

### Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Revised Draft Management Plan Public Comments (through 7/29/10)

Issue or Comment	Count	Department Response
A meeting attendee was concerned about the timing of spraying weeds on the wildlife area, that the activity occurred too late.	1	SIWA manager explained that spraying was delayed so that it wouldn't impact wildlife, particularly nesting and brood rearing.
Two meeting attendees and two correspondents were pleased with the additional wildlife viewing opportunities described in the Revised Draft plan.	4	Viewing opportunities were added to Goal 3, Objective 3.3 and Strategy 2 describes additional activities that the Department is exploring, such as an auto birding tour route, holding special birding events (such as the annual Bird-a-thon at Ladd Marsh WA) and other educational events in coordination with local conservation groups such as Audubon of Portland.
Two meeting attendees and three correspondents were concerned about the proposed limit of 3 dogs per permitted trainer described in Objective 3.2 and felt that there was no conflict between trainers and did not have an issue with commercial dog trainers.	5	The 3-dog-per trainer strategy in Objective 3.2 was proposed to reduce commercial dog training activities on the wildlife area since commercial activities are not allowed per USFWS Pittman-Robertson grant requirements. The Department has removed this three dog limit proposal from the Final Draft plan. The Department will instead develop a consistent statewide process that meets USFWS funding requirements to manage all commercial activities (professional dog trainers, hunting and fishing guides, professional wildlife photographers, etc.) on all wildlife areas.

<p>One correspondent appreciated that rabbit hunting would be allowed in the North Unit area. The correspondent wants to be allowed to run coonhounds at night in the North unit as well, from Sept 1 until waterfowl season then after waterfowl season closes to March 15. The correspondent also suggests allowing houndsmen to purchase night use parking permits, in addition to the regular parking permit, and not allowing guns at night.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>The Department controls activities to minimize disturbance to wildlife and their habitats and to minimize the impacts to regulated activities such as waterfowl hunting. The Department therefore will maintain this closure to reduce impacts to roosting waterfowl which would conflict with the wildlife area's major waterfowl hunting activities.</p>
<p>Attendees supported finding ways for non-hunting users to pay for habitat restoration on SIWA.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>The Department is working with partners in the conservation community to explore ways for the non-hunting and non-angling public to fund projects specifically to benefit non-game species; for example, developing a conservation license plate, taxes on birdseed or guide books that will be dedicated to habitat restoration.</p>
<p>Audubon of Portland suggested numerous revisions regarding Oregon Conservation Strategy species and habitat enhancement activities, adding more wildlife viewing opportunities and was concerned that the draft plan was too goose- and hunting-focused.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Once the plan is adopted, SIWA staff will contact Audubon and other conservation groups to develop close working relationships to share expertise and resources, to meet the educational and recreational needs of the wildlife viewing public.</p>