Nothing about this entire debacle has anything to do with conservation of a species.

1. Similarly, nothing about this rule is based on science, not even the social sciences<sup>1</sup>. Instead, it revolves entirely around placating a minority of bigoted<sup>2</sup> special interests who have captured Oregon Legislative and Commission<sup>3</sup> Democrats in furtherance of their own ideological agenda and belief in their moral superiority—in other words, mob rule. The primary intent of a democratic republic, and therefore representative legislatures and commissions, is to prohibit mob rule and protect interests who otherwise do not have the

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<sup>1</sup> ODFW staff, fortunately, don’t even attempt to make a claim that this proposed rule has any basis in biology or other sciences—because that is impossible and they would lose all credibility if they made such an absurd and patently false argument. Instead they rely on the circular, seriously flawed logic of “we are doing this because we can”.

<sup>2</sup> “bigotry” is commonly defined as an “obstinate or unreasonable attachment to a belief, opinion, or faction, in particular prejudice against a person or people on the basis of their membership of a particular group”.

power and influence to block measures that have no other intent except to modify behavior that someone else finds repugnant.

Quite frankly, the Commission should be ashamed for even taking up a rule that is so blatantly exploitative in its overt attempt to legislate morality.

2. ODFW staff are outwardly demonstrating their bias—unconscious or otherwise—by selecting portions of statute that seem to support the previously stated Commission instructions (i.e., to prepare a set of rules to achieve the desired outcome of prohibiting some wildlife hunting contests<sup>4</sup>) and refusing to describe (or even acknowledge) the parts of the statute that conflict or outright prohibit what the Commission is considering<sup>5</sup>.

While the Staff highlights and focuses on what they believe is the Commission's authority to promulgate rule prescribing the "...times, places and manner in which wildlife may be taken..." (ORS 496.162(1)(a)), what the Staff conveniently and prejudicially omits is that this part of the Commission's authority is entirely precedent upon the parent statute that grants the authority for the Commission to make those prescriptions only:

*After investigation of the supply and condition of wildlife...[and] at appropriate times each year... [emphasis added]*

Neither the ODFW nor Commission have investigated the supply and condition of unprotected wildlife subject to the proposed rule and, therefore, have failed to satisfy the conditions established by the Legislature in order for the Commission to take the type of action that is proposed. In fact, the part of the statute that the ODFW staff omits is actually a safeguard against arbitrary and capricious decisions, based on emotion rather than fact; exactly what is transpiring in this shameful Commission display.

In yet another overt display of their inherent bias, ODFW staff only mentions one of the wildlife policy implementation goals without even mentioning that their relied upon goal (#7), which they've suggested justifies their entire recommendation, is in direct conflict with numerous other goals, which have been identified as "co-equal" by the Legislature (*see below* for additional discussion on the wildlife policy's goals and the outright conflict of goal #7 with not only other co-equal goals but the actual wildlife policy itself).

3. Oregon's wildlife policy (ORS 496.012) contains absolutely no provision for the Commission to make decisions that are based solely—or even partially—on the perceived morality or ethics of killing<sup>6</sup> or on the particular emotional condition of certain Commission

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<sup>4</sup> In contrast to the statutorily and professionally responsible instructions to assess whether such rules are even necessary and why they would even be considered.

<sup>5</sup> ODFW staff also signal their lack of objectivity, which seriously impugns their veracity, with their intentionally misleading and pejorative use of certain words and phrases. For example, Staff refers to ORS 610.002, which conveys the authority over coyotes to the Oregon Department of Agriculture, as within the "agricultural section" of Oregon laws, which is a false claim, ORS 610.002 being within the "animal" section of Oregon laws.

<sup>6</sup> Contrary to the assertions of some special interests who suggest that prior rules dealing with such matters as "spotlighting", aerially assisted scouting and hunting, or the use of electronic devices are analogous to the present proposal, those restrictions fit within the element of biological necessity since they are related solely to the effectiveness of the hunting method and not to the ethics of their use in hunting. In direct contrast, derbies/contests

members at the particular moment. Again, the statute contains safeguards against that exact situation. Rather, the Wildlife Policy contains only elements related to the biological condition of species and the social (i.e., recreation and aesthetics) benefits to present and future generations.

In reality, the proposed rule actually violates Oregon's wildlife policy since it reduces rather than "provides" for the optimum recreational benefits to citizens.

4. The legislative history of ORS 496.162 contradicts the ODFW's belief that the ORS grants the Commission broad authority to promulgate rule to address the morals and ethics of take or harvest; it does not, quite the contrary. The origin of subpara (1) is in Oregon Laws 1949 c.242 §4<sup>7,8</sup>, which eventually became ORS 496.170, and stated:

*The state game commission shall, through its game director, make adequate investigation regarding the supply of game fish, game animals, fur-bearing animals, game birds and nongame birds of this state and thereupon shall, by appropriate rules and regulations:*

*(1) Prescribe the time, place, method or means by which game...may be taken, fix seasons and bag limits, open and close seasons on any species of game in any specified locality or the entire state, **when it finds after adequate investigation that such action is necessary to assure maintenance of an adequate supply thereof.** [emphasis added]*

The first major change to this statute was made in 1973, when the general powers of the Commission (then at ORS 496.160), limitations on Commission powers (then at ORS 496.165) and Commission authority to regulate taking of wildlife (then at ORS 496.170) were combined into ORS 496.162. While changing "method and means" from the precursor statute to "manner", the Legislature expanded upon the Commission's authority to regulate and restrict the take of wildlife, making it absolutely clear that the Commission could only do so after investigating the supply and condition of wildlife and only out of necessity to "...protect the supply of such wildlife" to "maintain properly the supply of wildlife, alleviate damage to other resources, or to provide a safe and orderly recreational opportunity".

It wasn't until 1975, that the Legislature added supara (3), which limited the Commission's authority to "...prescribe limitations on the times, places or amounts for the taking of predatory animals", creating essentially the modern statute relevant in this rulemaking. There is nothing in the legislative history that indicates that the Legislature intended to grant the Commission broad authority to regulate the method and means (or time, places and manner) of take for any reason other than recreational opportunity or biological necessity. The proposed rule does not fit in either of those required elements.

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have nothing to do with hunting effectiveness and the proposed rule prohibiting their conduct is exclusively based on perceived mortality/ethics.

<sup>7</sup> HB217. Oregon Laws 1949, pgs 348--353. An act to establish a state game commission, defining its powers and duties, making an appropriation therefore and repealing [certain sections] relating to the state game commission.

<sup>8</sup> And [1921 c.66 §7; OC39-107; 1931 c.370 §5; OCLA (Oregon Compiled Laws Annotated) 82-104] (from 1953 Legislative History, Revise's Notes and Annotations)

These direct limitations on the Commission's authority should have been disclosed by the Staff to the Commission as they have direct bearing on whether the Commission can even consider such a rule as what's being proposed.

5. Various Oregon attorneys general have prepared opinions related directly to the Wildlife Policy, the most recent being the March 30, 2002 letter opinion to Mr. Ed Bowles. This opinion makes clear that the Commission and ODFW's "overriding obligation is to manage to prevent serious depletion" of wildlife species. The proposed rule has nothing, not even obliquely, anything to do with the biology or conservation of unprotected wildlife. Unprotected wildlife are not in danger of any depletion, let alone "serious" depletion, and the Commission is way outside it's authority considering the subject rule.

Although the ODFW staff cherry picked only one (#7) of the Wildlife Policy's seven **co-equal** goals and failed to even mention the goals which undermine or are in direct conflict with the Commission's proposed rule (e.g., managing for less than "optimum" recreational benefits [#6])<sup>9</sup>. The advice from the various AGs to multiple ODFW directors has been clear and consistent that even though the Legislature has delegated to the Commission the authority for discretion to balance competing or conflicting goals, it has done so with the express condition that the decision of the Commission must be consistent with the overarching policy. In this case, since the wildlife policy does not convey authority to the Commission to regulate the method or manner of take except to (1) prevent the serious depletion of any indigenous species or (2) provide the optimum recreational and aesthetic benefits and contains no authority to regulate for perceived moral or ethical reasons, the Commission may not promulgate rule under the guise of balancing competing goals.

6. In the early 1980's, when the Commission intended to develop rules for the regulation of Angling Contests (OAR 635-001-0100 through -0116) under the same authorities that the Commission now believes grants it the authority to consider the present prohibition, the Commission required specific authority to be granted by the Legislature (ORS 298.279 and 298.286). That authority was granted only for angling contests, hunting and wildlife was not within that scope and if the Commission feels that it needs to prohibit some forms of wildlife contests, then it requires additional authority from the Legislature.
7. The ODFW's notice of rulemaking content is fatally flawed since it fails to comply with the statutory consideration and disclosure requirements for proposed rules. For example, the Notice claims to have "solicited input" from disadvantaged communities but fails to disclose the details of those supposed contacts, whether the Staff selectively screened who was contacted, whether any input was received or the nature of such input. Furthermore, the Staff failed to consider the fiscal and economic impact to landowners from being forced to deal with property damage from unprotected wildlife themselves and only on their property rather than through the efforts of volunteers across a larger area of the multiple-ownership species range. Rather, the Staff simply and arbitrarily dismissed the direct testimony of landowners

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<sup>9</sup> Not to mention that the proposed rule is actually in direct conflict with the stated goal (#7) itself, which the Staff believes supports the proposed rule, because the proposed rule represents a decision that reduces the social, economic and recreational utilization of wildlife resources for a particular user group (i.e., derby participants).

even though ODFW Staff have no special expertise with the economics of private property damage.

Statements within the Notice are also directly contradictory and unreasonably illogical. For example, in the same sentence, the Staff concludes that the Oregon State Police will be required to conduct additional enforcement activities but that those additional actions won't impact them. Intuitively, if the OSP is investigating something then it is not investigating something else. In this case, investigating whether a group is shooting ground squirrels for the "prize" of a box of 22 cartridges may come at the expense of investigating the poaching of a bighorn sheep.

Elsewhere, Staff capriciously concludes that there will be no economic impact to the disadvantaged communities known to conduct these contests and then, within the same paragraph, admits that it doesn't even have the information to actually determine whether there is an impact; they're simply guessing. Not to mention that the Staff aren't economists with subject matter expertise in assessing true impacts to landowners or communities.

Quite simply, there is no substantive basis for the rule nor is there anything even approaching an adequate and reasonable assessment of need for the rule, conflict with other law and policy, or impacts on user groups.

Summary: In the grand scheme of climate change and all the social conflict permeating throughout contemporary society, is this really where we want to be spending our time and energy—placating a minority group of bigoted corporate animal activists who find the way other people live their lives contemptible and want to use their power and privilege to legislate morality?

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Barbara Campbell <barb4bend@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 11:53 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Coyotes

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With regard to the matter being deliberated today entitled "Derby Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Mammals," I would like to urge the commission to finally ban these disgusting, antiscientific contests. These "derbies" do nothing for coyote population control.

We should be working toward a less violent society. These contests cross the line between hunting and violence for entertainment. Please ban them.

Oregon should join the other states that have already banned these contests.

In Oregon all of wildlife is managed for the benefit of the people of this state. Time and again polling has shown overwhelming majorities opposed to this so-called sport.

Thank you for your time considering this matter. Please help move Oregon forward toward a less violent world.

Sincerely,  
Barb Campbell  
Bend City Council  
[BCampbell@bendiregon.gov](mailto:BCampbell@bendiregon.gov)

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Lynn Herring <lynnhe@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 1:00 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban Wildlife Killing Contests - Adopt the Rule Today

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To the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I urge you to adopt the proposed rule to prohibit wildlife killing contests or derbies on public land with restrictions on private lands to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Wildlife killing contests are a violation of the state's duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Lynn Herring  
Clackamas County

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Greg Wolley <tomorrowworkforce@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 11:58 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Coyote Killing Contests

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Greetings Commissioners,

I regret that my comments are unable to reach you in the form of an in-person or video testimony in a timely manner for your consideration. Regardless, I am submitting my testimony below, and this day-of-Commission comment will have to suffice for the record.

I am Gregory J Wolley, former ODFW Commission Vice-Chair for Congressional District 3. Today I am simply representing myself, and I believe, the values of the vast majority of Oregonians.

The last time we went down this road, the best our Commission was able to do was to remove the prize money for these coyote killing derbies. That day was an embarrassment to our Commission, our Dept., and to the State of Oregon. Today I assume that we will do better.

I can think of no financial, economic, or certainly no moral, ethical, compassionate or humane justification for this abhorrent practice. It is simply about the thrill of the kill, and the opportunity to pose with strung-up coyote carcasses for photo opportunities. We can do better.

This abhorrent practice is certainly not a form of "predator management". Coyotes will always be a part of the landscape, have a rightful place on the land, and provide an important ecological function that we are all aware of. These killing sprees have zero impact on the population.

Today is the day for our Commission and Dept to do better, and I'm sure you will. You can make your former Commissioner, and the people of Oregon, smile. We will all also congratulate you and be proud of your decision.

Thank you,

Gregory J Wolley

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** mcthenhenry@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 10:50 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please Ban wildlife killing contests!

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It's common sense.

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Ann Littlewood <annlittlewood3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:10 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Coyote killing contests

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Please adopt the proposed rule to ban contests on public land for killing our wildlife. It's my land, too, and I find this abhorrent. Please restrict this vicious practice on private land to the extent possible. It's my wildlife, too.

Thank you.

Ann Littlewood  
Portland, OR

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Bev Woodsong <beviessong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 12:48 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wildlife Killing

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Dear ODFW Commission:

I know you know that there is nothing good about wildlife killing contests. That is nothing but wildlife ignorance and disrespect on the part of people who believe it is their privilege to say it is a sport and to have their , "fun". Yes, I am a city dweller, by choice, in hopes that the wilds might remain wild if there is less people treating our wild areas as their backyard, their "play ground" or free for their taking. Our dwindling forests and wildlife need more studied protections and more regulations now because too many humans are not paying heed to their destructiveness nor stopping their worst past practices towards what was once truly wild, free and in balance with a thriving natural environment.

Thank you for your time,  
Bev Woodsong

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Laura Donohue <laurajennie@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 12:00 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** End the killing contests

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These lands belong to the animals as well. Please vote to adopt the proposed rule and ban wildlife killing contests or derbies on public lands, with restrictions on private lands to the fullest extent allowed by law.

I am an active voter. My vote on any future elections will be directly tied to the outcome of this subject.

Laura Donohue

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Dell Goldsmith <dell.goldsmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 12:45 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** wildlife killing

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We are strongly opposed to derbies or any other form of contest to kill for fun. Our natural world is under enormous stress from the climate crisis and loss of habitat. Use competition and gatherings to support wildlife and a healthy environment, NOT killing which damages the environment and alienates citizens, most of whom oppose these contests.  
Dell Goldsmith and Robin McLeod

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Morgan Caton <morgansmachinations@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:53 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban killing derbies!

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You need to adopt the proposed ban on wildlife killing contests or "derbies" on public lands, and ban it on private lands to whatever degree you are able. The practice is destructive and morally reprehensible!

Morgan Caton  
Portland Oregon



**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Karen Boulton <Karenboulton@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:57 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Stop wild life killing contests

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Please, for the sake of stopping cruelty, ban the killing of wildlife contests on public lands. This practice is inhumane and counter to the fact that all public lands and their inhabitants belong to all citizens and not to just a few blood thirsty people who enjoy killing for killing's sake.

Please, bring Oregon's laws in line with many other state's laws, and ban this money making activity that sacrifices wildlife for the good of a few people who want to line their pockets at the public's expense.

Thank you.

Karen Boulton & Jonathan Briggs  
206 214 8993

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Linore Blackstone <llblackstone@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:48 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Proposed rule to ban killing contests

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Dear ODFW, well, if you will, please go forward with the banning of killing contests. I know that your instincts may be to satisfy the hunger for killing beings classified as "vermin". It's unethical to believe that we humans are the only species allowed life and dangerous as we cannot live without other life. To see other life as "kin" and not assume we must be everywhere as we don't really own "everywhere", is suicidal. There are consequences to our careless, ignorant rampage. When do we stop the abuse of other life.

As you are aware, there is little trust of ODFW as the agency of hunters, farmers, ranchers. Your reputation has been sullied and confirmed by your rule making. Alas.

Please act with integrity and compassion. Ban killing contests. They are obscene and represent the very worst of humanity.

Thank you.

Linore Blackstone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** cwwatpaws5@aol.com  
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**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Derbys

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Please adopt the ban on killing derbies. It is senseless and cruel and has no purpose. It makes for reckless killing and waste and should never happen.

Sent from AOL on Android

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Sally Slick <sallysas99@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:43 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wildlife Killing Contests

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I cannot believe these are still allowed! Please please please - they must stop! The wildlife belongs to all Oregonians not just the killers!

## BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW

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**From:** kristin wollen <kristinlhamo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:40 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** stop wildlife killing derbies...please!

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Hello ODFW Commission Members,

I'm not sure what I can tell you what you haven't already heard before. I assume you have made aware of many factors on your decision already. However, if not, I've noted some (see below signature)

I simply want to express my deep, sincere plea that you use your authority and do what is right in this situation. Please stop the wildlife killing derbies. '

Thank you for your listening and attention to this important matter.  
Most sincerely, concerned citizen,  
Kristin Wollen

Key points to consider:

- All Oregonians benefit from and are responsible for the wildlife in our state, and the derbies are participated in only by a very small group of people.
- Polls show a **majority** of Oregonians want the derbies to stop. Other states are ahead of us in this effort.
- Science does not support this "method" of controlling species.
- This sort of derby perpetuates cruelty and is out of step with the times and our values in this state.

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Rachel Watsky <rachelwatsky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:24 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Support for Banning Wildlife Derbies in Oregon

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Dear members of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I'm reaching out to voice my strong support for the proposed ban on wildlife killing contests in Oregon, covering both public and private lands as allowed by law.

Oregon's wildlife belongs to everyone, and we have a responsibility to protect it for all residents to enjoy. Wildlife derbies, where a small group waste animals, don't align with our duty to safeguard our wildlife.

A 2019 poll by the Remington Research Group found that most Oregonians, from all districts, are in favor of banning these contests. From a scientific standpoint, mass killing doesn't effectively manage coyotes or benefit game species. It can even lead to unintended consequences.

Numerous states, including our western neighbors, have already banned these contests, in line with modern wildlife management principles and our conservation values. They're out of step with fair chase, responsible sportsmanship, and good stewardship.

I urge you to vote for the ban, reflecting the majority's will and our duty to protect Oregon's wildlife.

Thank you,  
Rachel Watsky  
Portland, OR 97215

**Rachel Watsky**

Strategy Consultant

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**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Kimberly Jarvis <jarvis82210@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 9:24 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wildlife killing contests

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Hello-

It astounds me that his letter is necessary given how cruel, savage, and so very disheartening these so-called contests are. We must end this practice so I'm urging you ban them to the fullest extent of your authority via administrative rules. Further, we will need to close any potential loopholes and work closely with Oregon State Police to make sure the new rule is enforced.

Sincerely,


Kimberly Jarvis

3435 NE 75th Ave, Portland, OR 97213

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**From:** Hal Ballenger <halballenger@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 6:57 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Lloyd Vivola <nouveladam@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:42 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban Wildlife Killing Contests and Derbies

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Dear Commissioners:

I urge you to adopt the proposed rule that would ban wildlife killing contests and derbies on public land. I also ask that you extend associated restrictions on private lands to the full extent of the law.

As you already know, there is ample scientific evidence and moral reason for ending these money-driven, blood-lust events that undermine Oregon's highest standards for land and wildlife stewardship, outdoor sportsmen conduct, and fully inclusive community values.

Banning wildlife killing contests and derbies is long overdue. Let us put this issue behind us and move on to address the many ecological challenges facing our communities.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts.

Sincerely,  
Lloyd Vivola  
6035 SE Knapp Street  
Portland, Oregon 97206

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## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** JP Marchetti-Mendez <jpccusa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:33 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban Wildlife Killing Derbies in Oregon

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Dear Members of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to urge you to take a decisive and compassionate stance in favor of our state's wildlife by voting to adopt the proposed rule to ban wildlife killing contests on public lands, with restrictions on private lands to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Oregon's remarkable wildlife is a cherished resource that belongs to all its residents, and our collective responsibility is to safeguard it for future generations. Allowing a small group of individuals to engage in the wanton waste of wildlife species as part of a contest goes against our duty to protect the public's wildlife, which is held and managed for the benefit and enjoyment of all Oregonians.

A [2019 poll](#) by the respected, bipartisan Remington Research Group unequivocally demonstrated that most Oregonians across all congressional districts support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests. This widespread support clearly reflects our shared commitment to preserving our state's natural heritage.

Furthermore, scientific evidence does not endorse indiscriminate, large-scale, mass killing of coyotes as an effective means of reducing coyote populations, minimizing conflicts with pets or livestock, or increasing numbers of game species. Such contests can have counterproductive effects, such as disrupting stable family packs and increasing the reproduction rate of coyotes.

It is worth noting that eight states, including five in the western United States (Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Colorado), as well as Maryland, Vermont, and Massachusetts, have already banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions. Oregon has an opportunity to join these forward-thinking states in prioritizing responsible wildlife management and conservation.

Wildlife killing contests run contrary to our state's duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians. These contests are often motivated by financial rewards and are grossly out of step with the principles of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation-centered values.

Additionally, wildlife killing contests are inherently cruel and undermine the values of responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife. We are morally obligated to promote ethical and sustainable practices in our interactions with Oregon's wildlife. Killing contests where only a few participate send the wrong message to all Oregonians that killing wildlife is not only allowed but encouraged by the government.

In closing, I implore you to consider the overwhelming support from Oregonians, the scientific evidence, and the ethical imperative to protect our wildlife. Please vote to adopt the proposed rule and **ban wildlife killing contests** on public lands, with the strongest possible restrictions on private lands as permitted by law. By doing so, you will demonstrate Oregon's commitment to preserving its rich natural heritage and promoting responsible stewardship of our wildlife.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I trust that you will make the right choice for the benefit of our state and its magnificent wildlife.

## BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW

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**From:** Nancy Brown <brownnab@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 6:53 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban wildlife killing contests

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Dear ODFW: I am a member of the Portland Audubon Society, who has provided the following talking points regarding wildlife killing contests. I agree with all of them but want to also state that I have been appalled by these contests for years, particularly when they involve training young children to take part. I am a frequent visitor to E Oregon for bird and wildlife watching and it disgusts me to know that these animals are hunted and killed for no other reason than blood sport, and to teach children that our wildlife does not deserve respect and care. Our neighbor to the North and several other States have seen reason to stop these disgusting contests. Please join them and show that Oregon is a State that protects and cares for its wildlife.

Sincerely  
Nancy A Brown  
Forest Grove, OR

- Please vote to adopt the proposed rule and ban wildlife killing contests or derbies on public lands, with restrictions on private lands to the fullest extent allowed by law.
- Oregon's wildlife belongs to all its residents and allowing a small group of individuals to engage in wanton waste of a wildlife species as part of a contest neglects the state's duty to protect the public's wildlife, which are held and managed for the benefit and enjoyment of all Oregonians.
- A 2019 poll by the respected, bipartisan Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all of the state's congressional districts, support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests.
- Science does not support indiscriminate, largescale, mass killing of coyotes as an effective means of reducing coyote populations, minimizing conflicts with pets or livestock, or increasing numbers of game species. It can even lead to an increase in coyote numbers by disrupting stable family packs and increasing their rate of reproduction.
- Eight states, including five in the west—Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado—as well as Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions.
- Wildlife killing contests are a violation of the state's duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians.

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Natalie DaSilva <ndasilva2716@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 7:28 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban wildlife killing contest!

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Dear ODFW,

As a concerned Oregonian and lover of the outdoors, I'm writing to ask you to adopt the ban on wildlife killing contests or derbies on public land, and to stop them to the extent possible on private lands! On behalf of our cherished wildlife,

Thank you,  
Natalie DaSilva  
Portland, OR 97219

- Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards and are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation centered values.
- Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife.

Thank you for your persistence and continued commitment to ensuring we end these cruel killing contests in Oregon.

Sent from my iPhone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Sue Tarjan <soozyt@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 6:47 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please vote to adopt the "killing contests" rule banning such contests or derbies

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Please vote to adopt the proposed rule and ban wildlife killing contests or derbies on public lands, with restrictions on private lands to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Such contests encourage cruelty and wanton slaughter and do not achieve their stated goal of limiting predation. Conservation and sportsmanship are values that most Oregonians hold dear, whether Republican or Democrat, old or young. Those are the values we should encourage through our laws and regulations.

Most sincerely,  
Sue and Jim Tarjan  
7401 N Ivanhoe Street  
Portland, OR 97203

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

**From:** Eileen <ems45@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 6:22 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Adopt proposed rule to end wildlife killing contests

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Dear Commissioners:

As a biologist, I strongly urge you to adopt the proposed rule and ban wildlife killing contests/derbies on public and private lands. These contests are deplorable, cruel, and do absolutely nothing to minimize conflicts with other animals. Join the eight states that have outlawed these backward, disgusting "events" that belong in the dark ages. ODFW should be protecting wildlife, not assisting in its extermination.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Stark

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Cecilia Tilley <ceciandrob@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 5:03 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Stop Coyote killings

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Another voice to stop inhumane coyote, killing practices.

Thanks for all you guys do!!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** mpyzer <mpyzer@opusnet.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 4:09 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** to ban wildlife killing contests

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Wildlife killing contests are a violation of the state's duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians.

Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards and are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation centered values.

Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife.

Thank you,

Michelle Pyzer

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

**From:** Gena Connelly <geconn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 4:08 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Abolish Wildlife Killing "Derbies"

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to you today on the subject of abolishing the wildlife killing derbies and other such contests. I'm requesting that you reevaluate and vote to adopt the proposed rule to ban wildlife killing contests on public lands and severely restrict them on private lands to the extent allowed by law. Oregon's wildlife belongs to all residents and is valuable to all residents, not just to the small group of individuals who choose to use hunting/killing as a means of entertainment/sport. Killing derbies are wanton examples of waste that severely neglects the state's duty to protect wildlife for the benefit and enjoyment of all of us who live here in Oregon.

A 2019 poll by the respected, bipartisan Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all of the state's congressional districts, support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests. Science does not support indiscriminate, largescale, mass killing of coyotes as an effective means of reducing coyote populations, minimizing conflicts with pets or livestock, or increasing numbers of game species. It can even lead to an increase in coyote numbers by disrupting stable family packs and increasing their rate of reproduction. It's another way of saying that nature abhors a vacuum. When you remove a keystone species, whether coyote, wolf or cougar, something steps in to fill that void.

Eight states, including five in the west—Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado—as well as Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions. Do we truly want to be the only state on the west coast that not only allows but encourages this waste? Especially in light of the fact that wildlife killing contests are violations of the state's duty to protect wildlife?

Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards and are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation centered values. Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife.

Thank you for your persistence and continued commitment to ensuring we end these cruel killing contests in Oregon.

Sincerely,  
Gena Connelly  
1629 SW 88th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97225

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Kathy Prock <kprock1894@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 4:07 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW

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Commissioner, you are having a meeting Friday, September 12th to discuss wildlife killing contests in the state of Oregon.

I don't understand how anyone can find this acceptable on any level. This is promoted purely by cruelty and greed. It must not be allowed.

Coyote population's monitor themselves through illness and starvation, and are actually quite beneficial to the ecosystem by controlling rodents and other small game that would otherwise get out of control and cause disease. Their diet consists mostly of rabbits and small rodents, that left unchecked get a disease that wipes out the whole population, that then affects the population of prey birds and other predators like bobcats and lynx.

When you kill off the mother and father in a pack the young ones don't learn how to properly hunt and go after easy game, like peoples chickens and sheep, leading to more killing of the young ones. When you kill off coyotes in a territory, other coyotes simply move in. You never solve the problem this way. There are only so many coyotes in a territory. When the young grow up, most move on. So you're defeating the purpose by killing any coyotes at all.

The other position is inhumanity.

These contests are just cruel. These poor animals are hunted down to the point of exhaustion by people and dogs and then brutally killed. They are tortured by snares and leg traps.

I simply can't understand how anyone can find this behavior acceptable.

Please do the right thing and vote no.

Please.

Thank You

Kathy L Prock

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**From:** JCS <jcschuster@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 3:47 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please stop wildlife-killing events!

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Dear ODFW Commission,

I am writing to urge you to please ban the cruel practice of wildlife-killing events/derbies/parties in Oregon to the fullest extent in your power. Wildlife has an inherent right to be here and the right to experience wildlife belongs to all Oregon residents and visitors to our state.

Thank you for your understanding and commitment to protecting Oregon's wildlife. If there is anything I can do to help as a citizen volunteer, please let me know.

Jeanette Schuster  
Colton, OR

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Andrea Kozil <akozil@pps.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 3:39 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** No Killing Contests

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Dear Commissioners

I am writing in support of a ban on wildlife killing contests.

The notion of offering a prize to someone who kills the most animals is appalling. There is nothing scientific or even moral about this practice.

The majority of Oregonians want our wildlife to be protected and managed based on science. It is wrong to allow a few people to so profoundly waste and exploit our wildlife.

Please vote in favor of a ban on wildlife killing contests.

Andrea Kozil

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Andrea Kozil  
Columbia Regional Inclusive Services  
Teacher of Blind and Visually Impaired

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**From:** Don McCoy <donald1020@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 3:36 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wildlife Killing Contests

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I just want to express my support for banning Wildlife Killing Contests. I think they undermine responsible sportsmanship and we can express our manhood in more constructive ways.

Sincerely,  
Don McCoy  
Portland, OR



## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

**From:** Jeff Price <jprice.pdx@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 3:05 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW; ODFW Commission  
**Cc:** BROMAN Derek J \* ODFW; WOLFER Brian H \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Re: Coyote Calling contests\_oppose restrictions

Following up with this as I continue to believe an opportunity with benefit is being lost should the revisions be made as currently written.

I would like to propose an alternative 'middle ground' where a 'contest' season is set that would provide the best benefits to the persons who support this management option. The framework might be similar to:

- 6 month season - December 1 through May 31; no incentivised/organized 'contest' hunting between June through November.
- This season timeframe would provide the best pelts to ensure use of coyote hides.
- This season would also provide any concentrated efforts to occur during calving/fawning/brooding periods ensuring increased prey species escapement [deer, pronghorn, sage grouse, sheep, cattle etc].
- The framework falls within the current timing for the one organized contest in this state.
- The timing leaves an open period - 50% of the year - for any of those persons trying to eliminate hunting to be able to freely view and enjoy coyotes unhindered [though, do we really believe people are out looking to view coyotes specifically as they claim?].
- Any 'contest season' would not impact a year around open hunting season for non-incentivized opportunities to take coyotes.

I believe this is a fair and equitable alternative that benefits people and animals of Oregon alike. Any open minds out there willing to discuss or even propose this middle ground opportunity these days?

Jeff P  
Portland, OR

On Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 4:25 PM Jeff Price <jprice.pdx@gmail.com> wrote:  
Commission Members,

First and foremost, it is apparent by the supporting arguments submitted, most people are acting out of emotion, have no real knowledge of the facts and have the intent to eliminate hunting. Two examples of submitted testimony:

I can't believe this is still an issue. With a lot of Oregon in the fire plain/zone, please consider that are trying to survive in the new developments, the gun nuts, and all the other shoot

Hello,

I am very saddened and ashamed that wildlife killing contests are still legal. I would like to please ban this practice. These contests are not ethical and un-sportsmanlike. They do not serve the purpose of allowing a few individuals to kill for fun. This damages the ecosystem for all of us!! We can't enjoy a healthy ecosystem. The carcasses as a result of these contests are thrown in the trash. We are better than this. Wildlife deserves better. This ban

I believe it probably goes without saying and you are aware but to me several items stand out that you should take into strong consideration:

- The method of hunting in the contests is no different than how typical coyote hunts are approached by most all hunters who target these species. Some people, some licenses, some calls, and some firearms.
- Specific and timed removal of predators can be beneficial to calving/fawning/nesting; ODFW, in fact, uses this with success to the benefit of mule deer and elk in numerous prescribed and concentrated management efforts [Heppner, Warner, Ukiah, Steens, Murderers Creek].
- ODFW and the Commission accept and support contests in other areas of the state to remove potential aggressive but native predators - even adding special provisions to involve youth: [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2023/07\\_Jul/072123.asp](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2023/07_Jul/072123.asp)

From most perspectives but especially management, these efforts should be a method with which management is maintained, not one where the Commissioners placate emotionally response and remove a management option. It is evident that a sustained effort is required, not one-off or haphazard, too late to implement strategies. Let hunters and landowners who are interested in helping assist without the added monetary burden to the state.

What is the difference between a coyote derby and a big-buck contest except for the visibility of a concentrated check-in where every participant is present at one location with all their take – if deer and elk contests required all hunters present their animals at the end of a season, I surmise the perspective would be different on those contests as well.

understand the management benefits and use field staff for input to manage predators in Oregon. If the Commission feels compelled to make a stand against predator management, at least include a proposal that sets a generous season for concentrated take that would still benefit fawn/calf recruitment – protect the winter feeding and spring birthing/nesting periods.

Jeff P  
Portland, OR

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Zuriel van Belle <zuriel.vanbelle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 2:28 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Support the Proposed Rule to Prohibit Wildlife Killing

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Dear ODFW Commission,

I endorse the proposed rule to prohibit wildlife killing contests or derbies. Existing research does not substantiate the effectiveness of large-scale coyote culling for population control. Historically, coyotes have been actively and widely hunted, but instead of declining, their numbers have increased and their range has expanded. When coyotes are removed, individuals from neighboring areas generally migrate in to maintain or even boost the population temporarily. Wildlife killing contests are in tension with ethical hunting practices and science-based wildlife management. These contests are not only inhumane but also undermine responsible sportsmanship and the principles of good stewardship.

Thank you,  
Zuriel van Belle

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Darren Thomas <dthomasarchitect@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 1:51 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed ban on coyote killing contests. As a concerned citizen who values the preservation of our natural environment and the ethical treatment of wildlife, I firmly believe that such contests have no place in our society.

Coyotes, like all living creatures, play a vital role in maintaining the balance of our ecosystems. They help control populations of small mammals and insects, preventing potential crop damage and the spread of diseases. Additionally, they serve as a critical part of the food web, benefiting various species of predators, scavengers, and even plant life.

Coyote killing contests not only disrupt the natural balance but also perpetuate a culture of violence towards animals. These contests often involve indiscriminate and inhumane killing methods, resulting in the unnecessary suffering of these intelligent and sentient beings. Such practices not only go against the principles of ethical hunting but also reflect poorly on our society's values.

Furthermore, these contests do not contribute to effective wildlife management or the conservation of species. Instead, they promote a short-sighted approach to addressing human-coyote conflicts. I believe that it is our responsibility to find more humane and sustainable solutions to coexist with wildlife peacefully.

I kindly request that you consider my support as you work towards achieving a ban on these contests. If there are any ways in which I can further assist your cause or contribute to your efforts, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for your dedication to wildlife conservation and for your commitment to creating a more compassionate and sustainable future for both humans and animals alike.

Sincerely,

Darren Thomas 2516 NW Obrien Ct Bend, OR, 97703 [dthomasarchitect@gmail.com](mailto:dthomasarchitect@gmail.com) 541-350-2361

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Burton Lazar <burtlazar@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 1:42 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Adopt proposed rule to stop wildlife killing derbies

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Adopt the proposed rule to stop wildlife killing derbies on our public lands. Nonhumans are having a difficult enough time surviving in the time of climate crisis. Sincerely, Burton Lazar  
MD, 14025 NW Germantown Rd, Portland, OR 97231

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Deborah Carrales <deborahcarrales54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 1:35 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban wildlife derbies

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To ODFW Commission,

Please vote to adopt the proposed rule and ban wildlife killing contests or derbies on public lands, with restrictions on private lands to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Thank you.

Deborah Carrales

Sent from my iPhone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Lin Marie <hiketheworld2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 1:08 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban wildlife killing contests

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Dear Commission,

I am writing in response to the current practice of **Wildlife contests**: killing for pleasure and to make money, etc.

When I heard this was happening in Oregon I was appalled. I know Alaska and some other states have this practice but I guess I was hoping *we* are more humane than that. This doesn't even belong in the frequently used belief of "let nature take its course". I have been rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife for the past 22 years and do not believe in such barbaric practices.

I hope you will rule against this, regardless of whose property it is taking place on and enforce the ban.

We are definitely living in a time when all animals and our ecosystems need to be protected whether someone believes differently or if a study wasn't in place to pronounce them endangered. Our ecosystems support human life, which is maintained by the existence of animals and plants and I don't believe there is much dispute of this by intelligent and informed individuals.

To: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

Re: Proposal to prohibit organized derby hunts of unregulated game animals

From: Bruce Mahall, Silver Lake, Oregon

With wild animals comprising only 3% of the world's total terrestrial vertebrate biomass, it is beyond barbaric to facilitate or participate in contests aimed at killing as many individuals of a wild apex predator as possible. Instead we should be looking at every wild species as a potentially key component of the natural ecosystems that we are dependent upon for maintaining a viable, healthy planet.

The justification for derbies to kill wild animals, particularly coyotes, is the intentionally self-delusional guise that doing so is economically and/or ecologically beneficial. Neither is true. The real reason for such hunts is sport, driven by or at least oblivious to cruelty, that humanity ought to be ashamed of. Coyotes simply make good targets. They are a good size for shooting, and their intelligence makes them a challenge to hunt. But make no mistake, except for a few problematic individuals, killing them is economically and ecologically detrimental.

In my own experience managing a hay ranch, I have welcomed a resident pack of coyotes for over 15 years and have seen the numbers of ground squirrels, mice, voles, and gophers decline from years before when coyotes were shot on sight to levels well below economic significance now. In the last few years I have even watched coyotes eat huge numbers of grasshoppers. And I have had no problems with attacks on domestic animals by members of this pack. The coyotes go about their business and leave me alone, and, in return, I leave them alone. Other ranchers I have conferred with have had similar experiences. They too have found that a resident, intact pack of coyotes that causes little or no harm to ranching operations is the best protection from coyote depredations on ranching operations. Such depredations are most likely to be caused by marauding, opportunistic, vagrant coyotes that are vigorously excluded from territories of packs. One rancher told me that one of the worse decisions he ever made regarding wildlife was to let hunters shoot the animals in the resident pack on his ranch. This was the beginning of years of trouble with vagrant coyotes. Established packs that cause no trouble are only beneficial to ranching operations.

Indeed, in two of the most intensive studies of coyote diets, the now legendary naturalists Olaus and Adolph Murie found that small mammals and carrion made up by far (>70%) the largest component of coyote diets. This can only be beneficial to ranching operations, and it is also very important ecologically.

The health of ecosystems can be gauged by the health of apex predator populations. It is well known that predators are critical in what ecologists call ecosystem services. They regulate populations of prey animals in such a way as to not only limit prey populations to the carrying capacities of their food supplies and environments, restraining detrimental booms and busts, but they also exert quality control regulation over prey populations, weeding out the weak and sickly, thereby decreasing the likelihood of disease outbreaks and enhancing general population health. Predators, and especially coyotes in the western United States, are extremely important to ecosystem regulation and balance.

Two examples of where reductions in such regulation have contributed to imbalances are the wasting disease in white-tailed deer in the Midwest and tick-borne Lyme disease spreading throughout the East. There are multiple causes for these ecological nightmares, but in both cases strong evidence points to the massive reduction of predator populations by human actions as being an important component of the imbalances. Given its prime regulatory importance, a significant reduction in the coyote population of the Western states would almost certainly cause some unpredictable, possibly disastrous ecosystem imbalances here too.

Somehow coyotes survived the mass extinction of Pleistocene megafauna that occurred in North America about 13,000 ago. They have also survived a war of extermination rained down on them by humans in the last century. Arguably, coyotes are the most persecuted wild mammal in the United States. The fact that they have survived and persist today indicates that there is an important niche for them in nature. People who would eliminate them for some perceived personal financial gains or cruel thrills are threatening the balance of nature for all of us. Coyotes, as apex predators, are a necessary component of the wild ecosystems we all cherish and depend on. It is the job of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to keep these ecosystems functioning properly by protecting the coyotes regulating them.

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**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Michael Noack <rfoxcreek@peak.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:19 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wildlife Killing Contests

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Thank you for allowing me to respond to Wildlife Killing Contests.

A 2019 poll by the Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all of the state's congressional districts support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests.

Eight states, including five in the west, Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado, and Maryland, Vermont, and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions.

Wildlife killing contests violate the state's solemn duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians.

Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards and are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation-minded values.

Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife.

Thank you,  
Michael Noack  
Seal Rock  
Rforeek@peak.org  
Sent from my iPad

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Amy Scheer <amyscheer@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:19 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wildlife killing contests

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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to ask that the practice of indiscriminate wildlife killing with contests/derbies be banned, in favor of a more humane, scientific approach to over population issues.

Thank you  
Amy Scheer

Sent from my iPhone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Beth Parmenter <Beth\_par@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 9:43 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wildlife killing contests

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Hello,

I am writing to ask you to vote for the proposed rule to eliminate wildlife killing derbies in Oregon. I believe these derbies are cruel and unscientific in achieving any wildlife management goals. Wildlife in Oregon belongs to all of us and polls show that the majority of Oregonians are against these derbies and want greater protection for animals. In my perspective, this would include derbies on both public and private lands.

Thank you for voting for this rule.

Beth Parmenter  
2433 NW Quimby St, Unit 3  
Portland OR 97210  
503-421-5668

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Brant Selb <brantself@bendbroadband.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 5:18 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I absolutely am against the proposed ban on killing coyote contests in Oregon. Here's why: The notion that killing coyotes increases their population is absurd, dead coyotes do not breed! Coyotes are a very successful species

and are able to adapt to many changing environments, they have become major predators in urban settings where they are a major threat to domestic pets such as cats and small dogs not to mention the occasional attack on small

children, in rural areas, they are a major threat to domestic live stock such as sheep, young cattle and horses, they are also huge predators of young deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, not to mention ground nesting birds such as ducks,

turkeys and prairie chickens. Coyotes are in no way a threatened species and hunting them in specialized hunts is a very effective way to keep their population somewhat in check. Quite obviously, if there were too few coyotes, it would

not be at feasible to have hunts with a financial incentive. Please do not let the bleeding heart extremists, who have probably not experienced the true predatory nature of coyotes killing a beloved pet or the financial loss of livestock

due to coyote depredation influence you into unsound wildlife legislation.


Thank you for your consideration.

Brant

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Linda <fnrbndr8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 9:56 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

I have witnessed the after effects of this barbaric event. There is nothing humane or necessary about a "killing contest", where various awards are given.

Don't like coyotes? Killing them according to wildlife officials just increases their birth rate.

This horrific event needs to stop. Now.

Linda Hoffman  
Deschutes County



13 September 2023

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission  
C/O [ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov)  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302

**Re: Contest Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Animals, Exhibit E  
Sept 15, 2023 Commission Agenda**

Dear Chair Wahl, Commissioners and Director Melcher:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Contest Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Animals, Exhibit E on the upcoming Commission Agenda.

SCI opposes the provisions contained in the proposed rulemaking. As you are aware, the Commission does not have authority to regulate take of predatory animals and that is the reason the Commission had to deny the petition to regulate coyote hunting contests last year. This year, the Department, at the behest of the Commission, has presented a rulemaking that attempts to define contests as take and prohibit participation in contests. Again, as you are aware, take is defined as “means to kill or obtain possession or control of any wildlife.” A contest is not a means to kill, such as a bow or a rifle, nor does the contest obtain possession or control of any wildlife. Control and possession are done by individuals, not contests. It is a blatant attempt to distort the legal authority of the Commission to regulate something which it has no ability to do so. If the Legislature desired the Commission regulate hunting tournaments, it could simply change the law to allow that to occur.

Further, participants in hunting tournaments are subject to the same laws and regulations, such as methods of take or hunting hours, as those who don't participate in hunting tournaments, contrary to misinformation presented by those opposed to the tournaments. Also, the tournaments or contests do not present a biological risk to the species as once again, the participants are constrained to the same bag limits as those who don't participate in tournaments (despite misinformation presented by those opposed to the tournaments otherwise).

Because there is no discernable biological or legal difference between taking coyotes in tournaments and without tournaments, this proposal essentially just boils down to cancelling a segment of hunting that the proponents of the language do not like – cancel culture at its finest.

SCI believes that sound, science-based conservation utilizing hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, for both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing



opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Contest Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Animals. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and appreciates the continued partnership with the Commission and the Department. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Laird Hamberlin', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

W. Laird Hamberlin

CEO

Safari Club International

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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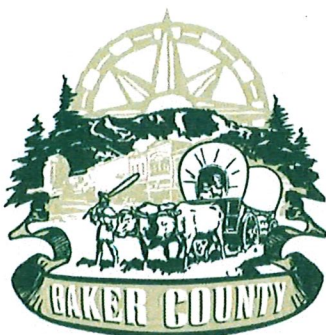
**From:** cwitham@bakercountyor.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 9:32 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Comments of Baker County on the ODFW Commission's Proposed rules Regarding Derby Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Mammals  
**Attachments:** ODFW Coyote Derby Comment.pdf

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To: Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rules regarding Derby Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Animals. Baker County does not support the adoption of these proposed Rules. Please see the attached comment.

Christina Witham  
Baker County Commissioner  
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541-541-8200  
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September 12, 2023

Via email only

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
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Salem, OR 97302  
[ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov)

Re: Comments of Baker County on the ODFW Commission's Proposed rules Regarding Derby Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Mammals

Baker County does not support the adoption of these proposed Rules.

Coyote derbies, as well as derbies for other unprotected mammals, such as ground squirrels, are a huge part of the custom and culture of the agricultural community. Ag producers rely on the land to make a living. The killing of livestock and the destruction of crops by other species threaten the productivity of the land and can cause economic loss. By focusing on single predatory or destructive species, derbies allow for the opportunity for ag producers to balance productivity with wildlife conservation.

In addition, the County is concerned that these Rules are just the beginning of an onslaught of regulations against other legal forms of hunting and fishing. Our hunting and fishing rights are being taken away one, seemingly insignificant, right at a time. This must stop now.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed coyote Derby Rules. Baker County respectfully urges the Commission not to adopt the proposed Derby Rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina Witham".

Commissioner Christina Witham  
Baker County Commission  
[cwitham@bakercountyor.gov](mailto:cwitham@bakercountyor.gov)  
541-523-8200

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Mary Anne Ericson <maericson4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8:18 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** coyote killing contests

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Dear Commissioners,

Please vote to ban these barbaric, sadistic contests. Many states have already done so, and it's time Oregon joined them. Killing wildlife for recreation and prizes should have no place in a civilized society.

Mary Anne Ericson  
1736 SE 51st Ave.  
Portland OR 97215  
510-508-3403

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Laura Maurer <starrymsngr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8:17 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Stop the mass killing

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Hello

As a native resident of the state of Oregon  
I'm sending this note to help urge the banning and  
prosecution of wildlife killing contests to the fullest  
extent of your authority.

Science does not support this mass killing as an effective  
means of controlling the population. Besides, wildlife killing  
contests, such as with the coyotes, are a violation of the state  
duty to protect wildlife. They are cruel and undermine  
responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship and respect  
for public lands.

Please vote to adopt proposed rule.

Thank you.

Laura Maurer

## BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW

**From:** HELENA MOISSANT <hmoissant@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 6:29 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban all wildlife killing contests state wide

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There is no scientific evidence that indiscriminately killing coyotes reduces their populations, protects livestock or increases populations of "game" animals like deer. Randomly killing coyotes disrupts their pack structure, which can increase their populations and increase conflicts between coyotes, humans, and domestic animals. Preventing conflicts by utilizing humane, non-lethal solutions is more effective.

- In the last four years, at least 1,000 coyotes have been indiscriminately and brutally killed in coyote-killing contests across Oregon.
- A 2019 poll by the Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all five congressional districts, support public policy to ban coyote killing contests.
- Coyotes targeted by killing contests play an important ecological role in healthy ecosystems. For example, coyotes reduce rabbit and rodent populations, scavenge animal carcasses and increase biodiversity. These contests disregard ecological health and sound management.
- Eight states, including five in the west—Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado—as well as Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions. Several more are considering bans. As awareness of these barbaric events spreads, Americans are increasingly demanding an end to this bloodsport.
- Killing contests damage the reputation of responsible hunters by violating fundamental hunting ethics. Countless animals are injured or orphaned during killing contests. The events also put non-target species at risk.
- Killing contests are a bloodsport. Killing coyotes for thrills and prizes—with no respect for their intrinsic or ecological value—personifies senseless violence and wanton waste.
- This petition is not a ban on hunting and does not impact other laws. Individuals will still be allowed to hunt coyotes and other wildlife according to state laws.
- Oregon's wildlife is managed in trust for all Oregonians. Allowing individuals to wantonly kill wildlife as part of a cruel bloodsport is a grave violation of the state's obligations to hold wildlife as a public trust for all citizens.

Thank you  
The Moissant Family  
Central Point OR

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Frank Huebsch <frankhuebsch@q.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 5:16 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW

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Hello ODFW,

As a resident of Bend OR and long-time volunteer with the Forest Service and other agencies managing public lands and resources, I oppose wildlife shooting "derbies", which I consider wildlife poaching, whether or not the species in question is an OFDW protected or managed species.

Thank you for your consideration and service for the protection of wildlife resources in Oregon.

Frank Huebsch-  
60836 Taralon Pl  
Bend OR

## BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW

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**From:** Jeff Price <jprice.pdx@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 4:26 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW; ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Coyote Calling contests\_oppose restrictions

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Commission Members,

First and foremost, it is apparent by the supporting arguments submitted, most people are acting out of emotion, have no real knowledge of the facts and have the intent to eliminate hunting. Two examples of submitted testimony:

I can't believe this is still an issue. With a lot of Oregon in the fire plain/zone, please consider that those who are trying to survive in the new developments, the gun nuts, and all the other shoot

Hello,

I am very saddened and ashamed that wildlife killing contests are still legal in Oregon. Please ban this practice. These contests are not ethical and do not serve the purpose of allowing a few individuals to kill for fun. This damages the ecosystem for all of us!! We can't enjoy a healthy ecosystem. The carcasses as a result of these contests are thrown in the trash. We are better than this. Wildlife deserves better. This ban

I believe it probably goes without saying and you are aware but to me several items stand out that you should take into strong consideration:

- The method of hunting in the contests is no different than how typical coyote hunts are approached by most all hunters who target these species. Some people, some licenses, some calls, and some firearms.
- Specific and timed removal of predators can be beneficial to calving/fawning/nesting; ODFW, in fact, uses this with success to the benefit of mule deer and elk in numerous prescribed and concentrated management efforts [Heppner, Warner, Ukiah, Steens, Murderers Creek].
- ODFW and the Commission accept and support contests in other areas of the state to remove potential aggressive but native predators - even adding special provisions to involve youth: [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2023/07\\_Jul/072123.asp](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2023/07_Jul/072123.asp)

From most perspectives but especially management, these efforts should be a method with which management is maintained, not one where the Commissioners placate emotionally response and remove a management option. It is evident that a sustained effort is required, not one-off or haphazard, too late to implement strategies. Let hunters and landowners who are interested in helping assist without the added monetary burden to the state.

What is the difference between a coyote derby and a big-buck contest except for the visibility of a concentrated check-in where every participant is present at one location with all their take – if deer and elk contests required all hunters present their animals at the end of a season, I surmise the perspective would be different on those contests as well.

Understand the management benefits and use field staff for input to manage predators in Oregon. If the Commission feels compelled to make a stand against predator management, at least include a proposal that sets a generous season for concentrated take that would still benefit fawn/calf recruitment – protect the winter feeding and spring birthing/nesting periods.

Jeff P  
Portland, OR

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Randy Smith <randy\_smith3004@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 3:42 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Wildlife Killing Contests

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Hello. I'm asking you to put an immediate end to Wildlife Killing Derbies in Oregon. They are cruel, selfish and disrespectful, morally bankrupt, unsportsmanlike, like and so anti-science that it's beyond belief. Oregon wildlife should be appreciated and respected by all Oregonians and not killed wantonly by misguided anti-predator, anti-science knuckleheads. There shouldn't even be a debate about this matter--show some spine and do the right thing. Thanks/Regards, Randy Smith 130 NE Ivy Street, Portland, OR 97212

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Judy Campuzano <ry\_camp@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 3:29 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why... Wildlife killing contests below photo is priceless for the message. Remember "All Animals Matter".

Judy Campuzano  
Bend Oregon



Photo from 'Think Wild' our wildlife guardians.

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Adelia Hwang <adeliahwang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 2:36 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Stop wildlife killing contests

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To whom it may concern,

I am deeply opposed to ODFW's allowance of wildlife killing competitions. Killing contests are cruel and senseless. Good sportsmanship, animal tracking, and marksmanship can be demonstrated in many other ways that do not involve senseless murder. Furthermore there is no evidence to support that these competitions lead to any beneficial long-term population management impacts. Please prohibit these inhumane and barbaric events.

Sincerely,  
Adelia Hwang  
Citizen of Oregon

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

**From:** Gary Lewis <garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:44 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Regarding coyote hunting and contests

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September 12, 2023

Attn. Chair Wahl, Members of the Commission and Director Melcher,

I heard today the commission will meet in Deschutes County with the purpose of passing a rule against hunting coyotes in the course of a contest in Harney County.

On the face of it this seems underhanded, low and beneath the members of the commission. A petition to this effect was denied late last year. Then in a bizarre move the commission acted to advise staff to draft a rule against coyote hunting contests. And now a meeting in Bend to decide on it. Not a meeting in Burns or Crane which is the only area I know of where a contest like the one is question is held. Instead of meeting in Harney County. Very strange.

There is no emergency, there is no conservation imperative and no scientific reason to adopt this rule. This seems like an opportunity to hand anti-hunters who have no stake in the game a win. Why does the commission need to act against a very small segment of hunting activity for which the participants all pay for hunting licenses? For an easy win.

If the legislature has refused to act, it is for good reason. Maybe it's because they see this as a freedom of expression issue. If the legislature does not act, why does the commission believe it has the authority? I find it reprehensible that the commission is willing to unlawfully act against a small number of its own constituents!

The actions of the commission appear cowardly. If the commission is proud of this effort, the commission should hold the meeting in Harney County.

Gary Lewis  
Deschutes County, Oregon

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Patricia Green <greenpatricia966@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 6:50 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why. License to kill should be based on a clear wildlife management objective and to sustain healthy populations of prey and predator species. Thank you.

Pat Green  
2242 NW 7th St  
Bend, OR. 97703

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Cristy Murray <doglady8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 9:05 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please end Wildlife killing contests

It's really a disgusting way to manage wildlife populations. It really shows what's wrong with the human race that they think it's fun to kill another animal in this way. This isn't sport or subsistence. This is morally abhorrent and should never be allowed again.

Please vote to adopt the proposed rule and ban wildlife killing contests or derbies on public lands, with restrictions on private lands to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Oregon's wildlife belongs to all its residents and allowing a small group of individuals to engage in wanton waste of a wildlife species as part of a contest neglects the state's duty to protect the public's wildlife, which are held and managed for the benefit and enjoyment of all Oregonians.

A 2019 poll by the respected, bipartisan Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all of the state's congressional districts, support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests.

Science does not support indiscriminate, largescale, mass killing of coyotes as an effective means of reducing coyote populations, minimizing conflicts with pets or livestock, or increasing numbers of game species. It can even lead to an increase in coyote numbers by disrupting stable family packs and increasing their rate of reproduction.

Eight states, including five in the west—Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado—as well as Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions.

Wildlife killing contests are a violation of the state's duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians.

Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards and are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation centered values.

Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Cristy Murray  
Oregon City, OR 97045

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Jan Nelson <nellie.jan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:38 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** ban coyote and all wildlife killing contests

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my internet connection may not be working because I live in a marginally functional zone in the coast range foothills, but I will try to connect to the hearing.

I have pastured livestock for 36 years. I do love to hear the coyotes. my animals are protected by me and my donkey. over those years I have lost three animals probably to cougars, but I still love the wildlife and manage our property (especially forest) for wildlife. I do not understand people who want to shoot coyotes or any wildlife for fun -even it's for a prize. FUN???

as had been said, wildlife "belongs" to everyone - or rather they belong to no one to kill whether on "private land" or public land. I understand other states have not had a problem with that. I certainly hope this total ban can be accomplished.

thanks, jan nelson, 85354 doane rd, lane county, 97402. 541 485 1426

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Kim Herrick <wildmpony4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 7:46 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why WE as humans need to let other creatures live. I own property outside of Lapine and the important part is to give back to the environment or just leave it alone. Our children need to see an earth that still has other animal life on it besides just humans. Kim Herrick

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** jansersh@bendbroadband.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 9:51 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** re: coyote hunting

You don't often get email from jansersh@bendbroadband.com. [Learn why this is important](#)  
I'd like to express my support for the proposed banning of the coyote killing contests. This cruelty should be stopped and I hope the public forum you have later this week does not include hunters from out of state. Your forum should be for Oregon residents only.

Janice Sershen  
Bend resident

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Barbara Kracher <b\_kracher@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 9:33 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...

It disrupts the natural balance in the areas this occurs.

It's unethical to just kill for killing sake.

What kind of society are we to make killing a competition?!!

There are many more ways to deal with issues between wildlife and domestic animals; ways that work and are practiced by people who care about the balance of our environment.

I am disgusted that this is even allowed.

Have we not evolved enough as humans?

If the ban is not passed, its a sad commentary on this state!

Regards,

**Barbara**

"My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness."

— **Dalai Lama XIV**

"We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves."

— **Dalai Lama XIV**

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**From:** Lois Feuerle <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 8:26 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please Ban Wildlife Killing Contests

OR Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am a traditional Oregonian & I strongly support the proposed rule (1) ending wildlife killing contests on public lands in Oregon & (2) restricting them on private lands (aka the "Derby Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Mammals") rule.

Oregon's wildlife is a gift that God gave us and belongs to all the state's people.

Wildlife killing contests are a violation of the state's solemn duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians. A 2019 poll by the respected, bipartisan Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all of the state's congressional districts, support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests.

As discussed in the December 'sCommission meeting, wildlife killing contests are cruel; under-mine responsible sportsman-ship, good stewardship, & respect for Oregon's wildlife.

Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial reward rather than sound science. They are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, & Oregon's conservation centered values.

Thank you for directing staff to draft these rules. It is long overdue that Oregon joined the other states, including our neighbors in California and Washington, which have already banned cruel wildlife killing contests.

I am appalled and embarrassed Oregon has not seen fit to join these other states.

Please use your September meeting to adopt the wildlife killing contest rule prohibitinh killing contests.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Lois Feuerle  
feuerle@gmail.com  
3036 SE Taylor Street  
Portland, Oregon 97214

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**From:** Kitty Vroom <kittyvroom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 8:04 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why, this would be a barbaric way to treat other species and beyond any semblance of ethical. If the coyote population becomes out of control or causes harm, I am sure with all the science that we have today, we could find a humane way to move forward.

Hunters know that this is not the fair and honored way to hunt.

Please proceed with the ban on killing contests in Oregon.

Best regards,

Kitty, Central Oregon Resident

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Brooke Highsmith <goodie-2shuze@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 5:36 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** coyote killing contests

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To The Commission,

I understand there is to be a forum on September 15<sup>th</sup> concerning the practice of holding contests to see who can slaughter the most coyotes. While I am unable to attend the meeting, I would like to take a stand on the side of the coyote.

There appears to be no other purpose to this contest other than to satisfy the bloodlust and egos of those who participate. There is absolutely no sportsmanship involved when the hunters use devices mimicking the calls of natural prey, or worse, the distress cries of coyote pups, to entice the adults into rifle range. No sportsmanship when the goal is simply greed and the enjoyment of careless violence against these animals. No part of the coyote is salvaged after it is slaughtered. Carcasses are simply discarded and the bodies mount up as the savagery continues.

As experts in wildlife management, you are aware of the niche coyotes provide in controlling the populations of smaller predators like skunks and raccoons, and the mice and rabbits that can degrade the habitat with their burrowing. Contests such as these can damage an entire ecosystem when decimating the coyote population of one area.

Please add my voice to thousands of others opposing coyote killing contests as unethical and immoral. Please join the eight other states in our country who have recognized them as such, and prohibit coyote killing contests in Oregon.

Sincerely,  
Brooke Highsmith

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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**From:** Andrew Hedges <segdeha@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 5:13 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please, ban wildlife killing derbies in Oregon!

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Hello,

I am an Oregon Native and am shocked and appalled that this debauchery is still permitted.

Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards and are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation centered values.

Eight states, including five in the west—Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado—as well as Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions.

Wildlife killing contests are CRUEL and UNDERMINE responsible sportsmanship and respect for the public's wildlife.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important ban.

Andrew

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andrew@hedges.name / <https://andrew.hedges.name>

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**From:** Connie@JoyousFamily.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 5:07 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...

All animals including predators are essential to a healthy ecosystem.

Killing contests are so disrespectful of wildlife. It becomes a 'fun' game in which life is not valued.

Please act to support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

## BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW

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**From:** Jill Stokes <elaromatherapy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 5:02 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...

1. **Counter-Productive to Wildlife Management:** Wildlife killing contests run contrary to science-based wildlife management principles. They promote the wanton waste of precious wildlife resources.
2. **Public Ownership of Wildlife:** Oregon's wildlife belongs to all its citizens, and allowing a small group of individuals to engage in such contests undermines the state's duty to protect these resources for the benefit of all Oregonians.
3. **Strong Public Support:** A 2019 poll conducted by the bipartisan Remington Research Group revealed strong public support across all of Oregon's congressional districts for banning wildlife killing contests.
4. **Ineffectiveness and Harm:** Mass killing of coyotes as a means of population control has no scientific backing and can disrupt stable family packs, increase reproduction rates, and potentially lead to more conflicts with livestock.
5. **National Precedent:** Eight states, including several in the western United States, have already banned wildlife killing contests through their state wildlife commissions.
6. **Ethical Concerns:** These contests are driven by financial incentives and contradict principles of fair chase, modern science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's values of conservation.
7. **Cruelty and Irresponsibility:** Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for our public wildlife.

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** quinn keever <quinnfahey@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 4:32 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon.

Please be responsible stewards of our natural environment and stop this senseless, wasteful act. The killing contests have no basis in the science of wildlife management, and in fact, disrupts the natural ecosystem by orphaning pups, and eliminating the balance of the natural predators that coyotes are.

Let's join the modern era and put an end to this medieval act. Our ecosystem deserves better.

Thank you,  
Quinn Keever

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Jane Marsh <janemarsh6100@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 4:24 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** In Support of Proposed Rule to Ban Wildlife Killing Contests on Public Land and Significantly Restrict it On Private Land

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Dear ODFW.

I am contacting you to voice my support of the proposed administrative rule to ban wildlife killing contests on public land and significantly restrict, at a minimum, on private land. This is great news for wildlife, and great news for most Oregonians who do not support the slaughter of innocent animals for fun and profit.

Oregon consistently ranks among the best states in the USA for animal welfare, according to the Animal Legal Defense Fund and the Humane Society of the United States. Even so, wildlife and domestic animals do not have it easy in Oregon.

Why has it taken the state so long to ban wildlife killing contests? Importantly, in 2020, a bill banning coyote killing contests had broad support in both state houses, but it, along with other legislation, was derailed when Republican House members abdicated their duty and failed to appear to vote.

In the 2021 legislative session, a new bill, HB 2728, received a hearing in the House. It reflected the values of a strong majority of Oregonians: that Oregon does NOT want coyote killing contests. Unfortunately, it did not get a vote on the floor; as I recall, the Speaker decided a vote would add fire to the "culture wars" and broaden the "rural-urban divide." I don't think that was an accurate characterization at all!

Killing contests do not warrant discussion of what is fair or even necessary. They are in fact cruel and unethical, and cast a pall over ethical hunters. Participants compete to kill the most, the heaviest, or even the smallest coyote for cash and prizes. Social media posts vie for bragging rights. Such "contests" are the opposite of sportsmanship, good stewardship and respect for Oregon wildlife.

It's time to end this unethical practice. I want to live in an ethical and humane world. Please adopt this rule and let Oregon join the states that are leading the way on this important issue for the natural world.

Thank you.

Jane Marsh  
50 Ridgeline Drive  
Eugene, OR 97405

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Jan Stevenson <jsteve@jsteve.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 4:23 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** please support ban on wildlife killing contests

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To the ODFW Commission,

Thank-you in advance for your consideration in supporting the ban on wildlife killing contests.

Wildlife killing contests, which are counter-productive to science-based wildlife management principles, offer cash prizes and/or guns for the winner who kills the most, the largest, or the smallest animals over one or two days. Participants lure coyotes and other wildlife in for an easy kill using high-tech electronic calling devices that mimic the sounds of prey or even pups in distress.

Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife. Also, this killing leaves behind many orphan babies who suffer greatly and die without support from their families.

Eight states, including five in the west—Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado—as well as Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions.

As an Oregonian, I would love to see Oregon join the ranks of banning wildlife killing contests.

Thank-you!

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Warm Regards,  
--jan  
Jan Stevenson  
Hillsboro, OR

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**From:** yellowfarmhouse@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 4:13 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Support of proposed ODFW admin rule 635-050-0300

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Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I write today to ask you to support proposed ODFW administrative rule 635-050-033 Contest Prohibition. As a veterinarian in Oregon, I find these contests to be in direct opposition to my veterinary oath. I believe this is the wrong message and a negative role model for our young people. These contests cause great suffering. Please vote to support this proposed rule and to end the government sanctioned cruelty to animals in the name of entertainment which is damaging to our youth and to our state's integrity and compassion.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Sincerely,

Tonya Higgins, DVM  
72464 Lentz Rd  
Rainier OR 97048

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

**From:** Sara Moran <sm709@humboldt.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 11:51 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Killing Contests Input

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Hello,

I'm reaching out to express my support for the ban on wildlife killing contests.

There is no scientific evidence that indicates killing contests reduce overall population numbers, particularly of coyotes. Populations balance out over time unless there are situations where large numbers die quickly, as in killing contests. In fact, a large decrease in a population may cause a spike in following years. Here is an NPR episode about this: <https://www.npr.org/2019/06/14/730056855/killing-coyotes-is-not-as-effective-as-once-thought-researchers-say>

Furthermore, killing larger carnivores like coyotes may cause an over-abundance of other species, creating an imbalance in the ecosystem.

Killing contests are not wildlife management, but a game. In a time with environmental needs being looked over, it's important to look at wildlife with a management perspective and not a profit perspective.

Thank you,  
Sara Moran

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**From:** russell953@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 11:45 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Written Comments ODFW prohibiting Wildlife Killing Contest; Hearing Sept. 15, 2023

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Distinguished Chair Wahl and Members of the Commission:

My name is Kristi LaHaye, and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am a proud Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) Humane Policy Volunteer Leader and long-standing volunteer at Oregon Humane society. I am writing my comments herein on behalf of bringing an end to wildlife killing contests in Oregon.

These killing contests represent some of the most egregious and barbaric hunting tactics still in practice. This is not an ethical contest, but an indiscriminate killing. The use of high-tech equipment and electronic calling devices that mimic the sounds of young coyotes in distress allows animals to be manipulated for easier kills. This contest goes against the values that we here in Oregon hold for how we steward our land and wildlife. More than half our state population is not in favor of these contests.

Coyotes are a key component of the ecosystems they live in. To assume these animals can be killed in vast quantities for entertainment and financial reward is presumptuous. Making a game out of mass killing is not an effective way to address conflicts with livestock. Instead, their populations should be maintained and managed in the way that other animal populations are handled.

Scientific studies have shown that the indiscriminate killing inherent with these contests can have adverse effects on coyote population management efforts. Randomly killing coyotes allows more coyotes to reproduce larger litters and encourages new coyotes seeking space and resources to move in on the territory. Studies also show that randomly killing coyotes can increase coyote-livestock conflicts, because to feed a litter of pups born out of indiscriminate killing, either orphaned or of a larger size, adults in the pack who would normally prey on rodents will resort to targeting larger livestock to survive.

Sadly, Oregon is the only state on the west coast that hasn't banned these cruel contests, and it's why I'm grateful for this opportunity today to join our neighbors and other states across the nation to cease these wildlife killing contests.

Coyote killing contests have no place in modern wildlife management, increase conflicts with livestock, and demonstrate little ethical standards. Please vote to end these pointless and unsporting contests in our beloved state of Oregon.

Thank you for your time.

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Gary Ligi <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 11:44 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Contests

OR Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I strongly support the proposed rule ending wildlife killing contests on public lands in Oregon and strictly regulating them on private lands.

Please adopt the wildlife killing contest rule at your September meeting.

Thank you.

Gary Ligi  
garyligi@mac.com  
45986 NW Hartwick Rd.  
Banks, Oregon 97106

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**From:** Leanna Valdes <leannataylor75@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 11:33 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please ban the coyote killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. It is cruel and promotes a wanton waste of wildlife. Killing coyotes like this can disrupt a stable family pack potentially causing even more conflicts with livestock. Also, it is cruel and undermines responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship and respect for our public wildlife. Coyotes play an important role in our environment too. They help keep rats, mice, and other pests as well as feral cat populations in check.

The fact that our state supports this kind of killing of wildlife sickens me. We now know how important our predators are in the natural cycle, why would we blatantly disregard this information just to give some people a disgusting glee from a celebratory mass killing. Disgusting.

Also, nature studies have shown that coyotes will breed even more when their populations have been significantly reduced. These mass killings are not doing any good in nature but just promoting more mass killings.

Please ban these contests. This isn't ethical hunting, this is a mass killing.

Thank you,

Leanna Valdes

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**From:** Paul Chanek <pdchanek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 11:12 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** We support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

Coyote "killing contests" are unethical, a throwback to another era, cruel, and run counter to any and all responsible wildlife management. Coyotes are an important part of the ecosystem and should be managed in a responsible, scientific way so as not to upset natural balances. These "contests" do nothing to keep coyote populations down (in fact, they increase reproduction rates) and disruption of family packs can lead to increased attacks on livestock. How about the increase in rodent populations, which coyotes keep in check? Promoting wanton killing of these important animals sends the wrong message our kids, to hunters, to anyone who values wildlife. It's definitely NOT okay to engage in killing sprees that waste these valuable animals and treat them like trash. It encourages animal cruelty, disrespect of life, and unsportsmanlike behavior--all in the name of "fun". As citizens of Oregon, we own these animals and are their stewards. Let's treat them as such. These killing contests have no place in our state, or in any civilized place.

Paul Chanek & Karen Lester  
23084 Butterfield Trail  
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[pdchanek@gmail.com](mailto:pdchanek@gmail.com)

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**From:** Julie Buer <julie\_buer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 11:01 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...

The targeting of a vital member of a healthy wildlife community is barbaric and cruel. This is blood sport trying to hide under the thin veil of "livestock protection". I live on a ranch in Powell Butte amidst hay fields and livestock. The coyotes, as they should be, are here as well. When we see them, they are out in the hay fields hunting all those critters who are the bane of the hay field. We see them traveling without causing distress through birthing cows to clean up afterbirth secretions. Never have we seen them attack a cow or calf, or even our dogs who sometimes feel emboldened to run out and stake a claim. The coyotes are smarter than they are given credit for. Our chickens are properly housed, and coyote intrusion free. Our goats, pigs, peacocks, turkeys and cats are all accounted for. When we do have a carcass, we haul it out to a remote location and leave a game camera nearby. We watch gratefully as the coyotes, vultures, eagles, and an occasional bob cat dispose of the carcass. In other words, I testify, in this first person account, that coyotes are vital to this ecosystem and are not the livestock attacking predator they are portrayed as being.

I would add one second person account. A neighbor came to our home one day to look for members of a dog pack which had been harassing his cattle. Apparently the dogs were let out each morning and would congregate to chase the herd for fun. They were causing real damage; broken calf legs, trampled calves, distress to the herd, and other real problems. I asked him if he had coyote issues. He said, "Heaven's no. Coyotes don't chase for sport. They know they can't take down a calf with a mother present. They do me a service, however, when a cow or calf dies, by cleaning it up."

It is long overdue that we stop allowing myth to drive decision making. In particular, it is long overdue that the coyote killing contests be banned. Please make it so.

Sincerely,

Julie Buer  
1570 NW Serrano Lane  
Powell Butte, Oregon 97753

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

**From:** Gary Madison <garymadison@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 11:01 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Coyote calling contest meetings

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### **FACTS.**

Awarding prizes and money for wildlife killing contests is both unethical and inconsistent with our current understanding of natural systems. Such contests have no place in modern wildlife management.

Coyote killing contests are growing in Oregon at this time with as many as 600 contestants over a weekend. These competitive killing events are simply a blood bath for entertainment, money and a chance for gambling. Participants glorifying their own habit of killing.

Participants typically dump bodies having no need for them after the prizes are awarded. Investigators of these contests saw chilling scenes of participants dragging the bodies of dead coyotes, grinning next to their bloodied animals, sharing gruesome jokes about their kills. The event ends with a big celebration where participants are awarded prizes and bragging rights.

### **CONCLUSION**

The majority of people believe coyote killing contests are cruel and not necessary. They give hunters a bad name and undermine the public view of hunting. A judge in Harney County years ago stopped coyote killing contests, The events have started up again.

The fish and wildlife is in the business of selling sports hunting license. Coyote killing contests are in conflict with this. The contest lets lots of coyotes called escape and they are educated to calling. This makes for difficult and discouraging calling experience for the sports caller.

The killing contest numbers show it is all about the money. Up to 600 people are competing in contests and pay between \$100 and \$200 per man. That is big money that can encourage unscrupulous methods of hunting.

Finally. Many states around Oregon have stopped coyote killing contests. It is time Oregon does the same!

Respectfully submitted

Gary Madison  
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**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Georgina Cole <gigicole0202@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 10:59 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. If herds need to be culled then that's one thing, but to make a contest out of it is cruel and unnecessary. And it will bring out every nutjob with a gun. I can't believe this even needs to be said.

Georgina Cole  
Bend, Oregon

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**From:** dearmolly@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 10:46 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** NO on wildlife killing contests

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To ODFW:

I am writing to urge you to adopt the proposed rule on wildlife killing contests on public lands, with restrictions on private lands to the fullest allowed by law.

Oregon's wildlife belongs to all residents, and allowing a small group to engage in senseless waste of a wildlife species as part of a contest neglects the state's duty to protect the public's wildlife.

A strong majority of Oregonians across Congressional districts supports public policy to ban wildlife killing contests.

Science does not support indiscriminate, large scale, mass killing of coyotes as an effective means of reducing coyote populations, minimizing conflicts with pets or livestock, or increasing numbers of game species.

Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife.

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

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**From:** Sandy Barnette <sandy.barnette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 10:21 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...I am totally against killing for sport!!!

Sent from my iPhone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Jon Thorn <jonrthorn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 10:13 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon.

This is entirely unnecessary and wasteful. Such activities promote attitudes and behaviors we don't want to foster in our communities where we are striving for a much more symbiotic and supportive relationship with our surrounding wildlife. As we continue to expand and develop, we need to put more and more effort into creating sustainable solutions for a fragile ecosystem that is already in collapse, posing a danger to us all that will continue for generations.

Thank you very much for bringing up this ban. I sincerely hope it is successfully passed and marks a big step towards the future we want to be a part of.

Thanks for your time,  
- Jon Thorn

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**From:** Eleanor Murphey <emurphey@bendcable.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 10:11 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...Killing Contests are a cruel , disgusting, thuggish practice by people who have no respect for our natural environment. These animals deserve our protection not our condemnation. I live in Deschutes County and in the last 20 years I have seen a decline in Coyotes and the increase in the rodent population. They have a good job to do, so let us help them do it. We need proper wildlife management not this foul slaughter of these creatures. Perhaps we need to start controlling the population of our own species. We are pushing these animals out of there natural habitats as we spread ourselves like concrete swamps, and then kill the animals we displace because they don't fit. Are we Human or Inhuman, that is the question. Do the right thing and ban killing contests.

E. Murphey

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Becky Merchant <beckymerchant@bendbroadband.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 9:52 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why... the idea of coyotes being orphaned by a bunch of people only interested in the sport in the money is appalling to me.

I support all of the reasons stated on your poster. Sincerely, Becky Merchant, Tyler Merchant, and Mitch Merchant.

Sent from my iPhone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** braddtucker7 <braddtucker7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 9:11 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** No ban on derbies

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I'm sure you've received many emails bemoaning coyote killing contests, but I doubt any of those arguments are based in science, as to my knowledge there is no evidence derbies have population level impacts on coyotes. I know of no county and no State that has eradicated coyotes from their jurisdiction. In fact, coyotes elluded Federal prosecution in the early 1900s and colonized America, a much different fate than their larger cousin the Grey Wolf, who were effectively eradicated from the West, including Oregon.

None of the story of coyotes' resilience should be news to ODFW, coyotes adapted to prosecution of wolves first, and those same adaptations allow resistance to our prosecution, including derbies.

It's my understanding ODFW is tasked with scienced based management of wildlife at the population level, meaning ODFW has a responsibility to keep coyote populations healthy across the State, but is not tasked to protect any particular coyote from a rifle shot. As such, I hope ODFW resists the emotional pleas to end derbies and continues with science based management for all species, providing as much hunting opportunity as sustainable for all species.

Regards,

Bradd Tucker

ODFW ID# 4484896

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

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**From:** Jody Tuttle <Jody@thegarnergroupp.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 8:46 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...It doesn't work. The goal of killing coyotes is to reduce the population. Previous reports have shown that coyotes respond by increasing the number of puppies in a litter. This creates a revolving door scenario. Dogs and humans are a better deterrent.

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**From:** Caroline Read-Mullins <caroline@thinkwildco.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 8:45 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

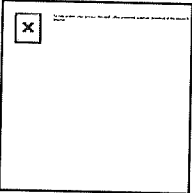
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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why: it has not proven to work. It is extremely naïve and shortsighted. There's no stopping coyote conflicts. It's like a rodent, when you kill one another one will move in. Would it not be better to set an example to our Oregon community to figure out solutions that does not result in brutal inhumane violence. Solutions are innovative and productive. Killing for the sake of killing is backwards.

Do some research. Pretty easy to find data on the ineffectiveness of mass shooting coyotes.

Caroline Read, CVT

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Caroline Read-Mullins, CVT  
Wildlife Veterinary Technician  
Think Wild



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**From:** michelendickson@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 8:42 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban coyote killing contests in Oregon

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Yes! Coyote killing contests on public lands are an abomination. We need to be protecting wildlife and our natural ecosystem over economic interests and certain peoples idea of "sport". Ban coyote killing contests.

– michele dickson

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** NANCY GREEN <np\_green@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 8:29 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. The practice of coyote hunts is inhumane and counter-productive to wildlife management practices. Many who kill believe they are lowering the coyote population but instead they are further disrupting the ecosystem which causes coyotes to increase their breeding.

Eight states have already banned this practice for good reason. Oregon should join this group and stop this inhumane killing.

It is important that humans learn to manage their lives around the natural world instead of detrimentally manipulating nature to fit their needs. Banning coyote killing would be a positive step in this direction.

Thank you,  
Nancy Green

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** April Lucas <april75bend@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 7:36 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

You don't often get email from april75bend@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)  
Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I completely 100% support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon.

Coyotes produce more pups when they are being killed. When left to do normal breeding, they produce smaller litters. The more people kill them, the more they produce. How about we just let them do what they do well which is rodent population control and stop slaughtering them for fun!! I also believe that these killing contests only add to the unhealthy mentality in humans to kill, kill, kill!!! Killing in this manner doesn't work and is completely inhumane.

“Research shows that when aggressively controlled, coyotes can increase their reproductive rate by breeding at an earlier age and having larger litters, with a higher survival rate among the young. This allows coyote populations to quickly bounce back, even when as much as 70 % of their numbers are removed. Shoot or poison coyotes and you will have just as many again within a year or two. Kill one or both members of the alpha pair (A)—the only pair who normally reproduces—and other pairs will form and reproduce. At the same time, lone coyotes will move in to mate, young coyotes will start having offspring sooner, and litter sizes will grow.”

Thank you for your consideration of such an important change.

April Lucas~

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Debbie Schlenoff <debschlenoff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 12:33 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Lane County Audubon urges support of ruling to end wildlife killing contests

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Lane County Audubon Society to express strong support for the proposed rule ending wildlife killing contests on public lands in Oregon. Coyote indiscriminate killing contests undermine modern, science-based wildlife management principles and are not an effective wildlife management tool. The best available science shows that many wildlife populations depleted by unnatural means simply reproduce more quickly due to the sudden drop in competition for resources and changes to social structure from the loss of individuals.

Allowing a small group of individuals to engage in the cruel slaughter of a wildlife species as part of a contest is an abdication of the state's solemn duty to protect the public's wildlife, which are held and managed for the benefit and enjoyment of all Oregonians. A 2019 poll by the Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all of the state's congressional districts support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests. End cruel, wasteful, and unsporting coyote killing contests in Oregon.

Thank you for your service in protecting Oregon's fish and wildlife for all of us.

Debbie Schlenoff, Ph.D.  
Conservation Chair  
Lane County Audubon Society

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**From:** Laurel Hunter <laurel@laurelhunter.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 12:04 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon.

While I understand that hunting has been a part of our cultural heritage for generations, we need to reassess killing contests in light of our evolving understanding of wildlife conservation and the environment. Coyote hunting, particularly in the context of organized contests, raises important issues that warrant our attention.

First and foremost, coyote populations play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance. These intelligent creatures help control rodent populations and contribute to overall ecosystem health. Indiscriminate hunting, especially during contests that incentivize the killing of as many animals as possible. This practice causes chaos in the coyote family structure. Cubs are left to fend for themselves, and remaining adults under stress breed more.

Furthermore, wildlife hunting contests often encourage unethical and wasteful practices. Participants may prioritize quantity over quality, leading to a disregard for animal welfare and a lack of respect for these animals' lives. The needless suffering and loss of life that result from such contests are ethically troubling and run counter to the principles of responsible hunting and conservation.

I kindly request that you move to ban these contests in Oregon. Arizona, California, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Vermont and Washington have outlawed killing contests for coyotes, foxes, bobcats and other species, and several other states are considering similar action. There is simply no place for wildlife killing contests in modern society.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Laurel Hunter

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Skye Kimel <skyekimel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 11:58 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
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Moreover, wildlife killing contests run contrary to science-based wildlife management principles. Mass killing of coyotes as a means of population control has no scientific backing and can disrupt stable family packs, increase reproduction rates, and potentially lead to more conflicts with livestock.

Please stop the killing contests.

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Lisa Webb <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 11:54 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please, Ban Senseless Killing Contests

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We are the younger brothers of Creation, and we need to use our gift of knowledge and free will to protect our ecosystem. We need to learn from the wolves and the foxes and the fish, we depend on them for our survival. Ranchers need to be educated in wolf management plans that do not harm the wolves. Pet owners need to be educated on how to safeguard their beloved companions. I am a dog mom and cat mom, I love my babies, AND I have no fear of them being taken by coyotes or wolves because I keep them safe.

We are able to live in harmony with apex predators. We should be following indigenous knowledge, the Tribes of the Northwest have so much knowledge that they are willing to share if we only give them back the autonomy to manage the land they've been living on for the past 40,000 years. Please, ban these contests.

Lisa Webb

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**From:** Gary Madison <garymadison@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:30 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** coyote calling contest

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Attention Commissioner Jill Zaarnowitz

### **FACTS.**

Awarding prizes and money for wildlife killing contests is both unethical and inconsistent with our current understanding of natural systems. Such contests have no place in modern wildlife management.

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Participants typically dump bodies having no need for them after the prizes are awarded. Investigators of these contests saw chilling scenes of participants dragging the bodies of dead coyotes, grinning next to their bloodied animals, sharing gruesome jokes about their kills. The event ends with a big celebration where participants are awarded prizes and bragging rights.

### **CONCLUSION**

The majority of people believe coyote killing contests are cruel and not necessary. They give hunters a bad name and undermine the public view of hunting. A judge in Harney County years ago stopped coyote killing contests, The events have started up again.

The fish and wildlife is in the business of selling sports hunting license. Coyote killing contests are in conflict with this. The contest lets lots of coyotes called escape and they are educated to calling. This makes for difficult and discouraging calling experience for the sports caller.

The killing contest numbers show it is all about the money. Up to 600 people are competing in contests and pay between \$100 and \$200 per man. That is big money that can encourage unscrupulous methods of hunting.

Finally. Many states around Oregon have stopped coyote killing contests. It is time Oregon does the same!

Respectfully submitted

Gary Madison  
541/589/1084

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**From:** Gary Madison <garymadison@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:24 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
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Attention Commissioner Mark Labhart

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**From:** Jan Maddron <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:21 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Contests

OR Fish & Wildlife Commission,

Please vote to ban animal-killing contests in Oregon.

Thank you.

Jan Maddron  
janmaddron@gmail.com  
63670 Martin Rd,9  
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
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**From:** Lynne Ouchida <Lynne@hsc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:06 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Support for a ban on wildlife killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Wildlife killing contests are unethical and not science-based wildlife management. Oregon should be amongst those states joining the ban on wildlife killing contests. These killing contests are cruel and irresponsible. They do not promote responsible sportsmanship and respect for wildlife. Wildlife killing contests are cruel, and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for our public wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Lynne Ouchida  
Bend, OR

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Bee Paulson <mizbeep@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:06 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...  
All wildlife is vital and the slaughter of coyotes or any other creature is inhumane and totally unnecessary. Please do not allow these contests to be legal, much less promoted. These animals are integral to the ecosystem and their needless executions are an affront to anyone sharing this planet. Please allow the ban to be approved. Thank you, Bee Paulson

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**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Rachel Day <rachelday@urbannestpdx.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:04 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please... ban wildlife killing derbies in Oregon :(

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Hello,

I am an Oregon Native and am shook to the core that this debauchery is still permitted.

Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards and are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation centered values.

Eight states, including five in the west—Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado—as well as Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions.

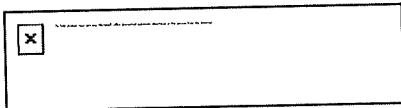
Wildlife killing contests are CRUEL and UNDERMINE responsible sportsmanship and respect for the public's wildlife.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important ban.

Rachel

**RACHEL DAY**  
**URBAN NEST REALTY**  
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**From:** Donna Johnson <donnaraej@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 1:54 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Coyote killing opposition

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Dear Commissioners,  
Please vote against these animal killing contests. OR is the land of respect for nature as is. We don't need type of regulation affecting our lives and the environment.  
Thank you so much!  
Donna Rae Johnson  
Bend

Sent from my iPhone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Martha Swain <swainmartha13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 1:37 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban wildlife killing contests

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I'd like to add my voice to the effort to encourage the commission to ban contests that involve the killing of wildlife, such as coyotes. Such archaic contests have no place in the world where we know taking care of the natural environment is our top priority. Sincere thanks.

Martha Swain  
Bend OR

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**From:** Linda Jean DeMartini <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 1:16 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please Stop Cruel Coyote Killing Contests.

OR Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I strongly support the proposed rule ending wildlife killing contests on public lands in Oregon and restricting them on private lands (aka the "Derby Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Mammals") rule. Oregon's wildlife belongs to all the state's people. Wildlife killing contests are a violation of the state's solemn duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians. A 2019 poll by the respected, bipartisan Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all of the state's congressional districts, support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests.

Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for Oregon's wildlife. Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards rather than sound science. They are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation centered values. Thank you for directing staff to draft these rules. It is past time that Oregon joined the other states, including our neighbors in California and Washington, that have already banned cruel wildlife killing contests. I am appalled and frankly embarrassed that Oregon has not done so earlier.

I'm asking you to please adopt the wildlife killing contest rule at your September meeting.


Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...

These "contests" are cruel and inhumane. The animals are slaughtered without dignity for life. This does not represent the best of who we are as Oregonians.

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Cierra Buer <cierrabuer@gmail.com>  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Central Oregon Veterinarian and ranch owner with various livestock. I am vehemently opposed to wildlife killing contests. They are mean-spirited at the least and severely damaging to the ecosystem at the worst. They disrupt the ecosystem and are counter-productive to wildlife management principles. Very few people support this bloodsport and these types of contests have been outlawed in many states. In fact, the majority of Oregonians support public policy to ban killing contests. The "Green State" should certainly be added to the ranks. We know that science does not support rampant killing of coyotes and other non-protected native species. Populations become fragmented and family groups are damaged. This can promote human-wildlife conflict and make these problems worse. Killing contests are merely cruel sport and have no benefit to the ecosystem. Please do all you can to stop them.

Sincerely,

Cierra Buer, DVM

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**From:** Johanna Hamburger <johanna@awionline.org>  
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**Subject:** Support for restrictions on wildlife killing contests  
**Attachments:** AWI comments on ODFW WKC proposed rulemaking Sept 2023.pdf

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Dear Members of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission:

The Animal Welfare Institute, on behalf of our members in Oregon, submits the attached comments in support of the rule proposed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife ("ODFW") to amend Or. Admin. R. 635-050-0050 and 635-050-0060, and to adopt a new regulation, Or. Admin. R. 635-050-0300, to prohibit the take of unprotected mammals native to Oregon as part of a derby.<sup>[1]</sup> We thank the Commission for directing ODFW to develop proposed regulations addressing the issue of wildlife killing contests, and we respectfully request that you adopt ODFW's proposed amendments and new regulation. Oregon should join other states in banning wildlife killing contests because these events: (1) are cruel and violate fundamental hunting principles, which damages the reputation of Oregon's sportsmen and sportswomen; (2) undermine modern, science-based wildlife management principles and are not an effective wildlife management tool; (3) do not increase populations of game animals; (4) do not prevent conflicts with humans, pets, or livestock—and may increase them; and (5) have been banned in an increasing number of states due to growing public concern. Wildlife killing contests have no place in a civil society or in modern wildlife management. Such contests are antithetical to the respectful, ethical, and pro-conservation message necessary to ensure the long-term protection of Oregon's wildlife. If you have any questions or if there is any additional information we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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<sup>[1]</sup> This comment refers to “derbies” as “wildlife killing contests.”



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## **Re: Comments in Support of Proposed Rulemaking to Ban Wildlife Killing Contests**

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The Animal Welfare Institute is a nonprofit organization founded in 1951 whose mission is to alleviate the suffering caused to animals by people. We seek better treatment of animals everywhere—in the wild, in research, in agriculture, in commerce, and in our communities. We advance our mission through strategically crafted political and legal advocacy, educational programs, litigation, research, and engagement with industry, policymakers, scientists, and other NGOs.

Wildlife killing contests are organized events in which participants kill animals within a certain timeframe for entertainment, prizes, cash, or other inducements. Teams compete in judging categories that often focus on the number of animals killed, the weight or the sex of animals killed, the particular species killed, or the smallest or largest body or body part of the animal killed. Contests frequently involve betting and end with a check-in or weigh-in of the animals, followed by a party where contest prizes are awarded. Afterwards, the carcasses of the animals are usually dumped away from public view. Contests in Oregon predominantly target native carnivores, including coyotes, and these events can result in hundreds of animals being wiped off a landscape in a single weekend.

The proposed rule would prohibit organizing, sponsoring, conducting, or participating in a derby, which is defined as a competition, tournament, contest, or other event that has the objective

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of killing unprotected mammals native to Oregon for cash, prizes, or other incentives.<sup>2</sup> Oregon should join other states in banning wildlife killing contests because these events: (1) are cruel and violate fundamental hunting principles, which damages the reputation of Oregon’s sportsmen and sportswomen; (2) undermine modern, science-based wildlife management principles and are not an effective wildlife management tool; (3) do not increase populations of game animals; (4) do not prevent conflicts with humans, pets, or livestock—and may increase them; and (5) have been banned in an increasing number of states due to growing public concern.

**1. Wildlife killing contests are cruel and contravene hunting principles.**

Wildlife killing contests violate fundamental hunting principles, and the majority of Oregon residents are likely to view enthusiasm for the mass killing of animals as barbaric, cruel, and wasteful, which could gravely taint the image of sportsmen and sportswomen and of hunting in general. The very nature of these events—where participants are motivated by financial rewards to kill as many animals as allowed over a designated time period—increases the likelihood that participants will fail to abide by established hunting principles. Among other things, such codes generally promote the concept of “fair chase” and decry indiscriminate killing and waste.

The training manual that ODFW uses in its hunter education program<sup>3</sup> (hereinafter “the Manual”) contains a section on hunter ethics, which states: “Ethics generally cover behavior that has to do with issues of fairness, respect, and responsibility . . . [E]thics preserve the hunter’s opportunity to hunt. Because ethics generally govern behavior that affects public opinion of hunters, ethical behavior ensures that hunters are welcome and hunting areas stay open.”<sup>4</sup> The Manual sets forth the following principles,<sup>5</sup> as are relevant here:

- Adhere to fair chase rules.
- Ensure that meat and usable parts are not wasted.
- Treat both game and non-game animals ethically.
- Respect non-hunters by transporting animals discreetly, not displaying them.

Regarding fair chase, the Manual states: “fair chase rules were developed to stem public criticism of hunters . . . the rules were later expanded, banning the use of vehicles, airplanes, and radios; electronic calling; or shooting in a fenced enclosure.”<sup>6</sup> Contest participants frequently disregard this principle, with participants using bait and electronic calling devices to attract animals with sounds that mimic prey or distress calls of wounded young in an attempt to maximize the chances of winning cash and prizes.

Contest participants also violate the principle of “ensuring that meat and usable parts are not wasted.” In killing contests, the carcasses of the animals are wasted, as the animals are not

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<sup>2</sup> Or. Admin. R. 635-050-0050, 635-050-0300.

<sup>3</sup> Today’s Hunter in Oregon Instructor’s Guide: a course on safe and responsible hunting. Kalkomey Enterprises, Inc. (2007).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 31.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 30.

consumed for meat, and the fur is generally rendered unusable due to the damaging effects of high-powered weaponry. After weigh-in, carcasses are typically dumped.

Furthermore, an untold number of animals are orphaned or injured during these events. Killing adult animals inevitably leaves dependent young to die from thirst, starvation, predation, or exposure, which represents a failure to “treat both game and non-game animals ethically.”

Additionally, contest participants frequently flaunt the outcome of their killing spree, in violation of the principle taught in Oregon’s hunter education program to “[r]espect non-hunters by transporting animals discreetly, not displaying them.” Weigh-in stations are often located in parking lots, where anyone in a passing vehicle could witness animals being tossed into piles of carcasses, participants dragging dead animals on the ground, and animals being hoisted up in the air to be weighed.

Lastly, contests violate the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.<sup>7</sup> Tenet four of the Model states: “Wildlife can only be killed for a legitimate purpose.”<sup>8</sup> This means that wildlife shall be taken by legal and ethical means, in the spirit of fair chase, and with good cause, such as for food and fur, in self-defense, or for protection of property.<sup>9</sup> Killing animals in the hopes of winning cash and prizes is not one of the legitimate purposes set forth by the Model and taught to hunters in Oregon’s hunter education program.

Numerous state agencies and officials have recognized that killing contests undermine the reputation of sportsmen and sportswomen and damage the tradition of hunting:

- The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has stated that killing contests “could possibly jeopardize the future of hunting and affect access to private lands for all hunters”<sup>10</sup> and “[t]enet four of the North American Model, ‘wildlife can be killed only for a legitimate purpose,’ is taught in mandatory hunter education courses throughout Vermont. We promote the utilization of, and respect for, coyotes and do not actively support coyote hunting contests that advocate coyotes as vermin. We consider coyotes a sustainable natural resource that can and should be managed as such.”<sup>11</sup>
- The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has also found: “public controversy over this issue has the potential to threaten predator hunting and undermine public support for hunting in general[,]” which prompted a rulemaking to “address public concerns that certain hunting contests are unethical, contribute to the waste of animals, and incentivize

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<sup>7</sup> J.F. Organ, et al. *The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation*. The Wildlife Society Technical Review 12-04. The Wildlife Society, Bethesda, Maryland, USA (2012). Available at: <http://wildlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/North-American-model-of-Wildlife-Conservation.pdf>.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 18.

<sup>9</sup> *See id.*

<sup>10</sup> Vermont Fish & Wildlife, *Eastern Coyote Issues – A Closer Look* (Jan. 2017). Available at: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/sites/fishandwildlife/files/documents/Hunt/trapping/Eastern-Coyote-Position-Statement.pdf>.

<sup>11</sup> Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dep’t, *Vermont Coyote Population Report 6* (2018). Available at: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/sites/fishandwildlife/files/documents/Hunt/trapping/Vermont%20Coyote%20Population%20Report%20to%20Legislature-2018.pdf>.

indiscriminant killing of wildlife, which is inconsistent with the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.”<sup>12</sup>

- Mike Finley, chair of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission stated: “[k]illing large numbers of predators as part of an organized contest or competition is inconsistent with sound, science-based wildlife management and antithetical to the concepts of sportsmanship and fair chase.”<sup>13</sup> He also called the contests “slaughter fests” and “stomach-turning examples of wanton waste.”<sup>14</sup>
- Ted Chu, former wildlife manager with Idaho Fish and Game stated: “Hunting is not a contest and it should never be a competitive activity about who can kill the most or the biggest animals.”<sup>15</sup>
- Dan Gibbs, executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, said: “For me, hunting contests don’t sit well. As a sportsman, I’d never participate in one personally . . . wildlife killing contests give sportsmen and sportswomen a bad name and damage our reputation.”<sup>16</sup>
- The Arizona Game and Fish Commission stated: “[t]o the extent these contests reflect on the overall hunting community, public outrage with these events has the potential to threaten hunting as a legitimate wildlife management function” and “Wildlife predator/fur-bearing hunting contest[s] that link economic gain to the greatest number or variety of animals killed are contrary to the important principle that the take of wildlife should not be allowed to go to waste or taken for economic gain.”<sup>17</sup>
- Ray Powell, the former New Mexico Commissioner of State Lands, has said: “The non-specific, indiscriminate killing methods used in this commercial and unrestricted coyote killing contest are not about hunting or sound land management. These contests are about personal profit, animal cruelty . . . . It is time to outlaw this highly destructive activity.”<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Public Hearing Notice on Draft Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Regulations at 321 CMR 2.00 and 3.02. Available at: [https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/09/20/DFW\\_DRAFT\\_321%20CMR%202.26%2C2.17%2C3.02%20-%20PHN%2C%20Summary%2C%20and%20Proposed%20Regulations.pdf](https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/09/20/DFW_DRAFT_321%20CMR%202.26%2C2.17%2C3.02%20-%20PHN%2C%20Summary%2C%20and%20Proposed%20Regulations.pdf).

<sup>13</sup> Testimony by Mike Finley to the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee, March 18, 2019. Available at: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/200547>.

<sup>14</sup> Todd Wilkinson, *A Death of Ethics: is hunting destroying itself?*, Mountain Journal, Dec. 12, 2018. Available at: <https://mountainjournal.org/hunting-in-america-faces-an-ethical-reckoning>.

<sup>15</sup> Todd Wilkinson, *Shoot biggest wolf, win trophy and cash*, Jackson Hole News & Guide, Dec. 18, 2013. Available at: [https://www.jhnewsandguide.com/opinion/columnists/the\\_new\\_west\\_todd\\_wilkinson/article\\_260cbc66-0bf6-544b-bcf2-b5e9220247bb.html](https://www.jhnewsandguide.com/opinion/columnists/the_new_west_todd_wilkinson/article_260cbc66-0bf6-544b-bcf2-b5e9220247bb.html).

<sup>16</sup> Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting, Apr. 30, 2020. Available at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Vk7x\\_gx5PY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Vk7x_gx5PY).

<sup>17</sup> Arizona Game and Fish Commission, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Title 12. Natural Resources Chapter 4. Available at: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/azgfd-portal-wordpress/azgfd.wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/25093742/R12-4-303-NPRM.pdf>.

<sup>18</sup> Ray Powell, Letter to Mark Chavez, owner of Gunhawk Firearms, Nov. 15, 2012.

- New Mexico State Senator Moores, who sponsored a bill to ban killing contests, stated: “Killing contests are just blood sports. All they are about is killing as many animals as you can, and not about protecting livestock or property . . . celebrating mass killing is just not good wildlife management.”<sup>19</sup>

Oregon should not allow events that so clearly are at odds with the code of conduct established in its hunter education program and that tarnish the public’s image of Oregon’s sportsmen and sportswomen. The state should therefore move to defend the reputation of its hunting and outdoor recreation community by banning cruel and wasteful killing contests.

## 2. Wildlife killing contests undermine modern, science-based wildlife management principles and are not an effective wildlife management tool.

The indiscriminate killing promoted by wildlife killing contests is counterproductive to effective wildlife population management. Tenet six of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation states: “[w]ildlife management, use, and conservation shall be based on sound scientific knowledge and principles.”<sup>20</sup> Scientific studies have shown that many wildlife populations depleted by unnatural means simply reproduce more quickly due to the sudden drop in competition for resources and changes to social structure from the loss of individuals.<sup>21</sup> This effect is well documented for coyote populations in particular, which are the species most commonly targeted by wildlife killing contest participants in Oregon. The indiscriminate killing of coyotes increases their populations over time because it disrupts their social structure, which encourages higher levels of breeding and migration.<sup>22</sup> This negatively impacts the environment because coyotes are an integral part of healthy ecosystems.<sup>23</sup> Coyotes help to control disease transmission by keeping rodent populations in check, consume carrion, remove sick animals from the gene pool, disperse seeds, protect ground-nesting birds from smaller carnivores, and increase the biological diversity of plant and wildlife communities.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>19</sup> Center for Biological Diversity Press Release. Available at: [https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press\\_releases/2019/new-mexico-coyote-killing-contest-04-02-2019.php](https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2019/new-mexico-coyote-killing-contest-04-02-2019.php).

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<sup>22</sup> *Id.*; see also S.D. Gehrt, *Chicago Coyotes part II*, 11 *Wildlife Control Technologies* 20-21, 38-9, 42 (2004).

<sup>23</sup> Fox, C.H. and C.M. Papouchis, *Coyotes in Our Midst: Coexisting with an Adaptable and Resilient Carnivore* 9 (2005). Available at: [http://www.projectcoyote.com/Coyotes\\_In\\_Our\\_Midst.pdf](http://www.projectcoyote.com/Coyotes_In_Our_Midst.pdf).

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State wildlife management agencies across the country have recognized that killing contests do not control coyote population size. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has stated: “[d]espite . . . past efforts to eliminate coyotes, the species maintains its numbers and is increasing in some areas.”<sup>25</sup> WDFW has also found that “it’s neither necessary nor possible to eliminate the entire population of coyotes in a given area.”<sup>26</sup> The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation stated: “random removal of coyotes resulting from a year-round hunting season will not . . . control or reduce coyote populations.”<sup>27</sup> The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife stated: “hunting [would not] have an appreciable impact on coyote population size under any realistic scenarios.”<sup>28</sup> The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department made a similar finding, stating: “we do not believe such short-term hunts will have any measurable impact on regulating coyote populations” because “when coyote populations are exploited, productivity and pup survival increases.”<sup>29</sup> The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission concluded, after reviewing a large body of scientific and peer-reviewed literature, that indiscriminate, lethal methods of controlling coyotes, such as bounties and harvest incentive programs, are ineffective and counterproductive, that coyotes provide benefits to humans and ecosystems, and that non-lethal measures are the best way to address conflicts with coyotes.<sup>30</sup> The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission found: “[r]emoving coyotes for the purpose of eradication is an inefficient and ineffective method to control populations . . . hunting and trapping place pressure on coyote populations, and the species responds by reproducing at a younger age and producing more pups per litter.”<sup>31</sup> Many other state wildlife management agencies, including those in Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wyoming, have reached similar conclusions.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, *Public Hearing Notice on Draft Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Regulations at 321 CMR 2.00 and 3.02*. (Sept. 20, 2019). Available at [https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/09/20/DFW\\_DRAFT\\_321%20CMR%202.26%2C2.17%2C3.02%20-%20PHN%2C%20Summary%2C%20and%20Proposed%20Regulations.pdf](https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/09/20/DFW_DRAFT_321%20CMR%202.26%2C2.17%2C3.02%20-%20PHN%2C%20Summary%2C%20and%20Proposed%20Regulations.pdf).

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<sup>30</sup> North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, *Coyote Management Plan 11*, 21-28 (2018). Available at: [https://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Learning/documents/Species/Coyote%20Management%20Plan\\_FINAL\\_030118.pdf](https://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Learning/documents/Species/Coyote%20Management%20Plan_FINAL_030118.pdf).

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### 3. Wildlife killing contests do not increase populations of game animals.

The best available science indicates that indiscriminately killing native carnivores is not an effective method for increasing game species abundance. Rather, the most important management tool to increase game species is to decrease harvest of female ungulates,<sup>33</sup> followed by protection of habitat.<sup>34</sup> Many state commissions and agencies, including those in New York, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming, have concluded that reducing predator numbers will not enhance populations of ungulates, small game animals, and game birds.<sup>35</sup>

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation found that “random removal of coyotes resulting from a year-round hunting season will not . . . result in an increase in deer densities.”<sup>36</sup> The Pennsylvania Game Commission found: “[T]he agency finally accepted the reality that predator control does not work . . . . To pretend that predator control can return small game hunting to the state is a false prophecy . . . . [Predators] don’t compete with our hunters for

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game.”<sup>37</sup> The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, in addressing wildlife killing contests, similarly stated: “we do not believe such short-term hunts will . . . bolster populations of deer or other game species.”<sup>38</sup>

In a 2014 deer harvest report, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources concluded that trying to control coyotes to manage deer predation was ineffective.<sup>39</sup> North Carolina researchers evaluated deer harvest numbers in South Carolina, North Carolina, Ohio, Florida, New Jersey, and New York and found that coyotes are not limiting deer numbers in those states, and that coyote removal programs do little to increase regional deer numbers.<sup>40</sup> The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources has found: “[p]redator control of coyotes because of wildlife predation is unwarranted and unnecessary.”<sup>41</sup> Regarding game birds, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission found that coyotes actually benefit game bird species because they suppress populations of smaller predators and because “most coyote diet studies document low to no prevalence of wild turkey or other gamebirds in diets.”<sup>42</sup>

#### **4. Wildlife killing contests do not prevent conflicts with humans, pets, or livestock—and may increase them.**

Although some argue that contests are needed to reduce depredation of livestock, such contests are not effective in removing individual, problem-causing animals.<sup>43</sup> Most killing contests target predators in woodlands and grasslands where conflicts with humans, livestock, and pets are minimal. Studies have found that killing predators fragments social groups, which can increase the likelihood of livestock depredation.<sup>44</sup> In a signed statement, more than 70 conservation scientists made the following finding about the effect of indiscriminately killing predators on livestock depredation:

Some advocates of wildlife killing contests (WKC)s believe they are necessary or beneficial for effective management of livestock depredation. We indicated that WKC)s are unlikely to have this effect. The reason why is that most individual predators do not participate in livestock depredations. Consequently, effective management of depredation requires (1) targeting the offending individual(s), and (2) intervening close to the site where the

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<sup>37</sup> Jeff Mulhollem, *Pennsylvania Game Commissioners Reply to Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania on Predator Questions*, Outdoor News (July 22, 2016). Available at: <https://www.outdoornews.com/2016/07/22/pennsylvania-game-commissioners-reply-to-unified-sportsmen-of-pennsylvania-on-predators-questions/>.

<sup>38</sup> Vermont Fish & Wildlife, *Eastern Coyote Issues – A Closer Look* (Jan. 2017). Available at: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/sites/fishandwildlife/files/documents/Hunt/trapping/Eastern-Coyote-Position-Statement.pdf>.

<sup>39</sup> Charles Ruth, 2014 South Carolina Deer Harvest Report, South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources. Available at: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/2014DeerHarvest.pdf>.

<sup>40</sup> Eugenia V. Bragina et al., *Effects on white-tailed deer following eastern coyote colonization*, 83 J. of Wildlife Mgmt. 916 (2019).

<sup>41</sup> West Virginia Dept. of Natural Resources, *Impacts of the Eastern Coyote on Wildlife Populations*. Available at: <http://wvdnr.gov/hunting/CoyoteResearch.shtm>.

<sup>42</sup> North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, *Coyote Management Plan 16* (2018).

<sup>43</sup> Adrian Treves et al., *Predator Control Should Not Be a Shot In the Dark*, 14 Front Ecol Environ 380, 381 (2016). Available at: [http://faculty.nelson.wisc.edu/treves/pubs/Treves\\_Krofel\\_McManus.pdf](http://faculty.nelson.wisc.edu/treves/pubs/Treves_Krofel_McManus.pdf).

<sup>44</sup> *Id.*

depredations occurred as well as responding in a timely manner. WKC's do not represent the kind of targeted effort required for effective management of livestock depredations. Moreover, indiscriminate killing of predators is likely to exacerbate risks to livestock. The reason is that killing social carnivores like coyotes (and wolves) can lead to the disruption of predators' social and foraging ecology in ways that increase the number of transient individuals. These transient individuals that have not been acculturated (aversively conditioned) to living in areas with livestock may be more likely to kill livestock.<sup>45</sup>

Additionally, exploited coyote packs are more likely to have increased numbers of pups, and feeding young has been found to be a significant motivation for coyotes to switch from killing small and medium-sized prey to killing sheep.<sup>46</sup>

Furthermore, common arguments about impacts of predator-livestock conflict are frequently exaggerated. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA"), only 0.39 percent of cattle and sheep were lost to all carnivores combined (including coyotes, unknown predators, and dogs).<sup>47</sup> The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has noted that, based on USDA data, dogs are an equal or greater risk to sheep, goats, and cattle as compared to coyotes.<sup>48</sup> Disease, illness, birthing problems, and weather constitute the overwhelming cause of livestock mortality.<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>45</sup> Statement in Opposition to Wildlife Killing Contests: Signed By More Than 70 Conservation Scientists. Project Coyote (May 23, 2019). Available at <http://www.projectcoyote.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SAB-Letter-Against-WKCs-2019.05.23-FINAL.pdf>. See also F.F. Knowlton, et al., *Coyote depredation control: An interface between biology and management*, 52 J. Range Mgmt. 398 (1999); J.D.C. Linnell et al., *Large carnivores that kill livestock: do problem individuals really exist?*, 27 Wildlife Society Bulletin 698 (1999); P. Stahl and J.M. Vandel, *Factors influencing lynx depredation on sheep in France: Problem individuals and habitat*, 4 Carnivore Damage Prevention News 6 (2001); K.M. Blejwas et al., *The effectiveness of selective removal of breeding coyotes in reducing sheep predation*, 66 J. Wildlife Mgmt. 451 (2002); A. Treves et al., *Wolf depredation on domestic animals: control and compensation in Wisconsin, 1976-2000*, 30 Wildlife Society Bulletin 231 (2002); A. Treves and L. Naughton-Treves, *Evaluating lethal control in the management of human-wildlife conflict*, in *People and Wildlife, Conflict or Coexistence* 86 (R. Woodroffe et al., eds., 2005); E. Bangs and J.A. Shivik, *Managing wolf conflict with livestock in the northwestern United States*, USDA National Wildlife Research Center-Staff Publications 550 (2001); A. Treves et al., *American black bear nuisance complaints and hunter take*, 21 *Ursus* 30 (2010); K.A. Peebles et al., *Effects of remedial sport hunting on cougar complaints and livestock depredations*, 8 *PLoS ONE* e79713 (2013). Available at: <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0079713>; R.B. Wielgus and K. A. Peebles, *Effects of Wolf Mortality on Livestock Depredations*, 9 *PLoS ONE* e113505 (2014).

<sup>46</sup> F. F. Knowlton, et al., *Coyote Depredation Control: An Interface between Biology and Management*, 52 J. of Range Mgmt. 398, 403 (1999). Available at: <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/43f7/3adf647447dd472db69c0b4712f1c71fab33.pdf>; B. R. Mitchell et al., *Coyote Depredation Management: Current Methods and Research Needs*, 32 Wildlife Society Bulletin 1209 (2004).

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<sup>49</sup> *Id.*

**5. Eight states have banned wildlife killing contests, and New York is poised to become the Ninth.**

Eight states have enacted bans on wildlife killing contests targeting certain species due to growing public outrage over these events. These states include Washington, California, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Vermont. In 2014, the California Fish and Game Commission banned contests targeting game species, furbearers, and nongame mammals. In 2018, the Vermont General Assembly banned coyote-killing contests. In 2019, the New Mexico General Legislature banned coyote-killing contests, the Arizona Fish and Game Commission banned contests for predator and furbearing species, and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife banned contests for predator and furbearer species. In 2020, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission banned contests for furbearing species and certain small game species and the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission banned contests for unclassified and classified wildlife species without a bag limit. In 2021, the Maryland legislature banned contests to kill coyotes, foxes, or raccoons with overwhelming bipartisan support. In 2023, the New York legislature passed a bill banning wildlife killing contests, which is awaiting the Governor's signature. Oregon should align itself with this positive trend in science-based wildlife management.

**Conclusion**

Wildlife killing contests have no place in a civil society or in modern wildlife management. Such contests are antithetical to the respectful, ethical, and pro-conservation message necessary to ensure the long-term protection of Oregon's wildlife. If you have any questions or if there is any additional information we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Rebecca Steffoff <rebecca@steffoff.com>  
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**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please support the ban on wildlife killing derbies

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Dear Commissioners,

As an Oregonian who loves my state and its wildlife, I urge you to vote this September 15 to ban wildlife killing derbies on our public lands, and to restrict them on private lands to the maximum extent possible by law.

Such derbies, often used to encourage the mass and indiscriminate killing of coyotes, are not supported by good current wildlife management science. Further, no matter the species involved, they are cruel and wasteful and place the fate of the state's wildlife in the hands of a small number of people. Finally, the gamification of slaughtering living beings is a grotesque travesty of sportsmanship that undercuts ethical stewardship. In its celebration of mass death, it sets a pretty crummy example for the young people who will inherit our state and what remains of its wildlife.

I thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Steffoff

Portland, Oregon

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**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Dan & Jan Blair <jandanbee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 3:41 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Proposed Administrative Rule re: wildlife killing contests/derbies

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**To:** ODFW Commission

**From:** Dan and Jan Blair  
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**Re:** Derby Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Mammals  
**Date:** September 11, 2023

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We submit these comments prior to your vote on September 15th. We urge you to adopt ODFW's proposed Administrative Rule to prohibit wildlife-killing derbies/contests, in which participants are incentivized to kill, for cash and prizes including guns, as many, or the most, or even the smallest, coyotes and other vital native wildlife as possible. Our reasons are as follows:

\* Oregon's wildlife belongs to all of us. The state has a solemn duty to protect, hold and preserve all wildlife for the benefit of the public, not just for a group of individuals who want to shoot something for money or a prize. That includes coyotes, whether they are admired or vilified. In fact, in 2019 a poll by the respected bipartisan Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in **all** of the state's congressional districts, support public policy to ban wildlife-killing contests.

\* Participants lure coyotes and other wildlife in for an easy kill

using high-tech electronic calling devices that mimic the sounds of prey or even pups in distress. Talk about an unsporting “sport” – we've always believed, perhaps wrongly, that Oregonians should be better than that. The entire premise of these contests is cruel and unsportsmanlike. It gives what we like to think of as “real” hunters a black eye, and spits on good stewardship and a respect for all wildlife.

\* Science does not support indiscriminate, large-scale, mass killing of coyotes as an effective means of reducing coyote populations, minimizing conflicts with pets or livestock, or increasing numbers of game species. In fact, science almost can be said to point to a Creator's way of protecting creation, in that these despicable contests can lead to an increase in coyote numbers by disrupting stable family packs and increasing their rate of reproduction.

\* Eight states, five in the west, have banned wildlife-killing contests: Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico and Washington. Maryland, Massachusetts and Vermont round out the eight. Most, if not all, have achieved the bans through their wildlife commissions.

We ask that you make Oregon the ninth state to ban these wildlife-killing contests. Thank you for your serious and thoughtful consideration of these comments.

/s/ Dan Blair    /s/ Jan Blair

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Alex Cerussi <alexcerussi1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 3:19 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban Wildlife Killing Contests on Public Land

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Good afternoon,

My name is Alexandra and I am a resident of Bend, Oregon. I am writing today to express my sincere **support for the proposed administrative rule to ban wildlife killing contests on public land and significantly restrict, at a minimum, on private land.**

Oregon's wildlife belongs to all its citizens and allowing a small group of individuals to engage in wanton waste of a wildlife species as part of a contest is an abdication of the state's duty to protect the public's wildlife, which are held and managed for the benefit and enjoyment of all Oregonians.

Please approve the proposed administrative rule, which aligns with the values of the majority of Oregonians.

Sincerely,  
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## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** D Wolfson <djwolfson@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Ban Wildlife Killing Contests NOW!

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I support the BAN on Wildlife Killing Contests.

That kind of cruelty in this day and age takes a sick sick mind and soul.

Dave Wolfson  
Bend, Oregon

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Kirk Stock <kirk@videoworksbind.com>  
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**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** I support a ban on killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I support the proposed ban on killing contests in Oregon. Here's why...

There isn't any evidence that this inhumane practice reduces populations.

Most Oregonians are against this practice.

Humans are encroaching on coyote territory, not the other way around.

Thanks,  
Kirk Stock



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September 11, 2023

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**RE: Proposed Rulemaking “Derby Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Mammals” — SUPPORT**

Dear Members of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission:

On behalf of the Animal Legal Defense Fund – the nation’s preeminent legal advocacy organization for animals – and our thousands of supporters in Oregon, we submit this memo in support of the proposed rulemaking to prohibit derbies for the taking of unprotected mammals. The rule provides that it shall be unlawful to organize, sponsor, conduct or participate in a derby that has the objective of killing unprotected mammals native to Oregon except as provided in ORS 610.105.

**The Commission is within its legal authority to issue this rulemaking.**

The Department’s rulemaking authority under ORS 496.162 is very broad with regard to prescribing “...the times, places and manner in which wildlife may be taken by angling, hunting, trapping or other method...”. A definition of ‘manner of take’ in this context does not exist in Oregon law, so any assertion or extrapolation of meaning behind this term to limit authority in this instance has no bearing on this rulemaking proposal. It is, therefore, within the authority of the Commission to prohibiting derbies as a manner of take.

**This proposed rule would prohibit senselessly cruel competitions that face major public backlash.**

During killing contests, also known as derbies and tournaments, participants compete to kill as many animals as they can during a specified time period — generally, a day or a weekend. Cash and prizes are often awarded to those who kill the most animals, the biggest animal, the smallest animal, and so on — which, in some jurisdictions, may violate state gambling laws.<sup>1</sup> Coyotes are the most common animals to be targeted, but some contests encourage the killing of foxes, bobcats, and squirrels.

These contests face backlash not just from the general public, but also from many hunters — who have publicly said they are concerned and troubled both by unsportsmanlike practices, and also by how these contests affect public opinion about hunting more broadly.

Killing contests are also ineffective in doing their alleged intent: culling native wildlife populations, often in a misguided attempt to protect livestock. In fact, evidence shows the killings can lead to population growth by stimulating breeding and migration.

**This proposed rule aligns with modern, science-based wildlife management principles.**

Wildlife agencies and professionals across the country have expressed concerns about killing contests not only because they reflect badly on responsible sportsmen and sportswomen, but because they also contravene modern, science-based wildlife management principles.

In 2018, more than 70 renowned conservation scientists issued a statement<sup>2</sup> citing peer-reviewed science that refutes claims that indiscriminately killing coyotes permanently limits coyote populations, increases the number of deer or other game species for hunters, or reduces conflicts with humans, companion animals, or livestock. In fact, by disrupting coyote pack structure, randomly shooting coyotes may increase their populations and lead to more conflicts. Nonlethal, preventive measures are most effective at reducing conflicts with wildlife.

Wildlife killing contests are also destructive to healthy ecosystems, within which all wildlife species play a crucial role. Coyotes and foxes in particular provide a range of ecosystem benefits, including controlling rabbit and rodent populations and restricting rodent- and tick-borne disease transmission.

**This proposed rule affords commonsense wildlife protections similar to those of other states.**

Wildlife killing contests have come under increasing scrutiny as especially egregious instances of wanton violence against animals. Some states have, in response, banned killing contests. Seven states have taken a stand against cruel, unsporting, and wasteful wildlife killing contests including Arizona, California, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Vermont, Washington and Maryland.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund supports this proposed rulemaking to end cruel, unsporting, and unnecessary killing contests as well as the wanton waste of animals killed or wounded while hunting.

Sincerely,



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# **EXHIBIT E**

## **PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

Received *September 11, 2023, to September 12, 2023*

**Subject: Support ODFW's Rule to Restrict  
Wildlife Killing Contests**

**6 individuals submitted the attached letter  
(*Letter & List Attached*)**

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Beth A Marshall  
<mailagent@thesoftedge.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 4:30 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Save our wildlife by stopping killing contests

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to ask you to support ODFW's proposed administrative rule that would prohibit wildlife killing contests on public lands in our state. Wildlife killing contests are cruel events that have no place in modern wildlife management. Participants commonly violate ethical hunting principles during contests, as the carcasses of the animals are usually wasted, and the concept of fair chase is frequently disregarded. Furthermore, an untold number of animals are orphaned or injured during these events. Killing adult animals inevitably leaves dependent young to die from thirst, starvation, predation, or exposure.

The indiscriminate killing promoted by wildlife killing contests is counterproductive to effective wildlife population management. Scientific studies have shown that many wildlife populations depleted by unnatural means simply reproduce more quickly due to the sudden drop in competition for resources and changes to social structure from the loss of individuals. In the short term, loss of coyotes negatively impacts the environment because they are an integral part of healthy ecosystems.

Additionally, the best available science endorsed by numerous state wildlife agencies indicates that indiscriminately killing native carnivores is not an effective method for increasing game species abundance or reducing predator-livestock conflict, which demonstrates that these common rationales for holding killing contests targeting predators is scientifically unfounded.

This administrative rule would not prohibit lawful hunting or prevent people from protecting livestock and property. It would only stop contests, where mass slaughter--in pursuit of cash and prizes--is the goal.

This administrative rule is important to me, and I encourage you to support it. I look forward to your response on this matter.

Sincerely,

Beth A Marshall  
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<b>Fauna Fauth</b>	<b>Please ban wildlife killing contests</b>	<b>Tue 9/12/2023 2:24 PM</b>	4...
Raven Sara	End cruel wildlife killing contests	Tue 9/12/2023 1:29 PM	4...
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Beth A Marshall	Save our wildlife by stopping killing conte...	Mon 9/11/2023 4:30 PM	4...

# **EXHIBIT E**

## **PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

Received *September 12, 2023* to *September 14, 2023*

**Subject: Please Ban Wildlife Killing  
Contests in Oregon**

**7 individuals submitted the attached letter  
(*Letter & List Attached*)**

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**From:** Debra Lynn <Debra.Lynn@advocacy.humanesociety.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 10:54 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please ban wildlife killing contests in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

As an Oregonian who cares deeply about animals and our natural ecosystem, I urge you to put an end to wildlife killing contests in our state. Wildlife killing contests are barbaric and cruel events where participants compete to kill wild animals for cash and prizes.

These contests often target native carnivores like coyotes, bobcats and foxes, which are important species that play a critical role in healthy ecosystems. These events do not serve any legitimate wildlife management purpose and simply make a game of killing animals.

Wildlife killing contests are a violation of the state's solemn duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians. A 2019 poll by the respected, bipartisan Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests.

Eight states, including five in the west—Washington, California, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona—as well as Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests. Five of these states did so through their state wildlife commissions. It's time for Oregon to do the same.

Thank you for your consideration. I really appreciate your willingness to listen to those of us who are appalled by the cruelty and thoughtlessness of these killing contests.

Debra Lynn  
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Please ban wildlife killing contests in Oregon

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# **EXHIBIT E**

## **PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

*Received September 11, 2023, to September 51, 2023*

**Subject: Adopt Proposed Regulations of  
Wildlife Killing Contests**

**219 individuals submitted the attached letter  
(*Letter & List Attached*)**

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Cassandra Fazio <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:30 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Contests

OR Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I am emailing today to express my strong support for the proposed rule ending wildlife killing contests on public lands in Oregon and restricting them on private lands (aka the "Derby Prohibition for Taking Unprotected Mammals") rule. Oregon's wildlife belongs to itself and all the state's people. Wildlife killing contests are a violation of the state's solemn duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians. A 2019 poll by the respected, bipartisan Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all of the state's congressional districts, support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests.

As you all discussed at last December's Commission meeting, wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for Oregon's wildlife. Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards rather than sound science. They are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation centered values. Thank you for directing staff to draft these rules. It is past time that Oregon joined the other states, including our neighbors in California and Washington, that have already banned cruel wildlife killing contests. I am appalled and frankly embarrassed that Oregon has not done so earlier.

Please adopt the wildlife killing contest rule at your September meeting.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Cassandra Fazio  
cfazio10@gmail.com  
2305 ashland st, ste c, pmb 349  
ashland, Oregon 97520

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<b>Two Weeks Ago</b>			
Mary Lee Lassett-Egbert	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Fri 9/15/2023 2:4...	53...
Julie Ashton	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Fri 9/15/2023 1:2...	49...
Monica Helms	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Fri 9/15/2023 9:1...	49...
Gail Brewer	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Fri 9/15/2023 7:4...	54...
Jillian Hawley	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Thu 9/14/2023 3:...	49...
A. Todd	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Thu 9/14/2023 3:...	52...
Maria Nazzaro	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Thu 9/14/2023 1:...	52...
carl tegethoff	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Thu 9/14/2023 1...	52...
Alisha Ojeda	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Thu 9/14/2023 1...	52...
Carole Hamilton	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Thu 9/14/2023 9:...	52...
Ethan Wormer	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Thu 9/14/2023 7:...	49...
Jaime Ramirez	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Thu 9/14/2023 6:...	52...
Laura Hanks	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Thu 9/14/2023 6:...	52...
Jaime Ramirez	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 1...	52...
George Bose	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 8...	52...
Michael Ziegler	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 8...	52...
Shandra Officer	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 6...	52...
Valerie Snyder	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 5...	52...
Buck Olen	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Wed 9/13/2023 5...	49...
Ashley Robinson	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 5...	52...
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Lily Kuentz	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Wed 9/13/2023 1...	49...
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Frances Dunham	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Wed 9/13/2023 8...	36...
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Kat Stone	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 8...	43...
Jean Dodier	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 8...	43...
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Amy Whitworth	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 8...	43...
Marietta Mautner	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 8...	43...
Karen Bain	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 8...	43...
Robert Benedict	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 8...	44...
Ellen Pfander	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 7...	52...
Kathy Bates	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 7...	52...
Nancy Mendoza	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Wed 9/13/2023 6...	52...
Jukka Naukkarinen	Ban wildlife cruelty contest:	Wed 9/13/2023 1...	52...
Sandra Mann	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 1...	52...
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John Ferguson	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 1...	52...
Dana Robinson	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 1...	52...
Jack Gray	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 9:...	52...
Daniel Rousseau	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	52...

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Violet Young	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	52...
janice nelson	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 7:...	52...
Helen Moissant	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 6:...	52...
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Kathleen Ruiz	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 5:...	52...
Lisa Graham	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 5:...	52...
Anne Ryland	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 4:...	52...
Barbara Crane-Olsen	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 4:...	53...
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Elan Morin	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 2:...	52...
ruth Martin	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 2:...	52...
Nancy Henkle	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 1:...	52...
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Charlotte Smith	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 1:...	52...
LYLE HAYES	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 1:...	53...
Kati Wilson	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Tue 9/12/2023 1...	49...
J. Cooper	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 1...	54...
caroline cunningham	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 9:...	52...
Jennifer Haynes	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Tue 9/12/2023 9:...	49...
Jim Dundee	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	52...
Linda Alband	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	52...
Barry Oaks	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	52...
Alice West	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	52...
Sue Kacskos	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	52...
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Jeremy Gooding	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
NORMAN LEWIS	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
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Cynthia Olsen	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	37...
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John Morrow	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	44...
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Sandra Joos	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	41...
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Pam Raby	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Richard Payne	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Jean Appleman	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	42...
Mark Kenzer	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Jody Turner	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
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Judy de Szoeki	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Mary Thompson	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
David Shornick	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	44...
Dana Brenner	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
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Margo Huntsman	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Cynthia Lauinger	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	42...
Michael Wolfe	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	37...
Paul Swain	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Linda Bolduan	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Diane Black	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	42...
K Nelson	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Kim Koch	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Eric Ross	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
William Criswell	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Dee Kongslie	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Vivian Lentz	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Allen Taylor	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Suzanne Kaufmann	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	42...
Jennifer Doob	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Kathryn Donaldson	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
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Nettie Morrison	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
Patricia Townsend	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	44...
Michael Kliewer	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
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Lois White	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	42...
Pamela Yates	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 8:...	43...
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M Moore	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 1...	52...
Kathleen Milne	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Tue 9/12/2023 1...	52...
Annita Bowman	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 1...	52...
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Debra Culwell	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 1...	52...
Carla Hervert	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 9...	52...
Louise Shirley	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Mon 9/11/2023 9...	49...
Rhett Lawrence	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 9...	52...
Kathy Cable	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 9...	52...
Darren Wostenberg	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 9...	52...
David Kelley	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 9...	52...
Alex Kopac	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 9...	52...
Lin Weaver	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 9...	52...
Robert & Irene Jessen	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 9...	52...
Phyllis Grove	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 8...	52...
Heather Marsh	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 8...	52...
Christine Drommond	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 8...	52...
Curtis Bruenn	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 8...	52...
Kathleen Sinclair	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 8...	52...
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Maurine Canarsky	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 7...	52...
Linda Cornell	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 7...	52...
Jeannie Wadst	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 7...	52...
Anna Cowen	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 7...	52...
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Sarah Welte	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 7...	52...
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Susanna Askins	You Must Adopt The Proposed Regulations of Wildli...	Mon 9/11/2023 6...	52...
Camille McPhee	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 6...	52...
Sarah Stafford	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 6...	52...
Karen Horton	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 6...	52...
Brian Vaughan	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 6...	52...
Marybeth Webster	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 5...	52...
Ann Nowicki	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 5...	52...
Andrea Pellicani	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 5...	54...
Lin Trolan	Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killing Cont...	Mon 9/11/2023 5...	52...
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Rachel Cairns	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 5...	52...
Scott Kacek	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 4...	52...
Estelle Voeller	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 4...	53...
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Marga Winden	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 4...	52...
Virginia Rosenkranz	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 4...	52...
Pamela Chater	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 4...	52...
Eileene Gillson	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 4...	52...
Carolyn Latierra	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 4...	52...
Ingrid Lustig	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 4...	50...
Susan Brown	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 4...	52...
Glen Cable	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 4...	52...
Susan McDonald	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
Dena Turner	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
Rick Laister	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
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Dinah Vardon	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
Katrina Shortridge	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
Sheylinn Gano	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
Kerri Smith	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
Lara Cameron	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
Hattie Mead	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
Diane Luck	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
Julie Longanecker	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 3...	52...
Kathy Jones	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 2...	52...
Ned Knight	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 2...	52...
Sandy Thompson	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 2...	52...
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Glenn Alan	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 2...	52...
Alice Shapiro	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 2...	52...
Len Greenwood	Please Adopt Proposed Regulations of Wildlife Killin...	Mon 9/11/2023 2...	54...
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# **EXHIBIT E**

## **PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

*Received September 14, 2023*

**Subject: Ban Wildlife Killing Derbies in Oregon**

**11 individuals submitted the attached letter**

*(Letter & List Attached)*

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Arianne Jacques <ajacques@audubonportland.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:08 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Please Ban Wildlife Killing Contests

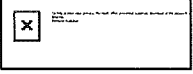
You don't often get email from ajacques@audubonportland.org. [Learn why this is important](#)

- Please vote to adopt the proposed rule and ban wildlife killing contests or derbies on public lands, with restrictions on private lands to the fullest extent allowed by law.
- Oregon's wildlife belongs to all its residents and allowing a small group of individuals to engage in wanton waste of a wildlife species as part of a contest neglects the state's duty to protect the public's wildlife, which are held and managed for the benefit and enjoyment of all Oregonians.
- A 2019 poll by the respected, bipartisan Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all of the state's congressional districts, support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests.
- Science does not support indiscriminate, largescale, mass killing of coyotes as an effective means of reducing coyote populations, minimizing conflicts with pets or livestock, or increasing numbers of game species. It can even lead to an increase in coyote numbers by disrupting stable family packs and increasing their rate of reproduction.
- Eight states, including five in the west—Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado—as well as Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions.
- Wildlife killing contests are a violation of the state's duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians.
- Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards and are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation centered values.
- Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration.

Arianne Jacques  
(she/her)  
Nature Store Buyer

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From	Subject	Received	Score...
<b>Two Weeks Ago</b>			
Lina Van Brunt	Wildlife killing	Thu 9/14/2023 10:22 PM	5...
Mickie Harshman	Please ban wildlife killing contests	Thu 9/14/2023 9:51 PM	6...
Brownie Troop West Haven GS	Pass the Wildlife killing ban	Thu 9/14/2023 8:14 PM	5...
Jerome Fulton	Ban Wildlife Killing Derbies	Thu 9/14/2023 12:54 PM	5... ✓
Cheryl McDowell	Please vote to ban cruel and wasteful wildlife killin...	Thu 9/14/2023 12:38 PM	5...
Susan Berns-Norman	killing derbies	Thu 9/14/2023 12:36 PM	4...
Karen Berry	I support the proposed rule to ban wildlife killing c...	Thu 9/14/2023 12:17 PM	5...
Linda Magnuson	Ban wildlife killing derbies	Thu 9/14/2023 11:53 AM	5...
JILL PUNCHES	Ban Wildlife Killing Derbies in Oregon	Thu 9/14/2023 11:23 AM	6...
vrullman	We must ban wildlife killing contests!!	Thu 9/14/2023 11:12 AM	5...
Arianne Jacques	Please Ban Wildlife Killing Contests	Thu 9/14/2023 10:08 AM	5...
		Sun 9/10/2023 5:08 AM	5... P

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