

Public Correspondence

**Public correspondence received
as of September 17, 2009**

From: eagle3feathers@hotmail.com [mailto:eagle3feathers@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:10 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

HELLO,

I AM WRITING YOU AS A CONCERNED ARCHER/HUNTER ABOUT BATTERY
POWERED LIGHTED NOCKS FOR ARROWS,

I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS ABOUT POACHING AN I AGREE WITH THEM, BATTERY
POWERED SITE PINS ARE ILLEGAL

AND SHOULD BE AS THEY WOULD AIDE IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, HOWEVER I DO NOT
AGREE WITH BATTERY OPERATED LIGHT

UP NOCKS BEING ILLEGAL, AS I DO NOT SEE WHAT HARM THEY WILL CAUSE, MY
ARROW AN BROAD HEAD COMBINATIONS

COSTS OVER \$20.00 EACH, AND I HAVE LOST SOME DUE TO MISSED SHOTS. AND I FEEL
WITH LIGHT UP NOCKS ,ARROWS

WOULD BE EASIER TO FIND.

THEREFORE A NUMBER OF HUNTERS AND MYSELF WOULD APPRECIATE IF THE
COMMISSION WOULD TAKE IN

CONSIDERATION OF LEGALIZING THE USE OF LIGHTED NOCKS.

TIME

WHAT YOUR DECISION IS MY EMAIL
IS eagle3feathers@hotmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

PLEASE LET ME KNOW

Thomas Thornton

From: DeAnna Erickson
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 8:27 AM
To: Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: TAGS

FYI

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 7:45 AM
To: DeAnna Erickson
Subject: FW: TAGS

From: Terry Moore [mailto:tnrmoore@bendbroadband.com]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 9:58 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: TAGS

THANKS, AGAIN FOR ANOTHER UNSUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR DRAWING TAGS! I'M SURE GLAD YOU EXTENDED THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE EXTRA TIME. IT MADE IT THAT MUCH HARDER TO DRAW TAGS. NO WONDER YOUR APPLICATIONS ARE DOWN, PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK AND TIRED OF BEING TOLD WHEN AND WHERE THEY CAN HUNT IN OREGON, IF AT ALL!! I GUESS I WILL JOIN THE RANKS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HUNTING OUT OF THE STATE. I ALWAYS WISHED THAT THE HUNTING AND FISHING IN OREGON WOULD BE AS GOOD FOR MY SON, AS WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, BUT IT'S NOT. MY NAME IS TERRY MOORE, AND MY LICENSE NO# IS 09-00102307-6. I'M LETTING YOU KNOW THIS INFORMATION IN CASE YOU WANT TO BLACK-BALL ME IN THE FUTURE FOR VOICING MY OPINION.

Thomas Thornton

From: DvRich3@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2009 7:45 AM
To: Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us
Subject: My thoughts on Public Hunting regulations

June 3, 2009

Dear Mr. Thornton:

I attended the ODFW public hunting regulation meeting in Seaside on May 11. The purpose of this letter is to express some of my concerns regarding ODFW's wildlife management practices in NW Oregon that I was unable to communicate. Since most of my hunting experience is here, I am going to limit my conversation to this area, and the wildlife that I hunt. I am wondering if you could share my concerns and thoughts with the Commissioners at the June 5th meeting.

My name is David Richards, and I have lived in NW Oregon most of my life. I started hunting in the late sixties in Clatskanie, Oregon. I have not hunted every year, but I have hunted many years. I have resided in Clatsop County for the last 12 years managing apartments, a motel, and some commercial units in the family business. I never miss hunting seasons anymore, because as I get older, some things become dearer to me, and hunting is one of them.

Before I get going, I want to state that I have just recently.....about two years ago now.....started being a volunteer for ODFW. To date, most of my volunteering has been helping with the statewide bear marking project, spotlight counting blacktail deer, and assisting with elk herd counts. Having the privilege of participating in these projects has helped me tremendously in better understanding our wildlife and gaining a new respect for ODFW and all the tasks and problems they have to deal with. It is hoped, that after I communicate my concerns.....that I do not somehow get excluded from those activities. I took a week of vacation last year to help out, as these activities mean a lot to me.

In these projects, I assisted Troy Laws, and have a whole world of respect for him. He is very knowledgeable, born and raised in Clatsop County, is a workaholic, and truly cares about our wildlife and their habitat. I know many hunters and even a few biologists who do not. Troy works out of an office in Tillamook.....which makes no sense to me. It is like, he drives from Clatsop County to Tillamook (50 miles) every morning, and then any time anything happens, he drives all the way over here again to Clatsop County. Then back to Tillamook, and then back to Clatsop County. My understanding is that he used to work out of an office here, which is the way it should be.

When I first started hunting here, there were more deer around, and less elk. There also seemed to be fewer predators. But over the years, the deer herds have shrunk, and the elk, bear and cougars seem to have increased in numbers. The shrinking blacktail deer herds have caused a lot of concern for ODFW and the general hunting public.

There are many reasons why I believe our Blacktail deer numbers have gone down. Some of the more common ones are as follows: Predation, poor timber management practices (which eliminates the food, shelter, and habitat needed by blacktail deer). Poaching, disease, urban sprawl, ever increasing traffic strikes on our highways, and even the presence of a very poorly managed private elk farm are problems we should be concerned with. But this is all just part of it.

One thing that I have noticed.....and this is just my opinion from my own observations.....is that the bow hunting seasons are too long and too liberal. For example, when I was younger, I bow hunted. This was in the late 70's or early 80's. It was right after they started allowing bow hunters to hunt many areas they formerly could not hunt. It was also right after the bag limit was changed to one deer and one elk. Back then, I used a re-curve bow and I always insisted on getting within 20 yards of my quarry....although at the time, I always thought 15 yards was better, and 10 yards, better still. There were not very many hunters in the bow season then, so one could be assured of having a whole area all to one's self. There were many deer, and they were not spooky like they are

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now. Anyway, after a few years, I switched to a compound bow. It was what everyone was doing at the time. These bows with wheels allowed one to shoot more accurately.....what, only having to hold 25 or 30 pounds in one's fingertips instead of the usual 50 or 60 pounds. And the arrow did fly faster. But try as I did, I loved my re-curve bow, and I hated mechanical compounds. They weren't for me.

About this time, more and more people started bow hunting. Bows became more and more advanced and broad heads became more advanced too. Cam bows came, and bows that shot shorter, faster, meaner arrows. To become a bow hunter, instead of spending hours and hours, and weeks and months practicing like I did (To build up my muscles to handle the bow and shoot it accurately).....with the new bows, one could learn how to shoot well in only a few evenings. On one occasion, I was standing at the archery range with my re-curve practicing at 15 yards. Someone came along with a compound bow, and started practicing at 50 and 60 yards on a different target. This started happening many times, and the range increased. Finally, given all the new technology and the crowded bow season, I sadly put my re-curve bow away and went back to rifle hunting.

My point is a simple one. In all this time, the bow season's length remained long, or in some cases had gotten even longer. Even though, archery tackle had become far more deadly than it used to be. I am not against bow hunting, I know many fine bow hunters whom I greatly respect (I know some I do not respect at all; also), I just feel their seasons should be shorter, and their bag limit changed. A modern bow and a modern arrow is a fearsome weapon that is nothing like what I used to hunt with. As you know, other considerations are the number of animals harvested, incidents of game violations, etc....

It is my understanding ODFW is proposing to reduce rifle bull elk tag numbers in the Saddle Mnt. unit by 600 tags in 2009. What are the archery hunters being asked to give up? Isn't it about time for Archery hunters in the Saddle Mnt. unit to make some concessions? Or even become a controlled hunt? By only reducing the rifle seasons, aren't we just encouraging 600 rifle hunters to become archers in 2009 if they wish to continue to hunt the Saddle Mnt. Unit? One option, if the bow seasons can not become controlled seasons with fewer hunters, would be for the season to be shorter as aforementioned.

Party hunting, as illegal as it is, is also out of control in the Saddle Mnt unit, both in the rifle and bow seasons. Many families split their tag applications between the first and second rifle seasons, and then one or more persons hunts both seasons. It is not uncommon for one or more people in these groups to shoot several bulls and even some cows if they hunt with other people having bull tags, or people having disability permits of which to tag them. And in regards to persons with disability permits, allowing them to shoot cows during the general rifle season is an enforcement nightmare. ODFW should offer people with disability permits the opportunity to hunt cows during some sort of special cow season only and make them stick to the bull bag limit if they are going to be out there participating in the bull seasons. This would make it much easier for law enforcement. If the seasons were designed right, this would cut down on violations.

In the bow season, once one has filled an elk tag, one can keep hunting. After all, they still have their deer tag. Well, what if they see another elk, and what if they have three friends who have not filled their elk tags? Again, illegal party hunting. If this season was split, say two weeks for deer, then two weeks for elk, or some other combination, it could cut down on such incidents. But I feel change needs to be made of some sort. It would make it easier to enforce the laws.

I have heard that we may have a Spring Bear hunt in the Saddle Mountain Unit next year. This is something that I applaud as bear numbers are on the rise, and have been healthy here for a long time. In front of me is a book called Oregon Hunting Guide by John Johnson. It was published in 1988. It is a very good book, full of information for beginner or advanced hunters alike. However, when I open the pages to the section on bear hunting, there is a picture of a young man posing with a bear. The wording under the picture explains that the bear was killed in Clatsop County, that the man is probably the best bear hunter in Oregon, and that through damage control and sport hunting, he has taken over 400 black bears. That is a lot of bears. Since the book was published in 1988, one can only wonder how many he has killed now? (I know many hunters, including myself, who have never taken a black bear.....) Many people do not agree with the concept of allowing a few individuals to kill bears by any means, legal or illegal. But this has been going on for a long time in the Saddle Mountain Unit under the guise of a spring snare program to remove bears that damage trees. All this time, no spring bear season has been allowed. The bears belong to the state of Oregon and the people here. Considering how much timber is destroyed by storms each year, damage by bears is insignificant It would be good if this highly secret "damage control" practice of culling bears was totally eliminated somehow and turned over to the hunting public. NW Oregon could have some of the finest bear hunting in the state and possibly the country if it was managed right. And this could be a more significant source of revenue for ODFW.

Anyway, these are all my thoughts. I sincerely appreciate the time you have spent reading what I have to share.

Thank you,

David Richads
Astoria, Oregon

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Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 12:08 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Poor game management

From: micah armstrong [mailto:armstrongmicah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 4:17 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Poor game management

First I did not my antlerless deer tag and I had points. Next I'm getting tired of spending my hard earned dollar on hunting for animals that have been poorly managed. Come on guys quit beating around the bush, we all know the cougars especially, and all the other predators are the problem. Take the legislature out of the management of these animals and grow some balls and start removing cats. Be realistic, quit asking the governor for permission to remove a cat just to have him turn it down like always, you have the power to do it on your own. I'm spending my money in other states next year and writing oregon off. With all the money i spend just on gas, food lodging, and equipment in a seaon I could be spending it in another state where they manage there predators. The money I spend on my tags should be going towards the management of these animals and I don't see any solid management practices happening. As far as I'm concerned I'm just throwing money away. I will not be buying any Oregon tags next year.

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 8:42 AM
To: DeAnna Erickson; Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Contriled Elk Hunts

From: Marty Griffith [mailto:mewildman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 8:30 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Contriled Elk Hunts

Dear ODFW Reperesentive,

I am becoming increasingly frustrated with the ODFW controlled hunt drawing. I used to get my anterless elk tag every two to three years. Now it has been five years since I have drawn a tag. What gives with that? I could understand if Elk populations were decreasing, but I live in the Tillamook area and know that just is not the case.

I am getting to the point that I thinking about quitting any kind of hunting or fishing in Oregon. Maybe your organization does not care if it looses a few individual hunters and fisherman.

If you are concerned with your public relations maybe the regulations about who gets preference on hunts should return to what they were a few years ago. Stop giving Land Owners more of an oppertunity then the general public. Please feel free to forward this mesage to whom ever is concerned with this issue.

Truly unhappy,

Martin Griffith
09-00709704-6

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 9:23 AM
To: Thomas Thornton; Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Public Comments from the Web

From: Baitumhookem@aol.com [mailto:Baitumhookem@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 7:16 PM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Subject: Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other
Name: Steven Cook
E-mail: baitumhookem@aol.com

Comment:

I think it is unrealistic to require people to purchase a hunting license before they can apply for hunting tags. Example my wife, father, and I applied for Deer tags; father and I applied for Elk tags. None of us where successful. We do not need a hunting license for the rest of 2009 unless I plan on going coyote hunting. I just wasted money on hunting license fees.

Also I think it is wrong to give people extra time to apply for tags. I applied for my tags in a timely manner, let those who do not meet the deadline go without tags for a year.

All three of us where born and raised in Oregon and have lived and worked (pay state tax) most of our lives in Oregon. I guess I will just consider this tag process another tax.

I realize why you have to limit the number of tags to manage the wildlife, but I think a \$4.00 tag fee is enough to apply for a tag, state of Oregon should not require you to purchase a hunting license if you do not go hunting. Also enforce the deadline date, we all know the computers run slow the last week or so of the tag deadline.

Steven Cook

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From: JASON PROPHET [mailto:ke7cwg@q.com]

Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2009 11:18 PM

To: deanna.m.erickson@state.or.us

Subject: buying beef this year

after 29 years of hunting blacktail and the lack of deer last year due to high cougar counts.it is time to stop the fuel and store stops and just buy BEEF

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 7:54 AM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: mule deer

FYI

From: Bryan Snyder [mailto:Bryan_Snyder@co.washington.or.us]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 12:22 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: mule deer

I have a hard time understanding how the State can give out only 4% less mule deer tags than you did last year. This is proof again that the old mighty dollar is more important than a healthy deer herd or a quality hunt. I have hunted Mule deer in Oregon for 30 years and i can say the lack of deer in the woods is scary. Last year in the Ukiah Unit i didn't even see a deer until day three when back in the 90's we would see at least 50 a day. How can you justify giving out so many tags, other than needing the revenue. But that way of thinking will backfire when hunters get to the point they have had enough and stop hunting. I suggest that ODFW increase the amount it cost to apply for draw hunts and cut the tag numbers in half until we get our Mule deer herds back. this way the state is not out the money and we are not over hunting what deer we have left.

Thanks for your time

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Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2009 2:14 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: 2010 Archery changes

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

From: medfordheatingandair@charter.net [mailto:medfordheatingandair@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2009 12:43 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: 2010 Archery changes

To whom this may concern:

I am writing this email in opposition to the proposed archery changes for the Steens Mountain unit.

I agree making the unit a draw tag. However, I don't agree with making this your only archery deer hunting opportunity. Why would a hunter holding a limited entry Steens archery tag not be allowed to hunt the western general season that has an unlimited quota?

I would suggest making this your only early season archery deer opportunity, but still allow hunters possessing this tag to hunt the late archery season on the west side of the mountain. This would allow control of the number of Steens archery hunters, but would not penalize the hunter.

Please reply at your earliest convenience

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Thomas Thornton

From: Liz Bueffel
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2009 8:32 AM
To: Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW:

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 4:33 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW:

From: craig starr [mailto:starrcs@peak.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 4:22 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject:

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that ODF&W is proposing to make three (3) units (Maury, Steens Mountain and Warner) controlled entry for archery deer hunting in 2010. I also understand that the proposal would prohibit archers from hunting elk in these units unless the archer has an archery controlled deer tag.

The information I've seen provides no estimate of the number of archery deer tags that are likely to be proposed for these three units. Since ODF&W's 2008 Big Game Statistics report (the latest information I've seen) indicated that rifle hunters harvested about 9 out of each 10 deer harvested in these units in 2007 and there is apparently no proposal to reduce rifle deer tags in the Steens Mountain unit, I'd like to know how many tags seem likely to be available for archery hunters in these units in 2010. Also, since there was no discussion of reducing rifle elk tags in the three units, I'd like to know the rationale for limiting archery elk hunting in the units.

Is there still an opportunity for public comments on the proposals to be made to ODF&W staff or is the Commission meeting on October 2nd our only opportunity to make comments?

Sincerely,

Craig Starr

From: craig starr [mailto:starrccs@peak.org]
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2009 8:05 PM
To: 'Thomas Thornton'
Subject: RE: MDI Unit Archery Tags

Tom,

Thanks for your informative response to my inquiry regarding ODF&W's proposal for controlled-entry archery hunting for Mule Deer in the Maury, Steens Mountain and Warner Units beginning in 2010. I will give the proposed archery tag numbers in the Maury and Warner Units further consideration and may address them further at a later time although I have to admit that the substantial reduction in rifle tags for 2009 in those units is a compelling argument for also doing something on the archery side.

I appreciate that the archery controlled hunt tag numbers proposed for the Steens Mountain Unit are greater than the numbers of archers who have hunted there in recent years. However, contrary to your suggestion, I will be surprised if implementation of the proposal doesn't reduce archery hunting in the unit. I suspect that a number of the current archery hunters who hunt in that unit do so only because they know that they can also hunt elsewhere in the state during a lengthy archery hunting season. I know that's the way it was for me a few years ago when my son-in-law and I hunted in the Steens Mountain Unit the first few days of the season. If that had been our only deer hunting opportunity that year, I can tell you for certain that we would not have hunted the Steens Mountain Unit. My bet would be that implementation of ODF&W's proposal will result in a substantial reduction of archery hunting in the Steens Mountain Unit and I frankly don't think that should be made necessary by ODF&W unless there is an important game management goal to be achieved by doing so. Since the number of Steens Mountain Unit rifle hunters (who harvested 12 times as many deer in the unit in 2007 compared to archery hunters) isn't being reduced for game management reasons, there doesn't seem to be any important management goal to be achieved by inconveniencing and limiting archery hunters by making the unit controlled-entry for archery deer hunting.

It's interesting that you would mention the limits on archery deer hunting in the Ochoco Unit associated with controlled-entry tags for archery elk hunting as something of a justification for the reverse being proposed in the new units because I absolutely **hate** that provision! I think it is ludicrous for ODF&W to indirectly place relatively small limits on archery deer hunting in the Ochoco Unit (reportedly only 606 archers hunted deer in the unit in 2007) by virtue of having it a controlled hunt for archery elk when well over 3,000 rifle deer tags are authorized for the unit. In fact, while I'm at it, I also question the need to limit archery elk hunters to 900 controlled-entry tags, more or less, when 1,400-plus rifle elk tags are authorized for the Ochoco Unit. Rifle hunters harvested 6 times as many elk and 15 times as many deer in the Ochoco Unit in 2007 compared to archery hunters. I just don't get that ODF&W accomplished anything meaningful from a game management perspective by making the Ochoco Unit controlled-entry for archery elk hunting (and, de facto, for archery deer hunting), and I especially don't see that any positive that may have been achieved was worth the negative of denying the opportunity for many Oregon archers to hunt deer in one of the most aesthetically attractive areas in the state simply because we have no desire to apply for an elk tag there.

I understand that doubly-restrictive regulations like the ones existing in the Ochoco Unit and other units, and the ones proposed for the Maury, Steens Mountain and Warner Units are easier for OSP to enforce and may reduce illegal take from "party hunting". However, they also artificially reduce hunting opportunities for many times more perfectly law-abiding archers and I find that trade-off offensive. It smacks a bit of ODF&W "punishing" the good guys because OSP can't

catch the crooks and I think that's just inherently wrong! And, I'd bet that many of the crooks just move on to another unit and continue their illegal ways anyway so what is really accomplished except to restrict the law-abiding archers?

Considering that ODF&W has recently mandated reporting by all hunters on a state-wide basis, I also found it interesting that you use better survey data as an argument in favor of the change to controlled-entry archery hunting. I understand that compliance with the new reporting mandate is low, but I also understand that ODF&W will be proposing consequences for those license holders who fail to report in the future. From my perspective, that is exactly the right way for ODF&W to go about getting better harvest information – “punish” those hunters who don't comply with the reporting requirements and not those who do! Once mandatory reporting is fully implemented and effective, I don't see what other information you're going to gather with a list of specific hunters from a controlled hunt. At least, if the reporting system is properly designed, it should be possible to use the information from the mandatory reporting system, along with supplemental surveys, if necessary, for those hunters who report hunting in selected MDI units, to get very specific information without the need to limit archery hunting opportunities through the controlled hunt system. Otherwise, why even bother with mandatory reporting if it isn't going to get you the information needed for more effective game management?

Sincerely,

Craig Starr

July 22, 2009

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to address the current policies of ODF&W's game side as to the lottery system of game tags. I agree that it works well for Big Horn Sheep and Antelope and other game where you have very limited tags. In the case of Deer and Elk, I believe that you've missed the mark and should look to rebuilding the quality experiences that hunting should provide for the families and the sportsmen of the state of Oregon.

I have had discussions with some of your field staff and they always point to the goals of management and providing a quality experience for the sportsmen of the state. To me, your department policies of lottery have ruined that experience in the fact that they have so restricted the number of tags to the point that one; you limited opportunity to hunt and two; there is no pressure to help move animals around. An example of this is where I have hunted for thirty seven years in the Mt. Emily unit for Elk. The North Fork of the Umatilla River drainage has almost no pressure in the fact that when hunting, I might see two other hunters in miles of canyon in a five day hunt. I see a few hunters driving roads, mostly elderly hunters but there is plenty of room to add more hunters / tags.

This year, after thirty seven years of my family hunting the same area as our annual family outing, we were not given that opportunity or in fact any opportunity to experience a quality family outing. In fact, I didn't draw a single tag from six different types of hunting applications. With the way the points and lottery work, hunters and parties lose out or breakup family hunting opportunities. This year I have talked to numerous hunters that were not successful in drawing any tags in this state. What is quality about that? I believe that this is one of the factors that have contributed to the decline in hunters and youth involvement in our sport.

The system is broke as far as opportunities and your funding or revenues. Sportsman will support you if they feel good about their experiences. That's not happening with the current situations in this state. I would love to work with you to solve this current problem but I don't see much opportunity for that.

As to funding, ODF&W lost out on close to \$100.00 in revenue from just me, not counting the hundreds more that the rest of my hunting party would have contributed. It is also unfair to require hunters to purchase hunting licenses and then not issue any tags, so they can use the licenses.

With the explosion of Bear and Cougar populations, ODF&W should be promoting, not discouraging hunting them. In the last dozen years or so I have drawn three spring Bear tags. I have yet to see a single hunter when hunting the Mt. Emily unit. When asked why they limit the tags to 188, your staff states that they want to provide a quality experience. What is quality about getting to go hunting every fourth year? I have hunted my whole

life and have yet to harvest a Bear. A successful hunt to me is a safe outdoor experience, not just killing something.

Last Elk season, I was attacked by a six year old Cougar while hiking back to camp. It was only twenty five years of competitive rifle shooting and training that saved my life. Again, why not open more opportunities for sportsmen to help control the populations of the predators that have decimated our Deer and Elk populations? I don't understand the "buy our tags but don't touch our animal's" attitude of ODF&W.

Again, to me, not getting to hunt and enjoy the outdoors is not what I would call a quality experience and is in part what is wrong with this state's drop in hunters and the funding issues that ODF&W has. I don't believe that tag prices are out of line and would even pay a little more if I was guaranteed the opportunity to hunt.

So my suggestion is to look at changing to more of an allotment type system where the hunters that truly want to hunt and plan for it can purchase their favorite area tags to a limit and those that decide later can buy what's leftover. Maybe it's time to form a blue ribbon committee, to look at the current system made up of Oregon sportsman and staff. I've been to staff presentations before but always felt that they weren't setup for reviewing current policy.

A few years ago when your department developed the sportsman pack I purchased one. When I didn't draw a tag for Deer that year I call ODF&W to ask about the tag that I purchased in my pack. They told me that I could purchase a bow hunting tag or hunt the coast. And we wonder why we have and find wounded and dead animals with arrows stuck in them. Buying a tag does not make a competent hunter and we should not be forcing hunters to use weapons that they are not skilled with. That was the last time I purchased your sportsman pack.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not blaming ODF&W's employees but their policies. You have some really fine people that work for you. What I hear more that anything are hunters want more opportunities to enjoy their sport, not just a bunch of numbers on applications and then a letter with unsuccessful printed on it. This year I've talked to an increased number of my fellow hunters that won't get to hunt. Something is wrong with our states system, let's fix it together.

Sincerely,

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Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 12:28 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Weapons used for hunting

Please have staff respond. Thanks. - Teri Kucera

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

From: Donald Later [mailto:LaterDE@jacksoncounty.org]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2009 8:07 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Weapons used for hunting

Has or will the commission consider the use of big bore air rifles for the taking of game animals? Two other states are allowing their use, Kentucky is one of them. Big bore air rifles are short range weapons that require stealth in stalking, much as archery does. They also require and are capable of making properly placed shots to make the kill. Your consideration is appreciated.

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Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 8:08 AM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: elk season date change proposal-for the future

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

From: Tom Dooley [mailto:tomdooley@munnell-sherrill.com]
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2009 9:54 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: elk season date change proposal-for the future

Hi there, and thanks for listening to my idea on elk seasons!.....

I enjoy bow hunting for elk, and if I do not harvest one in the early hunt, I go after them in the late hunt. On page 80 of the regulations, it shows Nov 28-Dec 13th for roughly 4 different units. I appreciate this hunt and participate nearly every year....but sure wish it could open on Thanksgiving Day instead. This would allow hunters like me to have a 4 day holiday weekend to hunt. I know most "Mon-Friday 8 to 5" jobs give employees a 4 day Holiday. The way it is now, bowhunters must wait until the weekend to start.

I realize that there are some rifle hunts going on through the 27th of the month....this makes the rifle hunters end their hunt before the weekend. Perhaps their hunts could be ended on the 25th instead, giving the bowhunters a 4 day holiday weekend to hunt. Or, in all fairness, let the riflehunters have through the holiday weekend to hunt and start the bowhunters on a Monday. I am sure "weekend warrior" hunters like me would appreciate this.

I again thank you for listening, and understand that a decision like this would take some thought and research. I can just explain that for the 10+ years I have bowhunted, it's my only complaint about the season dates.

Sincerely,

Tom Dooley
Corvallis Oregon
541-754-6124

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From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 8:15 AM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: A restriction on scappoose unit during general season for deer and elk 3 pt. or better

From: Taylor Bundy [mailto:bowfisher_09@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2009 6:52 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: A restriction on scappoose unit during general season for deer and elk 3 pt. or better

I want to make a suggestion. I notice every year that everyone shoots alot of bucks and bulls in Scappoose unit 11, which is good but they usually take almost all of the bulls out of the herd and also shoot alot of bucks too. If you could make this unit three point or better you would see an increase in bucks and bulls. There are more cow's and Doe's in this area then anything else. Thank you for your time Taylor Bundy.

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Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 1:55 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Unsuccessful

For review and response. Thanks. Teri Kucera

From: Max Walters [mailto:MaxW@brightwood.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 1:32 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Unsuccessful

I've been hunting virtually every year for my entire life and with this years unsuccessful applications it makes two consecutive years in a row which I didn't receive either my deer or my elk tags I decided to stop feeding your retirement fund and not apply ever again. It's a complete bunch of BS that you need a hunting license to apply for tags which you do not receive. STOP MILKING THE PUBLIC THEY'RE ONE ONES PAYING YOUR WAGES.

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 1:58 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Archery/ Muzzleloader Questions

For your information. – Teri Kucera

From: THOMAS Matthew A *ODOT [mailto:Mathew.THOMAS@odot.state.or.us]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 7:32 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Archery/ Muzzleloader Questions

To whom it may concern,

I am a 34 year old Oregonian who has been hunting since I was 12 years of age, I believe we have many good hunting opportunities in our state. Some of our regulations just don't make any sense to many many people that I have talked with (myself included!) for instance the 'iron sights' regulation on muzzleloader only hunts, the weapon itself already limits the hunter to short range and needing to have super clear shooting lanes, perfect angle etc. why would fiber optic open sights be such a bad thing? Or even a scope? So that a person could have a much more precise shot placement on the game animal they intend to harvest? After all, sabot bullets, in line (closed ignition) magnum primer type muzzleloaders, and palletized powder are not allowed, what exactly is the problem of precision sights?

My (and many other's) opinion is exactly the same on Archery regulations, in particular, a lightednock on the arrow, or "luminock" would be a huge asset to knowing exactly were or if an animal had been hit. I belong to a Tribe here in Western Oregon, and have served on many committee's and boards and realize you have to make the best decisions you can for all Oregonians, and a lot of times are un aware of some public concerns. I don't know if you get much correspondence on these issues? I just thought I'd throw it out there as food for thought. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
Matt Thomas

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 1:59 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: weapons restrictions

For response; thanks! – Teri Kucera

From: Anthony Huff [mailto:arhuff@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 12:51 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: weapons restrictions

I was reviewing the Oregon regulations, and noted an area that should be revised for next year.. In the weapons restrictions, for rifle and handgun, it states .22 cal or larger, (Not legal for Elk), then, it states that .24 cal or larger, (legal for Elk) Isn't .24 cal larger than .22 cal? It would make more sense to have Smaller than .24 cal., in the first column, and .24 cal or larger in the next. That would be very clear. So, if we cannot use something larger than a .22 caliber to hunt Elk, what are we supposed to use?

Thanks
Anthony Huff

Liz Bueffel

From: DeAnna Erickson
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 12:39 PM
To: Thomas Thornton; Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Spring Bear

FYI

From: Pat Carter [mailto:carterp64@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 8:17 AM
To: Tami.Mordica@state.or.us
Subject: Spring Bear

Tami,

Hello, my name is Pat Carter. I would like to comment on the recent decision the ODF&W made concerning the Southwest Oregon spring bear tag. Could you please pass these comments on to your associates, if I have directed them to the wrong person.

I was hoping that ODF&W would change the timing of the over the counter sales of the Southwest Oregon spring bear hunt. It sounds like you will be operating the same as you did last year. This is unacceptable. It is partially my fault, I assumed that you heard from enough people, and so I chose not to comment. I can see now that it must take an uprising of great proportion in order to convince "our" agency to listen to its constituents.

There are two reasons why the ODF&W should hold the over the counter sales after the controlled hunt results have been published. The first and most important, is the fact that the residents of this state want it that way. This decision has no impact on the number of tags authorized or bears harvested. It is simply giving everybody an equal opportunity.

The second reason is revenue. The way it stands now I am not going to put in for a draw hunt and I will buy a Southwest Oregon bear tag. That takes my \$4.50 for a controlled hunt application out of the picture. If 2000 people decide to do the same, it would reduce the possible revenue by \$9,000. Granted this might not be very much money to the agency, but I can tell you that every penny counts around my house, and workplace in times like these.

It is disappointing to see the ODF&W blindly wondering down a path that does not make sense. Could the public be lucky enough that you might have a reasonable explanation for your decisions? If so, please publish them it would save us both time.

Thank for your time.
Pat Carter
Eugene, OR
carterp64@yahoo.com

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August 18, 2009

Thomas Thornton, Game Program Manager
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODF&W)
3406 Cherry Ave. NE
Salem OR 97303

RE: Proposals for Controlled-Entry
Archery Deer Hunting in 2010

Dear Mr. Thornton:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Wapiti Bowmen, Inc., an archery club based in Lebanon, Oregon. Our club has a total membership of about 290 – 300 members, most of whom are bowhunters. I was authorized to send this letter for your consideration and that of the Fish & Wildlife Commission by our club's membership attending a general club business meeting on August 4, 2009.

As bowhunters, Wapiti Bowmen, Inc., is willing to do our legitimate part in support of ODF&W's "Mule Deer Initiative" (MDI) effort. However, we do not want bowhunters to be served up as scapegoats when there are no game management benefits to be achieved by limiting archery hunting and when other hunters aren't being asked to make comparable sacrifices to those being asked of bowhunters.

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Sincerely,



G. Craig Starr, President
Wapiti Bowmen, Inc.
Lebanon OR

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 3:28 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: use us to help with bear and cougar population
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For your information and review. - Teri Kucera

From: Robert Tally [mailto:RTally@bluecc.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2009 4:22 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: use us to help with bear and cougar population

This email is in regard to the bellow listed restriction that currently in affect. Removal or modification of this rule could be a valuable tool used to control the growing numbers of bears and cougars. I have 2 suggestions I hope you will give consideration.

1. Change restriction to reflect both a used or unused Deer or Elk tag for the hunt area in question.
2. Change restriction to allow use of calibers less than .23 centerfire during all general and controlled Elk seasons. Calibers of this size are not currently legal to hunt Elk at any time, however they are legal for cougar, bear and coyote. This restriction makes no sense when looking at in terms of improving Fawn and Calf survival rates.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robert Tally

No Person Shall:

■ Hunt with a centerfire or muzzleloading rifle without a valid, unused deer or elk tag for that time period and area on their person during: Eastern Oregon controlled buck deer centerfire firearm season, Cascade bull elk centerfire firearm season, Coast bull elk 1st and 2nd centerfire firearm seasons both General and Controlled, Rocky Mt bull or either-sex elk centerfire firearm seasons, or standard Rocky Mt antlerless elk centerfire firearm seasons (Nov. 21 - Nov. 29). This does not include Controlled W High Cascade (119A) or Hood White Rvr (141A) buck hunts.

Robert Tally
Information Technology Systems Manager
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541-278-5830

Liz Bueffel

From: Grant Anderson [grant_anderson@live.com]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 11:27 PM
To: ronald.e.anglin@state.or.us; liz.a.bueffel@state.or.us; michelle.l.tate@state.or.us;
thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us
Subject: Hunting equipment restrictions

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I completely understand the need to keep hunting primitive, and know that at some point we must draw a line at technology in order to keep things in order. However this technological advance in no way helps us as hunters obtain any more animals, in fact it helps us lower the number of wounded animals not recovered due to lack of information after the shot has been placed. Knowing where the arrow has hit the animal can be a great deal of knowledge and can help us make decisions on how to pursue the wounded animal, and if anything will result in more animals being taken humanely. The other benefit of the lighted nocks is the ability to recover an arrow that has passed through the animal, or at times missed the animal all together.

I hope you will take a second to think about my argument and help guide me as to what I can do to help make this argument heard and hopefully at some point made into reality.

Thank you for your time,

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In 2007 the number of tags was 83 and in 2008 the number of tags was 138, an increase of 66% while the applicants only increased from 93 in 2007 to 103 in 2008, with 35 tags available but not requested. Therefore, the number of animals taken could not have been excessive.

We now have been hunting this season for over 12 years. It has become family tradition for Thanksgiving. Now the season is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday due to the shortening of the season. Family stability rely on traditions.

Hunting in the heat of August-October will be a real challenge to properly dress the animals and remove them without spoilage. without refrigeration, we depend on the cooler weather of late October and November to keep the meat fresh and unspoiled. You must realize we hunt for the food and not trophies during the 247E landowner's hunt. In addition, there is a much lower probability of a wildfire in the fall than in the heat. A wildfire was started last year in the west from target shooting, and there is some probability that a missed shot could strike a rock and start a fire.

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As a landowner, hunting while other hunts are in progress on adjacent public lands, maintains my land ownership rights. We have a long history of hunters trespassing, leaving gates open, starting fires that spread, and destroying and stealing private property. If we are present and hunting, it is a great deterrent.

We are landowners. We provide protection to not only our land but the adjacent public land to reduce crime and forest fires. Good private land stewardship supports proper, legal use of the adjacent public land. Since cutbacks in budgets for law enforcement reduce the state's ability to monitor public lands, it can be taken up by vigilant land owners. Please support our hunting rights on our property from Aug 1 to March 31 for 247E.

Arcanum Institute Inc.
Thom & Jette Seal
P.O. Box 545
Prairie City, Or. 97869
August 1, 2009

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Thank You Very Much

Thom Seal, Ph.D., P.E.

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Michelle Tate

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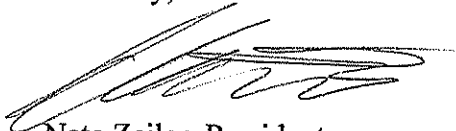
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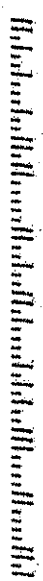
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Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 11:33 AM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Rabbit Hunting @ Sauvie Island

For future Commission packet. – Teri Kucera

From: Denis Pruglo [mailto:thefuze@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 10:46 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Rabbit Hunting @ Sauvie Island

Dear ODFW Commision,

I hope you folks would reconsider not allowing rabbit hunting on Sauvie Island. Rabbit is one of the most popular game to hunt in the US and it is a great way to introduce kids or friends and family to hunting. There are not many public places one can hunt rabbits near Portland and Sauvie Island would be a great location. Please reconsider the rules setforth for Sauvie Island rabbit hunting.

Sincerely,

Denis Pruglo

August 24, 2009

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Big Game Management for Unit 47 – Northside
John Day Field Office
PO Box 9
John Day, OR 97845

Comment on 2009 Regulations on Hunt 247E

Although we do not own any land in this particular unit, we do own land in another unit in which we have landowner damage tags. We understand that the season for the Landowner hunt in the 247E Unit has been changed and for 2009 the hunt period will be August 1 to October 15 2009, creating a substantially reduced hunting period. We are very disappointed you reduced the hunting time for the season, and are concerned that this same reduction may soon be applied to all landowner hunts. We would be interested in knowing why this change was made and what data you have to support such a drastic reduction in hunting days.

It is our opinion that in order to truly compensate for landowner damage caused by elk, the season must be kept at August 1st to March 31st each year. Elk do the most damage to fences during the winter and not the late summer and fall, a good indication that the elk will not be present on the privately owned lands during this new time frame, ending just about the time that the elk actually are present. In addition, hunting in cooler weather is much preferred than the heat of the summer months for multiple reasons, including but not limited to, possible fire danger, much greater need for immediate refrigeration of the animal, the difficulty of hiking in extreme heat, which can be critical for those that are out of shape and/or older.

Please support the landowner damage tags and hunting rights on private property and return to the longer season of August 1 to March 31 for 247E for the 2010 season.

Sincerely,



Betty J Linnell

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White City, OR 97503

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email: linnell@qwestoffice.net

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 8:37 AM
To: Liz Bueffel; Brian Ferry
Subject: FW: Just a concern

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

From: Fred S Maurer [mailto:fmaurer1@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 06, 2009 1:05 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Just a concern

To whom it may concern,

First I just wanted to compliment you on the great job you do during these tough economic times--thank you so much this family really appreciate it....I do have a concern, and it may not be legitimate but I have heard, strictly a rumor, that some people are getting around the Ochoco archery draw system by buying a bear tag...I realize that this is totally legal but I feel this is a loop hole to the whole drawing system...my family did not draw an archery tag for this unit....we could have bought a bear tag and went into this area and actually hunted illegally for deer and elk, hoping not to get caught in the ACT....we are not that type of hunters..we respect the law but I'm sure there are numerous people that do not..even though you have Fish & Wildlife people out there along with OSP officers this is such a big unit that you cannot cover the whole thing and I do not expect you to but my suggestion would be that during the archery season ONLY people with this archery tag be allowed into this area..I think this is setup in the valley area during the High Cascade elk hunt so people that do not have this tag cannot access this area...I may be totally wrong as I did not check this out in the regs but why not set this up in this very "special area" for us as well---Just give us archery hunters a fair chance to take an animal---again great job and Thank You very much for listening to this hunter--Fred Maurer Bend Oregon

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