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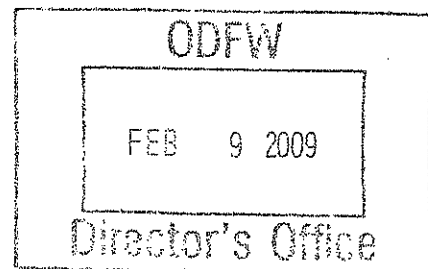
Dear Fish and Game Department,

My name is Clayton J. Duckworth and I enjoy my rights to hunt. I especially like to hunt pheasant and chucker, but according to your statistics I found on the internet, the bird population is going down. The pheasant population has dropped 37% since 2007. The chucker population has dropped 70% since 2007. If the population keeps going down like this they could eventually make the endangered species list. I have a couple of suggestions to help this situation. You could cut the seasons in half. Instead of chucker season being 112 days it could be 56 days, and pheasant season could be 28 days instead of 57. And/or you could reduce the bag limit. Chucker could be 4 a day and the possession limit could be 12. Pheasant could still be 2 a day but the possession limit is 4. Obviously the less birds are killed will help the reproduction rate and in the future we can go back to longer hunting season and to a bigger possession limit

Sincerely,

Clayton J. Duckworth  
2/2/09

*Clayton J. Duckworth*



**David Budeau**

**From:** Teri Kucera on behalf of Roy Elicker  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2009 9:46 AM  
**To:** David Budeau  
**Subject:** FW: Thanks for dinner!

Forwarding on behalf of Roy: "...more early comments on pheasant framework." – Teri Kucera

**From:** John Kilkenny [mailto:jkilkenny@hughes.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 11:05 AM  
**To:** Bob Keerins; Newman, Dennis - Heppner, OR  
**Cc:** Steve Cherry; Ronald Anglin; Roy Elicker; CobaCo@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: Thanks for dinner!

It's amazing, but I totally agree with Bobby on every point. People will not have the ability to hunt the opening weekend of pheasants because of lack of lodging in small towns with limited motels. If they come up the second weekend and most areas have already been hunted for a week, they will likely have a bad experience and not come back. It is very important they have a good experience the first weekend. It will also put more people in motels and restraints ect. if it is split over two weekends

jk

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

**From:** Bob Keerins  
**To:** Newman, Dennis - Heppner, OR ; John Kilkenny  
**Cc:** Steve Cherry ; Ronald Anglin ; Roy Elicker ; CobaCo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 10:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Thanks for dinner!

DENNIS,

THE WAY FOR ODFW TO DO THIS IS TO ADD A WEEK OR TWO AT THE **END** OF THE PHEASANT SEASON. SEVERAL REASONS:

- 1) OVER CROWDING AT HOTELS ETC IN SMALL TOWNS (IF DEER/PHEASANTS ARE THE SAME)
- 2) HEAT FOR BIRD DOGS
- 3) HEAT=RATTLESNAKES BAD FOR DOGS
- 4) THE EXTENSION AT THE END OF THE SEASON (**AND THIS IS IMPORTANT**) WOULD PUT MORE HUNTERS IN THE FIELD. THIS IS BECAUSE A LOT OF GUYS "HANG UP" THE SHOTGUNS DURING COLLEGE FOOTBALL SEASON. SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS DISAPPEAR ON SATURDAYS WHEN OREGON/OREGON STATE ARE PLAYING AT HOME. IF THE SEASONS WERE LATER, THEN GUYS WOULD HUNT OUT INTO DECEMBER BECAUSE THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL SEASON IS BASICALLY OVER.

MY VOTE IS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE PHEASANT SEASONS UNTIL 12/31. THIS WOULD BE A **HUGE MARKETING TOOL IN OUR WORK TO ENTICE MORE SUPPORT FOR HABITAT EFFORTS.**

MY OPINION.

**David Budeau**

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**From:** Welle128@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2009 6:21 AM  
**To:** david.a.budeau@state.or.us  
**Subject:** I think we already talked about one of these.....

Dave .....someone sent these to me today. They are in the upland game synopsis. I think we already talked about the first one. I think in the second one he is referring to the fact that falconer dont have to have a tag ??

Bob.....

did you go to the "beer and steer" ??

Looking through the 08-09 ODFW bird hunting regs seems to show a conflict between the falconry regs on p.21:

"Falconers must possess a valid falconry license, a hunting license, a federal waterfowl stamp, state validation (s) and HIP validation before hunting wildlife."

and the table on p. 9, which states that All Hunters (Including Landowners) need to buy sage grouse and sea duck permits. As you know, sage grouse permits are by lottery.

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**David Budeau**

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**From:** Frank Pirnique [pirnique@pullman.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2009 5:36 PM  
**To:** david.a.budeau@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Oregon Chuckar and Idaho chuckar seasons

Hello, once again I am writing asking you to open your Hells Canyon chuckar/Hungarian Partridge season to correspond with Idaho in the Hells Canyon boundry, somewhere around the middle of September 2009. I am a non-resident hunter (Washington) and throughly enjoy hunting Chuckar. I do not enjoy hunters? shooting birds in Oregon, while I am in Idaho, when their season is not open for an additional 3 weeks, especially from their jet boats.

I am 72, have hunted deer, elk, birds and fished Oregon for some 30 years. Now I have two new knees but still like to hunt. Access to Hells Canyon through Pittsburg landing becomes iffi from November on, love to hunt Chuckar but access can be a problem.

Your reasoning on deer hunter access needs better grasp of the facts. There are approximately 700 premits for Hells Canyon deer and some 300 applicants. Pure math will tell you that an applicant will acquire a permit in 2-3 years. I have hunted from Sand creek (deer and elk) many years and can say that the number of deer/elk hunters could be counted on one hand, from Pittsburg to Rush Creek. Have also visited with your game personnel at Sand creek, no one could say why the season change did not take place except for politicks.

Your 'Frames' are interesting but it does not address people such as myself, who wish to purchase a liscense. Reducing the opportunity to hunt with no impact on resident populations of game birds or animals, and those that pursue, in these days of budgit constraints is not logical.

Your response will be appreciated.

Thanks, Frank Pirnique

**David Budeau**

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2009 12:10 PM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus; Bradley Bales; David Budeau  
**Subject:** FW: One day bird hunting license

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**From:** Alden Kasiewicz [mailto:[alden@seallp.com](mailto:alden@seallp.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2009 11:32 AM  
**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** One day bird hunting license

To whom it may concern:

I am curious if ODFW has ever considered offering a 1-day license for waterfowl and/or upland bird hunting that includes all the additional validations that are required to hunt the various species? I'm an avid bird hunter, 28 years of age and a resident of NE Portland. I am the only person in my immediate circle of friends and family who hunts and as such, I am constantly encouraging those around me to come along on my trips afield. My hope being that if I can get them to experience hunting firsthand they too may someday share my passion. I also know that if nothing else, the experience will help dispel some of the many negative stigmas that are attached to the sport of hunting and hunters in general.

Regrettably, the cost of licensing to experience one day of bird hunting in Oregon is typically the deciding factor in whether or not they choose to join me. If there were an option to buy a one day bird hunting license that included all the validations for either waterfowl or upland birds, that was substantially cheaper than the current option (\$29 for upland and \$46.50 for waterfowl), my success rate in getting new people out to experience the sport would be much higher.

As stated previously, my ultimate goal here is to share my passion for hunting and the outdoors with others and educate those around me. Hunters are a dying breed and I want to ensure that the sport continues on for future generations. This issue is a stumbling block in my success at achieving this survival and I want to make sure ODFW is aware of my (and probably others) struggles.

Thank you in advance for your time, any feedback you may have would be much appreciated. I would be more than willing to provide additional information regarding my experiences in trying to get new people to experience hunting for the first time.

Sincerely,

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6/12/2009

**David Budeau**

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**From:** Craig Seibel [cjs27554@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2009 12:25 PM  
**To:** david.a.budeau@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Upland Game Bird Framework

Mr. Budeau,

I read the article in today's Statesman Journal. You may already be aware of this but the Chukar population in Malheur County (Owyhee) has been extremely low the last two years. I've never seen anything like it. There is plenty of food, water, and cover so I'm not sure what's the cause. I know a lot of hunters have gone there three or four times a year and killed a limit every time. I hear stories of hunters going out in the snow and killing eight birds on the ground without a thought. Quite frankly it's unethical. I would love to see the season end on Dec 31st. You could lower the bag limits to six per a day and eighteen in possession and it would not bother me one bit. I'm sure the wildlife biologists know better than I, but it's something to consider.

Thank you,

Craig Seibel  
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**David Budeau**

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**From:** Wpoppaw@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2009 9:41 PM  
**To:** david.a.budeau@state.or.us  
**Subject:** five year plan

could you tell me where the land that i am leasing is? Quit plowing the cover under like you did over near nyssa.

If the farmers don't like the hunters knowing where the land is that we lease, spend the money on habitat, at places like willow creek and the other wildlife areas. Sauvie Island and EE Wilson and the other release sites could last longer, as well. with more birds being released to insure better success rates. You can remind those arrogant workers at Sauvies who paid for the birds they release. Let people know how many birds and when they plan to release them, like EE Wilson does.

Change your mission statement from protecting wildlife to ensuring the success of the people who support the odfw, the hunters and fishermen of Oregon.

I have a lot of ideas for big game as well if you would like to hear them.

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David Budeau

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From: Ronald Cole [cole9038@comcast.net]  
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 11:05 AM  
To: david.a.budeau@state.or.us  
Subject: upland bird hunting framework

Dave,

I just finished reading the upland bird hunting framework and want to compliment you and your staff on a excellent job. The report is thorough, factual, flexible, and establishes well-defined criteria. All government agencies should use this model in planning for the future.

Congratulations on a impressive effort and thanks to you and the ODFW staff's for your dedication to the future of huntig in Oregon.

Sincerely,  
Ron Cole

**David Budeau**

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**From:** Matthew Swanson [swanqu@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2008 3:14 PM  
**To:** David Budeau  
**Subject:** Proposed Turkey method change

Dear Sir,

I'd like to propose changing the method by which Turkey's may be taken. I noticed that the Police in Philomath are using a .22 to erradicate problem birds in their town. I participated in my first Turkey hunt this fall and I'm sure your aware it is very difficult to get into shotgun range. If I had a .22 with a scope, I would have filled my tag. I would suggest in those areas in which birds are plenty, a change to allow .22 would increase the birds taken bringing the population into a more manageable number.

Sincerley,

Matt Swanson

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**David Budeau**

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**From:** Paul Mansur [pmansur@gorge.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2009 7:47 PM  
**To:** david.a.budeau@state.or.us  
**Subject:** FW: Pheasant crow counts & insect samples

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**From:** Paul Mansur [mailto:pmansur@gorge.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2009 1:32 PM  
**To:** 'David Budeau'  
**Subject:** RE: Pheasant crow counts & insect samples

David,

Thanks for your email. I really like the extended grouse season that was initiated a few years ago. Although I kill very few grouse late in the season some of my highest quality hunts take place during January. Because the days are so short it's not possible to get away for Chukar's so it gives me something to hunt near my home here in Hood River. My dog appreciates it as well.

My one complaint about the seasons is the pheasant season is too short. You need to run it until Jan 31st. Of all the upland birds we hunt pheasants are the only one where we harvest only the male. I've heard the argument about the private land owners not wanting to be harassed more than a couple of months and the roads getting torn up but I've found most private landowners closely regulate the hunters on their land. They decide who hunts and who doesn't hunt. They decide when they hunt & when they don't hunt. If they don't want anybody hunting on their property they can stop it completely and many have done just that. It is almost impossible to get permission to hunt private ground anymore and I've stopped wasting my time trying. But why can't you extend the season for the public land like Irrigon Wildlife Area? Why can't you leave that open until the end of January. My understanding is that it was purchased with Pittman Robertson funds from hunters like you and me. We hunters bought, it we own it, and we need the use of it as long as possible. These areas, although heavily hunted, still hold a few birds all year. If you can't extend the entire pheasant season why can't these public areas be left open? Some of my most memorable pheasant hunts have been on days when we had snow. I would appreciate some feed back as to what would need to happen to bring this about?

Thanks for all the work you guys do with the grouse wing counts & all the other work you do. Turkey hunting is just one of the hunts we now have because your department was able to start a turkey stocking program many years ago.

Paul Mansur