

# **Public Correspondence**

**Public correspondence received  
as of September 14, 2010**



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

From: Mitch Rademacher [mailto:mitchr@ci.hillsboro.or.us]  
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2010 9:41 PM  
To: Tami.Mordica@state.or.us  
Subject: Youth Controlled Hunts

Tami,

I just wanted to take a minute and thank ODFW for what they are doing with youth hunting opportunities. I spoke to you a few times earlier in the year about the controlled youth hunts.

Several years ago I signed up my son under the new mentor youth hunting program. This allowed me and my son some hunting opportunities that maybe we could not of have accomplished under normal circumstances. In addition, he was able to accrue some point saver preference points and mentor points. This year he was successful in drawing a elk cow tag for the Starkey Unit. Since they only gave out 10 tags, this gave us a great opportunity to go into the woods without dealing with all of the other pressures that come under normal hunting seasons. I also like what ODFW did in regards to youth sport pack licenses. This again allowed for some hunting opportunities that a youth may not be able to do or afford under normal circumstances.

I have read on a few hunting posts recently about some hunters that that maybe dislike the youth hunts due to how they overlap other hunts, especially during archery season and or the confusion they bring? While I can understand their point of view, I think that most maybe miss the big picture, which is giving our youth some quality hunting opportunities under different circumstances.

My son Kyle has been hunting with me for both deer and elk over that past 3 years, but again dealing with other hunting pressure during normal seasons can be somewhat competitive at times. Prior to this year he has not been able to harvest a big game animal. This past week we went on our elk hunt for 5 days and he was successful in harvesting a cow elk on the last day of our trip. It was nice to not have to deal with the pressures of a normal hunt and basically we had the entire unit to ourselves. However, even prior to harvesting his elk, he told me that our trip was one of the best experiences he has ever had. We had some good quality time in the woods as father and son and that is really what it's all about.

Again, my son and I appreciate what ODFW has done with youth hunting opportunities in Oregon and hope these opportunities continue in upcoming years.

Mitch & Kyle Rademacher

To the director of the Oregon department of fish and wildlife

Dear Sir,

I was born and raised in the state of Oregon and proud of it. I have paid my dues as I've grown up: taxes, etc. I bought my fish and hunting license every year. I never had a citation for any game wrongdoing.

I always respected the forest, and I left it cleaner than when I went. My question is: why are the old timers with little to look forward to but getting back to the timber, which most of us enjoy, can't even get a tag for our final years on this earth.

First I must tell you I have killed a few deer over the years.

Never killed an elk, or antelope had very few chances because I can't walk very far. Must rely on my son and friends to get me out where we can hunt.

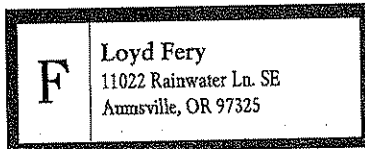
I know rules are rules. Us old timers are getting tired and can't run the mountains like we use to.

I wish you would reconsider this older generation for these hunts.

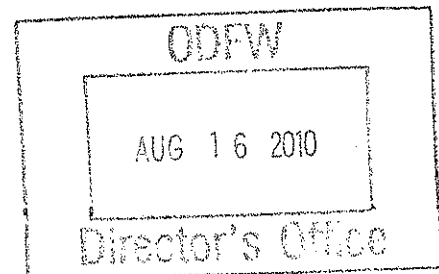
Today Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August I'm 67, so I on the down hill side of life.

Thank you for reading this.

Loyd Fery



503-769-6110



# GET INVOLVED!

If you have a suggestion, comment, or complaint, please list your view-points below and return postcard to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

*I would like to be able to use the sports-pac turkey tags for fall turkey season, as an option instead of just spring. This goes for the youth sports-pac also.*

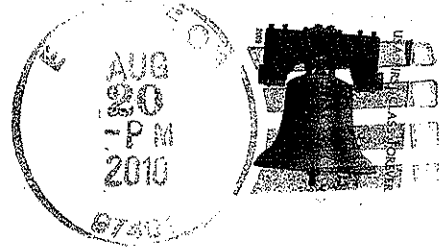
*Thank you.*

*Matt Gorsuch*

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Topic Sports-pac turkey tags

From: *Gorsuch*  
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CROSSBOW RESEARCH / WESTERN STATES

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To: Oregon State Commission

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Prepared by: Gary Willis

September 1, 2010

On August the 6<sup>th</sup> 2010, I presented to the commission a request for accommodation to hunt with a "Crossbow." The reason for the request is the permanent disability to both shoulders restricting my abilities to use my compound bow. Director Roy Elicker, responded by suggesting that the commission take a closer look at the possibility of "The use of Crossbows" for a select group of participants. Another suggestion was to see what other states were doing in this matter.

Across the country of our fifty states New York was the most recent state to approve provisions for "The use of Crossbows." New York primarily added provisions for the disabled hunters. With the approval in New York, Oregon is now the only state without provisions for Crossbow hunting. Almost half of the states nationwide make crossbows legal for hunting specifically for the disabled hunters. The remainder of the states have various provisions for crossbow hunting. These other various provisions are not limited to disabled hunters but are available to any hunter wanting to participate, depending on areas, units and seasons. All states have opportunities for crossbows during the archery seasons or rifle seasons offered in September (some seasons overlap in some states.) However, I mainly wanted to compare my research with the western states. Game in the mid western and eastern states differ significantly from the western states. Oregon is a part of, or a member of, (what is referred to as) the 12 Western States. Since my resource was the internet on the above information I wanted to personally contact the Western States, perhaps further validating the data collected. The other (11) eleven western states all have crossbow hunting in their states. Seven (7) of the eleven states allow crossbow hunting specifically for disabled hunters. The other (4) western states have additional opportunities with crossbows. The contacts for my questioning were Game Managers, Game Chiefs, Game Wardens and Game Biologists. (With every state I made sure I contacted the top game official or its assistant. With a number of states I was able to converse with more than one representative/official. I tried to collect as many opinions as possible). My questions were along the lines of Pros and Cons of crossbows. I asked,

”type of violations, adverse harvest records, Image issues, hunting accidents and complaints in general about crossbows“. The very high majority of responses to my questions referring to the negative affects from crossbows were “Crossbows have no real negative affect.” There were very few incidents but there are incidents with every hunting firearm. The most “heard response” to my questions was “There was some concern at first with crossbow approval but in the end, It was no big deal.” The main concerns from Bowhunters diminished once the realization of the minimal participation of crossbow hunters. All states reported that they have very few crossbow hunters. Utah had the highest number of crossbow hunters at three hundred (300) out of their forty thousand (40,000) bow hunters. (Less than one percent.) Some of the positive comments about crossbows were; usage in damage management hunts, continued hunter participation for aging hunters, some economical affects and an overwhelming positive affect for the disabled hunters. Currently Oregon has approximately twenty to thirty hunters using the “Draw-Loc” accessory which could be assumed the number of hunters qualifying for crossbow hunting.

The National Sports Shooting Foundation recently reported that over the last decade the numbers of hunters has declined by 10% nationwide. We cannot afford to have another 10% lost this decade. The National Rifle Association also reports that anti-hunting initiatives are on the increase annually. WE NEED HUNTERS!

In closing this portion of research, to date I have probably spoke with more than a hundred (100) different hunters/people about crossbows. One question began to develop in my mind, Why? Why are crossbows illegal in the first place? The facts and technical specifications indicate the myths are not true (crossbows do not outperform compound bows). Our neighboring states have no records or information supporting a negative impact on hunting due to crossbow hunting. I would be willing to speculate that we as a state (Oregon) do not have a document on file stating a reason for crossbows being illegal to hunt with. I added the question “Why are crossbows illegal” as I progressed through my research with the western states game officials and the unanimous response was, with a chuckle, “people.” I contacted the president of Oregon Bowhunters and their position is that everyone deserves the right to hunt however, they will not support a ruling for crossbows but they will not actively fight it especially for the disabled hunter.

Following are the answers and comments to the questions as I asked each of the representatives of each state.

Arizona; Larry Phoenix, Field Supervisor Wildlife Management  
(928)774-7901 Comments: No negative management issues,  
Not many crossbow participants, A few citations for people using  
crossbows without proper permit, PROS & CONS-Positive overall  
No complaints, "Really no differences between crossbows and  
compound bows."

Alaska; Tom Schumacher, Game Director, (907) 465-4148  
Comments: Disabilities is referred to as "Methods and Means"  
crossbows have exemptions for bow only areas. Archery purists  
(traditional archery) have had no complaints, PROS & CONS-Neutral  
"We have a lot of land and a lot of game in Alaska, nobody complains  
of other hunters methods of firearms."

California; Craig Stowers, Game Manager, (916) 445-3553  
Comments: California was in litigation with crossbows which  
initiated crossbow consideration. There was concern from  
Bowhunters association initially however, with such little  
participation with crossbows there are no complaints, Less than (100)  
participants, Archery harvests are the same, PROS & CONS- Positive  
"Crossbows became "No big deal" because there are no advantages  
with crossbows."

Colorado; Bob Thompson, Assistant Chief Game Law Enforcement  
(208) 334-2920 Comments: There was concern from Bowhunters  
Association at first but all concerns seem to settle. There has been  
"No Real Problem" with crossbows. Crossbows have very positive  
effect with senior/aging population enabling them to continue to hunt  
and keeping "Hunters Numbers" up. PROS & CONS-Neutral to  
Positive, "We (management) just don't hear much about crossbows."



Idaho; John Rashell, Game Manager, (208) 334-2920

Comments: Very little activity with crossbows as well as very little feedback with crossbows. No knowledge of crossbow violations, PROS & CONS-Neutral to Positive, "Crossbows allow some disabled people to hunt."

Montana; Ron Anshiem, Game Manager, (406) 444-4038

Comments: Very sensitive issue with Bowhunters Association and bow hunters are in opposition of crossbows. Crossbows are allowed during firearm seasons. Very little participation with crossbows and no violations with crossbows, PROS & CONS-Neutral

Nevada; Larry Gilbertson, Chief Game Division, (775) 688-1520

Comments: Very little crossbow activity, Crossbows are allowed during any firearm seasons, Draw tags are available to hunt early fall (September) with crossbows in "any firearm" area. PROS & CONS-Neutral, "Very little concern with crossbows or disabled hunting, crossbows are "No Big Deal."

New Mexico; Jim Lang, Chief of Game Division, (505) 476-8031

Comments: Crossbows give increase in opportunity, Crossbows have no advantage over compound bows, Crossbows is an very personal emotional issue with bow hunters, PROS & CONS-Positive  
" Mr. Lang as a State Commission Member for state of Kentucky, the ruling for crossbows was a terrible experience, Quote: Kentucky bowhunters said they did not want crossbow hunters shooting "Their Deer" in "Their Woods" end quote. Crossbow initiation went smoothly in New Mexico, "No Big Deal"  
(Mr. Lang was a member of the Kentucky Commission before becoming the Chief of Game for New Mexico)

Utah; Kenny Jackson, Game Administrator, Business Analyst

(801) 550-8349 Comments; Disability must be permanent, Crosssbows very popular with disabled people No complaints concerning crossbows, No biologic or public issues with crossbows

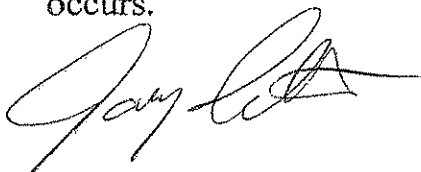
(300) crossbow participants out of 40,000 archers (less than 1%)  
PROS & CONS-Neutral "Crossbows really no big deal"

Washington; Jerry Nelson, Biologist Deer & Elk Management  
(360) 902-2515 Comments: Washington was in litigation which initiated crossbow consideration, there was concern from bowhunters association at first which has settled, Crossbow actually became management tool with usage within damage control hunt areas with firearm restrictions (firearms with limited range areas), In limited weapon areas anyone can use crossbows, No affect on archery harvest  
PROS & CONS-Positive "Very positive for disabled hunters"

Wyoming; Bill Rudd, Assistant Chief Game Division (307) 777-4578  
Comments: Crossbows are no big deal, No biological issues, No image or citation concerns, Bowhunters and traditional archers have no complaints, PROS & CONS-Neutral "Very little crossbow feedback"

AWARENESS: I think awareness is vital with this consideration for crossbows. It has become apparent that the people opposing crossbows probably do not realize that the compound bow they are shooting probably has the ability to outperform or is at least equal in performance to the "Deviant Crossbow." The high majority of the archers opposing crossbows probably have no experience with crossbows and do not realize the real truth between compound bows and crossbows. Thirty years ago there may have been an advantage with crossbows over compound bows. However, with today's technology in today's market it is clear that compound bows are a very proficient weapon surpassing the crossbow in overall performance. Perhaps with additional awareness of the two products, most of those who oppose, will realize in the end it is just a arrow flying through the air at very similar speeds and accuracy.

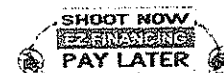
I would be willing to bet that some of those archers in opposition of crossbows today who have been hunting with their loved ones for 20 years will someday be happy for a crossbow ruling enabling them to continue their hunting traditions in their later years or an unexpected disability occurs.





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## U.S. Crossbow Hunting Regulations

Updated: 06/23/2009

Below is a summary of crossbow hunting regulations in the United States. Although we believe this information is accurate and current, this page is intended as a quick reference, and as such there may be details about regulations in your state that are not mentioned here (e.g. are scopes legal? can I use a crank? etc.). Regulations can and do change frequently from state to state. Please contact your state agency or visit the DNR links below to verify all the regulations you must follow. This summary page SHOULD NOT be considered official legal advice and it may contain errors or omissions for which Hunter's Friend LLC will not be held responsible.

### Alabama

Crossbows legal for all persons during the entire deer hunting season.  
[www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com)  
 334-242-3469

### Alaska

Crossbows are illegal in bow-only areas, but can be used where guns and bows are legal weapons. No provision for handicapped hunters.  
[www.adfg.state.ak.us](http://www.adfg.state.ak.us)  
 907-267-2347

### Arizona

Crossbows legal for handicapped hunters on a very restrictive permit basis, or for anyone during general firearms seasons.  
[www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com)  
 602-942-3000

### Arkansas

Crossbows legal during archery seasons; must have minimum draw weight of 125 pounds and mechanical safety.  
<http://www.agfc.com/hunting/genregs/hunt-equipment.aspx>  
 501-223-6300

### California

Crossbows legal for all hunters during gun seasons. Also, the California Game Commission voted on April 22, 2004 to adopt the following language to their regulations: "Any person with a physical disability which prevents him/her from being able to draw and hold a bow in a firing position, may use a crossbow or device which holds a string and arrow in the firing position to assist in the taking of birds and mammals under the conditions of an archery tag, archery season, or general session. Under these conditions, archers must provide to the Department and retain in his/her immediate possession while taking or attempting to take big game written verification of the disability, including: the person's name and signature, address, date of birth, driver's license or DMV number, physician's name and signature, physician's license number and address and a description of the disability."  
[www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov)  
 916-653-7203

### Colorado

Crossbows legal for all hunters during gun seasons and for handicapped hunters during archery season.  
[www.dnr.state.co.us](http://www.dnr.state.co.us)  
 303-297-1192



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**Connecticut**

Crossbows legal only for handicapped hunters by permit.  
[www.dep.state.ct.us](http://www.dep.state.ct.us)  
860-424-3011

**Delaware**

Crossbows legal Monday through Saturday of November shotgun season and during any gun season in December or January.  
[www.dnrec.state.de.us](http://www.dnrec.state.de.us)  
302-739-5297

**Florida**

Crossbows are now legal in the Central zone (October 20-24, 2008), South zone (October 6-10, 2008), and in the Northwest Zone, the crossbow season will be seven days long and will open the Monday following Thanksgiving (December 1-7, 2008). Click on the Florida link below for additional crossbow information. Crossbows also legal for handicapped hunters by permit.  
[www.floridaconservation.org/](http://www.floridaconservation.org/)  
850-488-8573

**Georgia**

Crossbows legal in all seasons starting 2003.  
[www.gohuntgeorgia.com](http://www.gohuntgeorgia.com)  
770-918-6416

**Hawaii**

Crossbows legal by special disabled permit only.  
[www.hawaii.gov/dlnr](http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr)  
808-973-9787

**Idaho**

During an any-weapon hunting season you can hunt with a crossbow without any other permit besides your hunting license and proper tag. Crossbows also legal for handicapped persons by permit-to hunt with a crossbow during an archery season, you must also have a valid archery permit as well as a hunting license and a proper tag.  
[www.fishandgame.idaho.gov](http://www.fishandgame.idaho.gov)  
800-554-8685

**Illinois**

Hunters 62 years of age and older are now permitted to use a crossbow without a special permit. Hunters using a crossbow will need an archery deer permit and proof of age in the form of an official ID. Crossbows used in hunting as authorized by a permit issued under this section shall meet all of the following specifications:

- 1) Shall have a minimum peak draw weight of 125 pounds and a maximum peak draw weight of 200 pounds.
- 2) Shall have a minimum limb width of 24 inches and a minimum overall length (from butt of stock to front of limbs) of 24 inches.
- 3) Shall have a working safety.
- 4) Shall be used with bolts or arrows of not less than 14 inches in length (not including point) with a broadhead. Broadheads may have fixed or expandable blades, but they must be barbless and have a minimum 7/8 inch diameter when fully opened. Broadheads with fixed blade must be metal or flint-, chert-, or obsidian-napped. Broadheads with expandable blades must be metal.

Crossbows also legal for handicapped hunters by permit.  
<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/admin/Digest/>  
217-782-7305

**Indiana**

Crossbows legal only in late archery season and only for antler less deer.  
[www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3188.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3188.htm)  
317-232-4080

**Iowa**

Crossbows legal for handicapped hunters with permit. Resident hunters 70 years old and older may purchase one statewide antlerless-deer only license to hunt deer with a crossbow.  
[www.iowadnr.com](http://www.iowadnr.com)  
515-281-8688

**Kansas**

Beginning in 2008 - Crossbows of at least 125 pounds draw weight will be allowed during the regular firearms deer and turkey seasons.

Crossbows and draw locks legal for permanently disabled hunters by permit.  
[www.kdwd.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwd.state.ks.us)  
316-342-0658

**Kentucky**

Crossbows legal for all hunters during rifle and muzzleloader seasons. Legal in archery season for handicapped hunters. Crossbows legal for deer statewide October 1-19 and November 8-December 31, 2008.

\*Proposed regulation for crossbow use for Elk - to be updated when dates published.  
[www.kdfwr.state.ky.us/](http://www.kdfwr.state.ky.us/)  
800-858-1549

**Louisiana**

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission now has the ability to establish a bow and arrow only season, and a bow and arrow and crossbow season in special deer hunting seasons.  
[www.wlf.state.la.us/](http://www.wlf.state.la.us/)  
225-765-2350

**Maine**

Effective January 1, 2006, with a valid crossbow hunting license, a person may hunt bear with a crossbow during the open season on bear and may hunt deer with a crossbow during the open firearm season on deer. The crossbow hunting license may not be used to hunt deer during the archery season, muzzle loading season, or expanded archery season. Crossbows are still permitted otherwise for disabled hunters. A person who applies for the crossbow hunting license, other than a junior hunting license, must submit proof of having successfully completing an archery hunting education course and a crossbow hunting course or evidence of having previously held adult archery and crossbow hunting licenses issued specifically for the purpose of hunting with a crossbow or bow and arrow in this State or any other state, province or country in any year after 1979. Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
[http://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting\\_trapping/hunting/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting_trapping/hunting/index.htm)  
207-287-8000

**Maryland**

Crossbows legal during the entire bow season in the Suburban Deer Archery Zone (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties).

Age 65 and over legal throughout Archery season.

To be updated:

\*Crossbows are legal for all hunters during the October 1- October 15, 2007 and January 15-31, 2008 segments of the Deer Bow Season and all regular gun seasons and muzzleloader seasons.  
[www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide)  
410-260-8540

? During any season in which a firearm may be used, for both big and small game statewide.

? Crossbows used for hunting are restricted to no more than 350 feet per second.

Under the new regulations, 10 and 11 year-old hunters may not use a crossbow. Youth hunters must be at least 12 to use a crossbow.

A crossbow stamp will be required in addition to hunting licenses for those using crossbows. Stamps will be available at all license retailers starting March 15. The stamp, which is free, will help the DNR monitor and survey crossbow hunters over the next three years.

<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10363---,00.html>  
517-373-1263

#### Minnesota

Crossbows legal only for handicapped hunters by permit.

[www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)  
888-minndnr

#### Mississippi

Crossbows legal for handicapped hunters with permit, hunters 65 and older, and during primitive weapon and deer gun seasons.

<http://home.mdwfp.com/ContentManagement/Html/htmldownload.aspx?id=13>  
601-432-2400

#### Missouri

Crossbows for handicapped archers by permit and during firearms season.

[www.mdc.mo.gov/hunt/](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/hunt/)  
573-751-4115

#### Montana

Crossbows legal only during gun seasons. No provision for handicapped hunters.

[www.fwp.state.mt.us](http://www.fwp.state.mt.us)  
406-444-2535

#### Nebraska

Crossbows legal during deer and pronghorn firearms season and for handicapped hunters by permit during archery season.

[www.ngpc.state.ne.us](http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us)  
402-471-0641

#### Nevada

Legal for all hunters in firearms season.

[www.ndow.org/](http://www.ndow.org/)  
775-688-1500

#### New Hampshire

Crossbows legal for handicapped hunters by permit. Legal for all hunters in firearms season. Legal for all hunters on Long Island with Long Island Deer Permit.

[www.wildlife.state.nh.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us)  
603-271-3422

#### New Jersey

June 17, 2009

On Tuesday, June 16, the New Jersey Fish and Game Council voted on adopting proposed amendments to the 2009 - 2012 Game Code. The Council voted to adopt all the proposed amendments except amendment 29, which proposed boundary changes to Deer Management Zones 19 and 23. The full proposal containing the amendments can be viewed at [www.nj.gov/dep/rules/proposals/040609b.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/proposals/040609b.pdf) (PDF) on the NJ DEP website.

The most significant amendment adopted expands the definition of "bow" by removing the prohibition

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pounds and a minimum stock length of 25 inches. (Note that that crossbows are NOT legal for bowfishing at this time; bowfishing is covered by the Freshwater Fish Code.)

This amendment, in addition to the recently passed law allowing Sunday bow and arrow deer hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and private property, is expected to increase participation in New Jersey bow and arrow hunting seasons. Hunters who have never purchased a New Jersey bow and arrow hunting license or have not purchased one since the implementation of the electronic licensing system must present one of the following to purchase a license: 1) a hunter education archery certificate, or 2) a prior year resident bow and arrow license (from NJ or any other state), or 3) a prior year nonresident NJ bow and arrow license. Information on hunter education requirements for bow and arrow hunting and hunter education session schedules can be obtained at [www.njfishandwildlife.com/hunted.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/hunted.htm).

The 2009 - 2012 Game Code becomes law five days after it is published in the New Jersey Register. Hunters are advised to consult the NJ Division of Fish and Game website for updates on the Game Code publication date and effective date of the amended Code.

[www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)

609-292-2965

New Mexico

Crossbow use is allowed by Certified Mobility Impaired Hunters during all hunts.

[www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

800-862-9310

New York

A modified crossbow permit is available for persons meeting a defined physical disability.

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[http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife\\_pdf/09guidecont.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/09guidecont.pdf)

518-402-8924

North Carolina

As of 08/01/2010 Crossbows are legal anytime bows and arrows are legal weapons.

In March 2009 the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission adopted the proposal to allow the use of crossbows, without permit, anytime bow and arrows are legal weapons, but on April 21, 2009 the North Carolina Rules Review Commission has referred a number of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's proposed rules changes to the General Assembly, due to written opposition. This action is required under state law.

<http://www.ncwildlife.org>

919-733-7291

North Dakota

Crossbows legal for handicapped hunters by permit.

[www.gf.nd.gov](http://www.gf.nd.gov)

701-328-6300

Ohio

Crossbows legal during archery season; Draw weight must not be less than 75 pounds and no more than 200 pounds.

[www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife/default.htm](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife/default.htm)

614-265-6300

Oklahoma

The use of crossbows and conventional longbows with a device that permits the bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw are legal hunting methods during any open season when conventional longbows (archery equipment) are a legal means of take. See individual species' regulations for any draw weight, bolt length and broadhead size requirements.



Crossbows illegal.  
[www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us)  
503-872-5268

#### Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners has approved the expanded lawful use of crossbows to include both the archery deer and bear seasons. The Board included a sunset date for the expanded crossbow use requiring a future vote on the measure again before June 30, 2012.

\*The use of magnified scopes was approved on April 21, 2009.

[www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us)  
717-787-4250

#### Rhode Island

Crossbows only legal for hunters who possess an official Adaptive Aid/Crossbow Permit obtained through the DEM Division of Licensing. Crossbows must be a minimum draw weight of 150-pounds and 24-inches wide.

[www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/index.htm](http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/index.htm)  
401-222-6647

#### South Carolina

Archery equipment is now defined as " a bow and arrow, a long bow, a recurve bow, a compound bow, or a cross bow."

[www.dnr.state.sc.us](http://www.dnr.state.sc.us)  
803-734-3886

#### South Dakota

Crossbows legal for handicapped hunters during archery season.

[www.sdgifp.info/index.htm](http://www.sdgifp.info/index.htm)  
605-773-3485

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[www.state.tn.us/twra](http://www.state.tn.us/twra)  
615-781-6500

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Full-inclusion of crossbows in archery seasons except Grayson County.

[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)  
512-389-45055

#### Utah

Crossbows legal only for handicapped hunters by permit.

[www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov)  
801-538-4700

#### Vermont

Crossbows legal only for handicapped hunters by permit.

[www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)  
802-241-3700



crossbows for hunting during the upcoming fall hunting season. Previously, only disabled hunters could hunt with crossbows. For more specific crossbow information click on the following link:

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/>

804-367-1000

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<http://wdfw.wa.gov>

360-902-2519

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[www.wvdnr.gov](http://www.wvdnr.gov)

304-558-2771

**Wisconsin**

Crossbows are not legal to use except by disabled hunters issued a Class A, B, or Crossbow permit; resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

[www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us)

608-266-2621

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**Michelle Tate**

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2010 11:21 AM  
**To:** Michelle Tate; Janice Bellis  
**Subject:** FW: controlled unit Q

Please refer to appropriate staff in Wildlife. Thanks! – Teri Kucera

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**From:** Manuel Galea [mailto:katmanny15@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2010 12:56 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** controlled unit Q

i'm hoping to find the biologist that knows the wagontire unit, i spent 2 days down in the southern part of the unit it looks dismal, none of the water tanks had water in them, with no deer, please let me know who he is so i can find a better place to plan my sons and i hunt this october...

Thanx Emanuel Galea

*Game*

**From:** BRENNANS@usa.redcross.org [mailto:BRENNANS@usa.redcross.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2010 10:50 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Request for Game Regulation change.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please see attached letter that I recently sent to Bill Monroe. Mr. Monroe asked if I was going to contact you since he thought my letter made a number of good points, so that is what I am doing.

I believe it is time to ban the use of permanent tree stands and the use of "bait" in regards to elk or deer hunting. I as my letter states, I recently encountered a hunter who said that his party has 43 permanent tree stands in the area they hunt. The unit is Heppner and the stands are spread-out throughout a wide area. He also mentioned that they had taken the time to place salt blocks around many of the stands. This flies in the face of what "hunting" should be about and dramatically increases their success ration; 10 of 18 last year and 5 opening morning this year with 4 more weeks to go.

I'd appreciate it if you would seriously look into this request. It may not stop hunters from doing what this group is doing, but it would at least cause some hunters to think twice about what they are doing.

Sincerely,  
Steve Brennan  
Tigard, OR

Mr. Monroe,

Opening day of the Oregon archery deer and elk season was this past weekend, drawing thousands of hunters into the woods which for most, I believe anywhere from 70 to 85%, will be a futile attempt at “bagging” an animal.

So I was a bit disappointed when my hunting partner passed on some information he had obtained from a fellow hunter that he came across while hunting through the woods in Heppner. The hunter was resting on the ground beneath a tree stand that had been permanently attached to the pine tree. The following morning I came across the stand; it was weathered but well built. At least four bolts were driven into the tree to secure the main frame of the stand. Another ten to twelve spikes, at least ¾ inch in diameter, used for foot pegs meandered up the side of the tree. Obviously, they were driven deep enough into the trunk of the tree so they could support the weight of an adult.

Evidently, this hunter from Walla Walla, WA was part of a large hunting camp; 18 hunters that have frequently hunted this area for a number of years. In the course of the conversation he revealed that they had 43 of these permanent tree stands spread throughout the area and that they had spent, “not hundreds, but thousands of dollars” in setting-up and maintaining this operation. The investment not only included the materials for the tree stands, but also the salt blocks that they use to bait them and the trail cameras they mount to monitor the activity around the stands.

Evidently in 2009 the group of 18 harvested 10 bulls out of the area. Opening day of 2010 they harvested 5 bulls and still had another five weeks to hunt. I have a hard time calling this hunting. It is more like chumming for elk. I am sure these hunters put in many hours sitting waiting for elk to come into the trap, but I find it difficult to call this hunting. The success ratio is way out of proportion to the average hunter who neither has the time, money or the inclination to set-up such an operation.

There appears to be nothing illegal, at least as far as the Oregon Hunting Regulations is concerned, about placing permanent tree stands in a public forest. So given the freedom to do so, these hunters take full advantage of the latitude given them by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Unfortunately, they do not realize that they denigrate the hunting experience by the use of such methods and obviously have no concern for the damage they have done to the 43 pine trees that are now home to these permanent fixtures. I believe it is time that the ODFW take a look at this practice and ban the use of placing permanent tree stands in the forest and the use baiting techniques.

This experience was not all bad though I was able to teach my son that there is more to hunting than the harvesting of an animal, and that this group of “hunters” seem to have forgotten that.

Sincerely,  
Steve Brennan  
Tigard, OR

**Michelle Tate**

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**From:** Amartydem@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 9:02 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Comments on OR Mule deer Initiative

As a test out side of your normal box, Why don't you try having the Elk season in these five units in early October, at the time you would normally have the mule deer season and have the mule deer hunt in mid November when you would normally have the elk season. The elk have for the most part finished their rut by mid October. The mule deer have for the most part finished their rut by mid November. By Hunting the mule deer in mid November your not killing off the majority of the breeding bucks before the rut, thus you have more does with fawns in the spring. Also killing more cougars in these units would be a great help to the deer populations.

Sincerely;

*Marty Demaris*

Marty Demaris  
6443 Alva Ave.  
Klamath Falls, OR. 97603  
(541) 884-8106 (w)  
(541) 274-1066 (c)

*Big game*

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**From:** Jamie Carr [mailto:carr@unions-america.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 3:24 PM

**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us

**Subject:** MDI

I believe we should make the eastern oregon bag limit a forked antler like most of western oregon. This would give the spikes less pressure and they are so small anyways. the second year they will be a larger deer and more of them will make it to the size most of us would like anyways. larger bucks in body and antler size. like the 70's as you are trying to reach this goal.

Thanks, Jamie Carr

**Michelle Tate**

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**From:** Teri Kucera  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2010 10:33 AM  
**To:** Michelle Tate  
**Cc:** Christine Broniak; DeAnna Erickson; ODFW Info  
**Subject:** RE: Penn State hunter survey

FYI – Teri Kucera

**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2010 8:47 AM  
**To:** Teri Kucera; DeAnna Erickson  
**Cc:** Christine Broniak  
**Subject:** FW: Penn State hunter survey

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**From:** Chris Chandler [mailto:chrisc1@bendbroadband.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2010 9:16 AM  
**To:** odfw.info@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Penn State hunter survey

Greetings,

This is a copy of the letter that I included with the survey that I filled out from the Penn State Oregon Hunter Survey.

To whom it may concern,

As a long time Oregon resident and hunter, I am very frustrated with the hunting tag “draw” system. I have been denied hunting seasons in my own backyard (literally) so out of the area hunters can hunt the east side. My kids and I have been denied Elk tags for 3 years in a row. You want to know why people are not hunting, that is the reason. My teenagers are so frustrated and heartbroken that they do not want to waste their hard earned money on tag fees for a system that continually denies them hunting opportunities. The system needs to be changed so that locals get tags first and then out of the area residents. If there are any leftover tags after all residents have been given tags, then and only then are they offered to out of state hunters. The tag fee increases this year are outrageous, but I thought that maybe, just maybe there would be less people applying for tags this year because of the economy, wrong! We still were denied tags, even though the kids both applied for the supposed youth tags. All youth should gets tags no matter what. I seriously doubt that they will ever apply for tags again. I am a firm believer in trying to encourage the next generation to continue to hunt, but the system is so stacked against the common hunter that it is not worth the effort anymore.

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the survey, but the questions did not address the real reasons for the decline in hunter numbers. Cost and the skewed tag process are the real reasons. Everybody that I come in contact with as a Board member and Range Safety Officer at our local club all say the same thing. I have extensive experience with computers, so I know that the way the tags are

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drawn could be greatly improved.

Sincerely,

Chris Chandler  
[chrisc1@bendbroadband.com](mailto:chrisc1@bendbroadband.com)

Regards,

Chris Chandler  
[chrisc1@bendbroadband.com](mailto:chrisc1@bendbroadband.com)



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**From:** Taylor Bundy [mailto:bowfisher\_09@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 08, 2010 12:02 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunting changes I would love to see

Hi , I'm Taylor and I am a avid hunter. I would love to see changes in scappoose unit with both buck and bulls. I would like to see three point or better for both controlled tags and general season. If this happened we would see more trophy bucks and bulls. Which means better genetics. I would also like to have a crossbow season. Crossbows are like a gun so might as well as have a season with crossbows. I would also like to see mechanical broad heads become legal in Oregon. There has been a change in mechanical broad heads since they first came out . They are just as reliable as fixed broad heads. Please take these into mind . I really want change. Oregon has been a let down in managing trophy animals . Lets change that for the better. I appreciate your time. Please take this into mind commissioner. I will be advocating this all my fellow hunters and hopefully we will get the point across that we all want change for Oregon.

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Big game

**Thomas Thornton**

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**From:** Calin Brabandt [cbrabandt@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2010 11:48 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Legal projectiles for shotgun/muzzleloader only and archery/muzzleloader only hunts.  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Red

Thanks, Tom.

Personally, I'm not interested in paper sabots but, rather, taking up the "windage" in non-standard bores. (Muzzleloader bores seem to vary quite a bit.) As with centerfire jacketed bullets, the fit of a lead conical in a bore greatly affects accuracy. I often find that bullets are too small for the bore for optimum accuracy. I haven't tried an over powder wad with a conical yet, but I suspect it will only be of limited value, if any value at all, in improving the accuracy of "loose" conicals.

With this in mind, would it be possible to consider a rule that prohibits the paper sabot (which is a removable "shoe" around a bullet that's considerably under bore in diameter), but still permits wrapping (patching) paper tightly around a conical that's, essentially, of bore diameter?

Round balls can be very accurate, but they have terrible range (terrible ballistic coefficient) and they have low mass for caliber. One of the reasons they are accurate is the patch takes up the "windage" in the bore to fit the round ball to the bore. "Mr. Blackpower," Sam Fadela, explains in his books that taking up windage in the bore is the primary purpose of a patch. The patch does NOT provide a seal against the charge and pressure but it does help to impart spin from the rifling to the round ball. A patched round ball is a not a bad combination, if one wishes to limit hunts to the most primitive means of firearms hunting and encourage ethical hunting behaviors. Poor range with good accuracy is a good combination for the sport!

With decent B.C.s, conicals can have range much greater than the range of a round ball, but conicals often have poor accuracy, unless the shooter stumbles upon the perfect bullet/bore combination. Poor conical accuracy is often due to poor bullet to bore fit. Also, there's the problem that soft lead (BHN hardness of 5 for pure lead) is not mechanically strong enough to handle heavy, high pressure powder loads that produce the high velocity and long range. Once a load is powerful enough to exceed the yield strength of the bullet alloy, accuracy drops like a rock! In most cases, loading 150 grains (or even 100 grains) of powder under a conical in a mass marketed "Magnum" muzzleloader is a mistake, yet that's what's marketed to the buyer and that's probably what most shooters are inclined to do.

So, with a conical, you often have a situation where the velocity and range of the projectile can be fairly good (even as good as a typical old .45-70 Gov't Springfield cartridge load using bullets of BHN hardness around 10 or 11), but the accuracy of the muzzleloader is often very poor. Long range plus poor accuracy is a bad combination for encouraging ethical hunting! I was hoping that paper patching a conical would improve accuracy and my initial testing at the range has shown some promise.

If I don't have the accuracy to make a shot 99% of the time (nobody shoots 100%), I won't take the shot. I also do a lot of pre-season testing and I'm not fooling myself about what I can do with my firearms. I don't think most hunters are quite so honest with themselves or others. Last year, I filled my

muzzleloader tag with a whitetail buck in E. Sled Springs that had obviously had half of his snout blown off by another hunter. I'm pleased I put him down with a well placed shot and he did not have to suffer through the winter with a very serious injury.

Regards,

-Cal

--- On Thu, 7/1/10, Thomas Thornton <[thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us](mailto:thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us)> wrote:

From: Thomas Thornton <[thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us](mailto:thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us)>  
Subject: RE: FW: Legal projectiles for shotgun/muzzleloader only and archery/muzzleloader only hunts.  
To: "Calin Brabandt" <[cbrabandt@yahoo.com](mailto:cbrabandt@yahoo.com)>  
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Date: Thursday, July 1, 2010, 10:50 AM

Cal:

I was preparing a response to the question Heather forwarded when your newer email arrived. I agree the wording could be clearer but the use of patches is intended to apply to round balls only. The wording was changed slightly a couple of years ago because there are now bullets available with what could be considered a "paper sabot". I confirmed with OSP that currently a simple over-powder wad, not attached to the bullet or extending up the sides of a conical bullet, is OK.

We will look at the wording and try to make it clearer.

Please contact me if you have additional questions.

Good hunting,

Tom Thornton

Game Program Manager

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**From:** Calin Brabandt [<mailto:cbrabandt@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2010 9:16 AM

Big game

17 June 2010

Wesley Murphey  
15789 Deedon Road  
La Pine, OR 97739

Dear Wesley,

Thank you for taking the time to express your concerns regarding bow elk hunting in Oregon. Oregon's big game seasons represent a complex balance between the biological capabilities of wild populations, the broad spectrum of desires from the hunting public, acceptance levels of private landowners for game species and hunters, and the legal authorities and limitations set by Oregon laws. Resulting season lengths, bag limits, and hunting methods are designed to provide a diversity of hunting opportunities.

Your primary concern focuses on changes to elk archery bag limits in the Metolius and west Fort Rock units. The bag limit in a given unit for general deer and elk archery hunters and for disabled hunters is determined by the number of rifle cow tags allocated in that unit. The archery bag limit is either sex only if there are a significant number of unit-wide cow or doe tags available for rifle hunters. As elk populations in the units you prefer to hunt have declined below management objective, the number of available cow tags for rifle hunters has declined. The net result is that the bag limit for archers and disabled hunters was changed to allow elk populations the opportunity to grow back toward population objectives.

I hope this clarifies your concerns. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Don Whittaker  
Ungulate Coordinator

Big Sam

## Absolutely unacceptable

After sitting at Oregon Departments Fish & Game meeting with the commissioners today (Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>) I spoke about my concerns for killing cow elk as early as August 1<sup>st</sup> knowing the calves are still very much in demand of their mother's milk and little knowledge on escaping predators.

Dispite our attempt to increases elk herds by road closures, reduced tags quotas and transplanting elk today ODFW recommended to continue the hunting season of cow elk (August 1<sup>st</sup>) with youth hunters and suggested to expand the program to approximately 700 tags. This is above and beyond the youth mentor program opportunities and the one time guaranteed tags program not to mention tags for regular hunting season and land owner tags that open August 1<sup>st</sup> through March. Don't get me wrong I think the youth mentor program was one of the best things ODFW has accomplished. Knowingly harvesting cow elk during the calf's time of need goes against all game management practice. It was noted in the meeting by ODFW that calf elk nurse 110 days before being completely self sufficient. Also noted by ODFW, cow elk give birth on June 1 with a smaller percentage as late as July 1<sup>st</sup>. This means that calves 30 to 60 days old are left to defend for themselves against predators while standing there bawling because their mom lay dead. During the next few days this bawling will continue to attract trouble for the calf and depending on many factors result in death. In nature and in domestic farm animals it is very rare for another female to care for the abandon offspring. I have first hand photos of a calf elk that was kicked square in the head killing it on contact while attempting to nurse off the wrong cow.

The reason ODFW stated they were recommending this additional youth hunt was because youth today have a very busy schedule and trying to find time to fit in a hunt is difficult. Cutting the hunt down to 4 months (starting Sept 1<sup>st</sup>) would have been the ethical thing to do but this was passed by the commission despite clear facts that the calf's survival rate was diminished. One of the reasons stated by a commissioner to pass this additional youth hunt was because "it just does not seem like that many tags to make a difference". If it helps you absorb this anymore ODFW plans to follow up with the hunters to see if this was a good experience or not. Are you kidding me? That's like asking a kid if he had a bad Ice Cream bar. So the heard runs off and the calf dies one week later and know body knows any different. End of story. I am sure there is not one Biologist that works at ODFW who would agree with this mismanagement, I incurage the commissioners to take a private poll where the biologist won't lose their job. But it's not a biological decision is it? more of a bank roll to keep jobs. I am not done here please stay with me. Remember you cannot shoot a bear with cubs even though they hang with mom for up to 18 months, you can't shoot a Mt. Lion who has cubs, you can't fish in traditional spawning grounds, you can't hunt ducks during nesting/molting season but by god you can

shoot a cow elk with a 30-60 day old calf the size of a big dog. I can see the only way to address the greed and mismanagement is to place a measure on the Oregon ballot to stop such irresponsible behavior. I honestly never thought I would be against hunting, but this is brutal elimination of a valuable animal during its critical development period.

The main topic during the meeting was if they should pass a law requiring a dress code of mandatory orange for hunters. Despite the fact that Oregon has the second best accident rate only to Nevada and that our hunter Education program has been second to none yet they are about to administer another hammer to the public. Oregon Hunters Association is against the idea along with 99% of the hunters in the meeting. In fact every meeting held this spring that I attended with ODFW the report was unanimous. Please to not pass such laws. I like Hunter orange when I feel it is appropriate. But now they will tell me when and how much to wear. That would mean if I had a legal tag in my pocket and a gun in the truck while mending fence or feeding cattle I would be required to wear orange! No? Well it sure brings up many complicated situations. Okay so you are sitting in camp and a deer runs by, your orange vest is hung on the tent pole and now you must decide, do I shoot or get dressed first. This opens the opportunity for law officers to decide with wisdom to issue you a hunting violation. Oh by the way now you could have just lost your hunting privileges in Oregon and other states. Yes this is a can of worms that we will live with forever if passed. My suggestion is to make hunters safety course mandatory for all ages. Be aware of your target, what is behind it and in front of it. Consider all guns loaded until checked. Above all be responsible for your own actions and do not impose on others.

Rick Young

Member of Life Member of OHA, OBH, NRA, SCI and others

Big game

**Thomas Thornton**

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2010 12:19 PM  
**To:** Michelle Tate; Don Whittaker; Thomas Thornton  
**Subject:** FW: cow elk season too early

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**From:** Liz Julee [mailto:ljpn86@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2010 5:33 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** cow elk season too early

Did anyone there ever see the old Bambi movie, in which his mother is shot? I claim a good deal of experience observing elk, and it's clear to me that you are 'way off base to allow hunting of cow elk as early as August 1. Calves are probably about eight weeks old, and would nurse for another eight weeks, given the opportunity. At some point during that period, they will transition to solid food, but milk provides critical nutrition for calves, and other cows may or may not provide milk. Don't bet on it. A calf who tries to nurse from a strange cow may get milk, or it may get a fatal kick. And a bawling orphan can attract predators.

If the point of the August hunting season is to give school-age hunters an opportunity, it also teaches a poor lesson: that it is acceptable to kill a mother elk, and leave an orphan calf to probably starve, or to be dragged down by a predator. Do you suppose that the public will find this acceptable? If young people want to hunt, they may have to make choices between conflicting priorities, just as we all do. If they cannot find a way to hunt during regular season, they may have to wait until they are out of high school. I'm sure that will sound harsh to many, but extending special privileges to young hunters, at the cost noted above, is clearly unwise.

An August cow hunt is just the sort of thing that will attract public attention, and bring a great deal of well-deserved criticism to the Fish and Wildlife Department.

Despite my wife's name at the top of this page, which apparently cannot be changed, this is from...Peter Neketin

Big game

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**From:** Nick Halousek [mailto:[nth78@live.com](mailto:nth78@live.com)]

**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2010 3:09 PM

**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)

**Subject:** Mule Deer Initiative

I would like to applaud the direction this initiative is taking. All of the points are spot on, especially the problem with cougars and juniper trees. I have spent many years in mule deer habitat along with my father and grandfather. One more problem that is not addressed is with wild horses. We have seen them trample a spring to the point that the water was sealed off. It has never recovered and the mule deer have disappeared from that area. I understand that this is a small issue compared to the ones that this initiative is confronting, but none the less it should be looked into.

Thank you,

Nick Halousek



Big game

**From:** Jason McGarvey [mailto:jaybomc@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 02, 2010 10:22 AM  
**To:** Liz Dreith; ODFW Commission; ODFW 2; ODFW 3; ODFW 4  
**Subject:** Thank You for kids ONLY weekend

To Whom it may concern:

I just wanted to thank the ODFW for giving our youth that extra weekend to hunt at the end of the deer season. My youngest daughter, Jasmine, age 14, took a very nice 4x3 blacktail (picture attached) this year (2009). She has hunted with me for the last four years, last year was the first year for her to carry a gun.

This year she has a brand new .270 with a scope and she's very excited. We've been practicing shooting and not to brag but she becoming one heck of a shot! Now she wants to shoot an ELK. She says "Dad, now that I've shot a big deer, I think next year I'm gonna kill a big bull elk". Pretty optimistic 14 year old girl...

Thanks again and keep up the good work,

Jason McGarvey  
Myrtle Creek, OR



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Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife  
3406 Cherry Ave NE  
Salem, OR 97303

Public Correspondence  
Topic Prohibit Baiting  
for game species within  
the North Bank Habitat Management  
Area

Dear Mr. Anglin:

I am writing in support of a proposed regulation change for the 2011 Oregon Hunting Season. The change concerns prohibiting baiting for game species within the North Bank Habitat Management Area (NBHMA) near Roseburg, Oregon. The NBHMA was acquired by the BLM in 1994 and was designated as an "Area of Critical Environmental Concern" primarily to provide 6,544 acres of secure habitat for the Columbian White Tailed Deer (CWTD). NBHMA is also managed for the protection of several listed and special status botanical species and allows other uses like recreation, provided they are not in conflict with our primary goal. The NBHMA is managed in cooperation between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

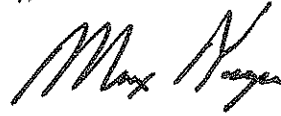
The NBHMA is in close proximity to Roseburg and receives a significant amount of recreational use. User conflicts have occurred where hunting guides using bait have become territorial with other guides and other users. Last year several complaints from user groups occurred when recreationists walked through a baiting area and were confronted by the hunting guide. I also received a call about a guide complaining about another guide being too close to their "baiting area". We feel that changing the regulations to outlaw game baiting would reduce these conflicts.

Some of the baits being used in NBHMA contain non-native species that can potentially introduce noxious weeds. Our primary management goal at NBHMA is to "Ensure that habitat for the CWTD and special status species (including plants) is managed to maintain species viability over time". The BLM has taken an aggressive approach to controlling noxious weeds and restoring native habitats. Our eradication efforts at NBHMA include education, monitoring and control measures including fire, herbicide and manual methods. We annually monitor infestations and treat high priority areas which are typically along roads and trails. Baiting areas are often well away from roads allowing significant establishment of non-native or noxious weed populations before they can be discovered.

In addition, baiting can disrupt ungulate behavior by drawing lower age class deer into the area and concentrating use. Baiting can increase the potential for spreading diseases by direct contact, and excrement. Also, a sudden change in diet can disrupt deer digestive systems causing severe intestinal pain and sometimes mortality.

When the baiting prohibition regulation at NBHMA is presented to the Commission, I urge the Commission to fully support this change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Max Yager". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Max" being more prominent than the last name "Yager".

Max Yager  
Field Manager  
Swiftwater Field Office  
Roseburg District BLM

CC: Jim Thrailkill US Fish and Wildlife Service

Big game

Liz Dreith

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**From:** DeAnna Erickson  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2010 8:29 AM  
**To:** Liz Dreith  
**Subject:** FW: Controlled application costs and harvest reporting

I think this is a wildlife one.

DeAnna

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

**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2010 3:23 PM  
**To:** DeAnna Erickson  
**Subject:** FW: Controlled application costs and harvest reporting

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

**From:** Corey Brown [mailto:ostategrad@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 12, 2010 9:07 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Controlled application costs and harvest reporting

To whom it may concern,

I noticed two things while browsing the 2010 Big game regulations and applying for controlled hunt tags. First, the application fee has skyrocketed by over 75 percent to \$8 per application! I know we are in a budget crunch, but you don't see car registration costs increasing by 75 percent. Maybe because hunters are an unprotected minority the government feels like they can discriminate against us?

Second, it seems that the mandatory harvest reporting is not too successful. I propose killing two birds with one stone. If an application fee was waived for each successful harvest report, it would save hunters a little cash, and harvest reporting would go up drastically. A raffle for a handful of hunts between thousands of hunters is not nearly as enticing as a guaranteed savings.

Corey A. Brown

PISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION PLEASE  
 BIG GAME PROBLEMS  
 8/12/2010 97303  
 PLEASE SEE  
 THAT BY MEMBERSHIP  
 THE FALW COMMISSION  
 SEE THIS LETTER, THANKS

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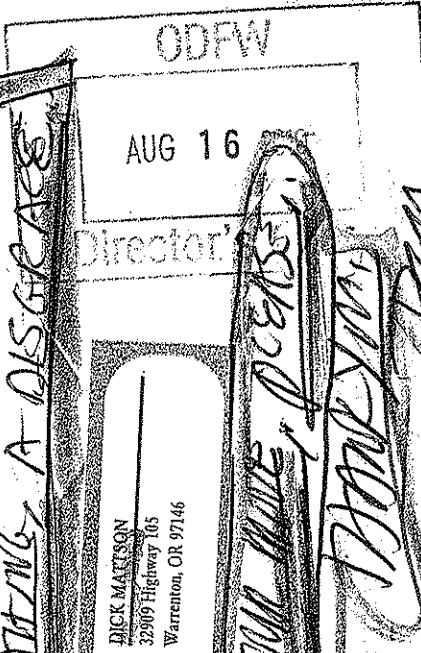
8/12/2010 A.D.  
 (I AM 75 YEARS OLD, 58 YEARS A CLIMBER (EIK HUNTER))  
 I REALIZE WHAT YOU HAVE WRITTEN ME ON 8/9/10.  
 THAT WAS NOT MY POINTS, OR MY MAIN CONCERNS THAT  
 YOU DID NOT ADDRESS FULLY. WHY WOULD THAT BE? (PLEASE!)  
 ① WHY HAVE 30 DAYS X 14 HOURS A DAY IN THE "RUT"  
 MATING SEASON WHEN HELD BULLS ARE VULNERABLE? (WHY?)  
 ② WHY NOT HAVE THOSE 30 DAYS IN DECEMBER, WHEN  
 THE ARCHERY SEASONS FIRST WERE HELD? SAVE HERD BULLS!!  
 ③ OR A COMPROMISE = 15 DAYS (TO SEPT. 10th), AND  
 ALSO A DECEMBER SEASON FOR COW EIK FOR ARCHERS ONLY.  
 ④ WHY NOT HAVE IT 9 DAY OR 11 DAYS ONE SEASON  
 AS ~~2010~~ HUNTERS ARE ABOUT 1/2 OF ~~PREVIOUS NUMBER~~ ONE-FOURTH  
 OF THE BIG SPIKE SEASON YEARS IN THE 1960'S & 1970'S, IN  
 OUR SMOLE MT. UNIT. (I KNOW IT WAS OVER 10,000 HUNTERS  
 ⑤ THE CURRENT SEASONS ARE A FAILURE OF MANAGEMENT.  
 THAT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT FEW HUNTERS ENJOY THEM, SO  
 THEY CHANGE THEIR HABITS IN ORDER TO HUNT AS THEY WANT.  
 ⑥ BY BIOLOGIST & EXPERT OPINIONS IT IS ESTIMATED ABOUT  
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 ⑦ ALSO BY BIOLOGISTS & EXPERT HUNTERS OPINIONS, ABOUT 50% OF  
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 HORN/ ONE HORN, BUT CHOOSE TO HUNT BOTH SEASONS.  
 ⑧ I HAVE WRITTEN THE OLD GAME COMMISSION, & THE NEW  
 PISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION YEARLY FOR OVER 50 YEARS, SO  
 I REALIZE BOTH THAT SCENARIO, & "PASSING THE DUCK" WAY'S  
 ⑨ THE PICTURE IN THE CURRENT ~~BEHIND~~ STAMPED IN 1987  
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 A SEASON FOR 3 MT BULL EIK IN SPACED MT. UNIT IN 1978 AND  
 WON OVER BIOLOGIST TAYLORS OBJECTION. HELP US PLEASE. DICK MATTSON

NICKER 20 YEARS LATE, OKAY.  
BETTER CARE THAN NEVER!  
TO CORRECT A WRONG IS RIGHT.  
TO DO NOTHING A DISGRACE.

TO THE  
FISH & WILDLIFE  
COMMISSION

CREATED BY YOUR MOTHER, PARENTS,  
SCHOOL & MT. VNF.  
RESISTANCE

THANK YOU  
DEAR



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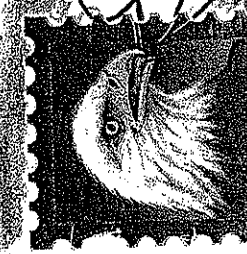
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WE STATE WE ARE THE  
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FISH & WILDLIFE  
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% DON WATKINS  
BIG GAME WILDLIFE  
3406 CHEWY AVE. NE  
SPRINGER OREGON 971303

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**From:** Taylor Bundy [mailto:specialbuick1956@live.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2010 10:45 PM

**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us

**Subject:** Please consider what I am saying and make a difference for all Oregon hunters in the northwest !!!!!

Hi , I'm john and I have some suggestions for the whole commission to look over. All fellow hunters want to see change in Scappoose unit with elk and deer. There is a steady decline in bulls and bucks in this area because everyone seems to just plain slaughter them. Especially north central Scappoose area. Fellow hunters like myself want this area to be a three point or better with both deer and elk. If this happened we would get to have more elk in the area and better trophy class animals. I also want to make a suggestion about archery regulations on broad-heads and crossbows. Its proven time and time again that mechanical broad-heads work on all animals. With so many manufactures that make them its a guarantee that they will open up on contact. An example is G5 Tekan broad-head or even the New archery products bloodrunner. Even though NAP blood runner isn't technically a mechanical broad-head its more of a high-breed of broad-head. consider please looking into making them legal as well as crossbows. By making crossbows legal and having a season for them will attract more people to Oregon and Oregon fish and wildlife will make more money. A crossbow is like a gun but with a range only out to one hundred and fifty yards. It makes no sense having it illegal because if people are going to poach they are going to do it with about anything they have . One more subject of the matter is upland bird season. Please change the dates back because once again the birds seem to get slaughtered. If all these come into effect not only will it increase game animals it will increase profit for Oregon fish and wildlife. Please read this over and please give me some feedback from this. Also please talk about these matters in commission meetings. We all want change and for the better.

Thank you,  
John Mesha

**From:** Taylor Bundy [mailto:bowfisher\_09@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2010 11:00 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** scappoose unit

please look into making this area 3 point or better for both elk and deer. Thank you for your time-Taylor



Big Sam

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>>-----Original Message-----

>>From: Editor [mailto:editor@bluemountaineagle.com]

>>Sent: Monday, August 16, 2010 3:39 PM

>>To: ODFW Commission

>>Subject: comment missing on white tail hunt

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>>I note that the Commission has approved a white tail doe hunt on the

>>Middle Fork John Day in 2011.

>>I previously mailed a comment to ODFW in opposition to this proposal

>but

>>do not see it included in the online follow-up. Although it is now too

>>late to affect your decision, I would nonetheless like this comment to

>>be included in the public record. I have attached a copy below.

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>>Scotta Callister, Editor

>>Blue Mountain Eagle

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>>ODFW

>>3406 Cherry Ave. NE

>>Salem OR 97303

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>>Re: Proposed game hunt

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>>To the Commission:

>> I am writing in opposition to the proposed white-tail deer hunt

>>in 2011 on the Middle Fork John Day River. My husband and I live in the

>>proposed hunt area, and I am very concerned that neither the white-tail

>>nor the mule deer population is strong enough to support a reduction in

>>numbers.

>> I'm not a scientist, but I do have the immense privilege to live

>>on the Middle Fork. When you live in a place, you become attuned to the

>>rhythms and cycles of the place and its inhabitants, so I hope my input

>>will be helpful.

>> I understand the hunt was proposed in part to answer concerns

>>about survival of plantings in some large habitat restoration projects

>>in the area. I empathize, as our Boulder Creek Ranch is the site of a

>>recent riparian restoration project, which has many creekside

>plantings.

>>In addition, my husband and I last month hand-planted 1,000 pine

>>seedlings on our place. We are doing our best to protect them but

>>realize we will lose some to browsers, particularly elk, but I would

>>never advocate for a special hunt to protect our plantings.

>> The loss of some seedlings is expected, whether from squirrels,

>>ungulates or climate. That's reality of life in the wild.

>> Another reality: This year we are seeing more mule deer than we

>>have in four years, probably a result of the mild winter. It is a

>>welcome reversal of a longer-term trend in which we've seen both

>>white-tails and mulies struggle. I think we need to give these

>>populations a few more years to recover and assess their progress. They

>>still face several other serious challenges, including:

>> \* Predators. I've had four cougar sightings (distinct

>>individuals) in the past two years, all within a couple miles of our

>>place. A longtime resident tracker told me he's never seen a cougar in  
>>the wild that hadn't already been treed by dogs. Here I am, a  
>>transplanted city-slicker, practically tripping over them on my commute  
>>to and from work. This suggests a predator problem, and there's no  
>doubt

>>our deer populations are taking a hit from that.

>> \* Traffic deaths. Sounds silly - We don't have a lot of traffic  
>>on County Road 20 (Middle Fork Lane) other than in elk season. But last  
>>June I found three dead fawns on the roadway, and a couple of adult  
>deer

>>near our place. That's just for a 13-mile stretch of the river road.  
>>This is a wildlife corridor with several distinct deer crossings, but  
>no

>>signs to mark them and no indication of a speed limit.

>> \* Another concern with even a limited hunt is the possibility of  
>>accidental or intentional killing of mule deer. During elk season, we  
>>see quite a few ethical, honest hunters; we even host them in our guest  
>>cabin. But we also see hunters hunting from the roadway and drinking  
>>alcohol as they patrol. If a hunt is allowed, how much illegal activity  
>>will it draw? And how much trespassing will we see on our land, which  
>is

>>in the middle of the proposed hunt area. We will step up our signage,  
>>but will that be enough? Can we expect additional law enforcement  
>>patrols to deal with these issues?

>> These are just a few concerns I have. To close I would note that  
>>a friend in Prairie City, a longtime hunter, says he no longer hunts  
>>deer on our forest because it feels more like extermination than  
>>hunting. I think we still have a way to go to get our deer populations  
>>thriving, and it doesn't seem right to further stress the white-tail  
>>population to accommodate our human activities.

>>Sincerely,

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>>Scotta Callister

>>72585 Middle Fork Lane

>>Bates, OR 97817

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Big Sam

**From:** Mike Burgess [mailto:MIKEB@epud.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2010 7:23 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Cackler Geese

Hi,

I was wondering why the instead of giving the weekend hunters 4 cackler geese each you instead open the season from Saturday –Wednesday?  
It doesn't make sense when 80% of us work on the weekdays and only a few will get to hunt the Monday and Tuesday. If they can't tell a Cackler from any other goose then they shouldn't be hunting in my opinion. It is a lot of work to set 200 - 300 decoys up and only get two birds a piece. 90% of what we see and shoot are the cacklers and I think that the limit should be 4 birds a piece. Make it cackler only on a certain day and we will once again make the effort to set up the goose decoys and enjoy hunting geese. Right now nobody wants to go to the effort for only two birds a piece! Thank you for listening to my suggestions. I look forward to your reply.

Thank you,

Mike Burgess  
92560 Alvadore Rd  
Junction City, Or. 97448  
541-998-1839 home  
541-744-7423 work

Thanks,

David Spaugh  
38800 Deer Creek Rd  
Baker City, OR 97814

BS Sam

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**From:** James Petersen DMD [mailto:drtooth@crestviewcable.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 2:20 PM

**To:** Hunter.reports@state.or.us

**Subject:** steens antelope hunt

After 8 days of scouting I had not seen what I considered an antelope worth harvesting. At this point I called to see if I could return the tag and have my points restored. I was told this was not possible. I hunted 8 days of the season trying several different areas of the unit. This was typical OREGON hunting no quality!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Maybe we would be better with different management.

Big game

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**From:** JOEL EDWARDS [mailto:dogfacedgremlin4@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 5:30 PM  
**To:** odfw.info@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Malhuer River Unit No. 1/ Pronghorn Antelope

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in disappointment to my recent pronghorn antelope hunt in the Malhuer River Unit #1 (August 14-22, 2010). I am mainly disappointed in the information provided by your area biologist and the amount of animals that were claimed to be in the unit. I spent six days total in the unit hunting, and only saw 30 head of antelope. I did see see more head of antelope, but seeing how they frequented private land down on the flats of highway 20 and access being what it is I did not count these animals.

I question the need for two hunts in this unit and wonder why ODFW does not delete the second hunt? I have been putting in for this hunt for the last twelve years, and not the area pretty well in the north end. Having spoke with a biologist on the first Sunday of the hunt, and having her tell me and my hunting partner that we were in a good area when we did not see any animals (antelope, deer, or elk) in the vicinity was very disappointing. The answers that were given by the biologist on the phone and the young lady in person seemed to be pre-planned/orchestrated if you will.

Having spent so many years on drawing a tag in my home state and having such disappointing results questions me as to why I should continue to hunt in Oregon? Especially when, I can go to Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, the Dakotas, etc. and almost be guaranteed an antelope why should I feed Oregon anymore of my hard earned money for another disappointing hunt?!! It seems that all ODFW cares about is upping fees and then getting hunters in and out of the hunting lands without actual care for success for the hunter and maintainin herds of any big game species??

After, talking to you representative and then a local rancher (who information seemed more credible and honest) it seems that your young female "Assistant Biologist" and the biologist that we spoke to on the phone are way out of touch with what is actually happening in Harney and Malhuer counties with all the wildlife!! This is very disheartening to hear and/or even think of, but I and other hunters have been coming to the conclusion that **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife** should become more the **Oregon Department of TAX AND GOUDGE hunters!!**

Why should I or any other legitimate resident hunter continue to pay the fees to hunt on our public or private lands to fund useless biologists that do nothing more than give out false information to satisfy the leftist ran department of fish and wildlife in Oregon?

I know nothing will come about of this letter and doubt I will even get a reply back or a "I am sorry you were unsuccessful in your hunt response". Just know come next hunting season you will have lost at least one hunter to other states that continue to carry on a long time tradition between man and wildlife.....not a progressive way of trying to get more money from hard working citizens!!

Joel Edwards

Big Game

**From:** David L. [mailto:pdxjf60@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 1:31 PM  
**To:** marlarae@qwest.net; Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us  
**Cc:** ODFW Commission; Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2010 Big Game Regulations - Commission Action Requested

Hi Marla et al,

I am writing to request your consideration in amending and clarifying the 2010 Big Game regulations for General Season Bow elk in the Maury unit. I have outlined the actions, background and issues below.

Please feel free to contact me with any question you might have.

Thanks in advance for your prompt consideration.

Regards,

David Long

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED** Investigation to provide documentation that shows the exception to the General Bow Elk 2010 season in the Maury Unit (page 80 Big Game Regulations) took into consideration the number of hunters who would have a controlled antelope tag during the same season. Amend regulations to clarify what type of tag is necessary for hunting which type (Bull or Antlerless) elk during the general bow season in the Maury unit. Amend General Bow Elk 2010 Big Game regulations (page 80) "exceptions" to include hunters who have a valid "controlled antelope tag" for one elk hunting in Maury unit during the general archery elk season.

**BACKGROUND** 2010 Big Game regulations page 80, "Exceptions", specifically for the Maury unit states one may only hunt "One Elk" if you have a controlled deer tag. It then states, "One Bull Elk" can be harvested in the Maury unit.

**ISSUE #1** 2010 Big Game regulations are not clear. Is it No archery elk in the Maury unit or ONLY One Bull Elk or only One Elk if you have a controlled deer tag? (see page 80 Big Game Regulations or below excerpt)

**ISSUE #2** For 2010 if the attempt was to limit the number of archery elk hunters in the unit, was the number of hunters who have a controlled antelope tag considered? It is equally, if not more difficult to obtain a controlled antelope tag. Those with a controlled antelope tag should be included in the exceptions for archery elk in the Maury unit.

Excerpt from page 80 of the 2010 Big Game Regulations

ONE ELK:

Beatys Butte, Beulah, Biggs, Columbia Basin, Desolation, E Fort Rock (that portion east of Hwy 97), Fossil, Grizzly, Hood, Imnaha, Juniper, Lookout Mtn, Malheur Rvr, Maupin, Murderers Cr, Northside, Owhyee, Paulina, Pine Cr, Silvies, Steens Mtn, S Sumpter (see page 74), Wagontire, White Rvr, Whitehorse,

EXCEPTIONS:

■ Ochoco and Sled Springs units are closed to deer and elk bowhunting unless the hunter has a controlled elk bow tag for the respective unit.

■ **Maury**, Steens Mtn and Warner units are closed to deer and elk bowhunting unless the hunter has a controlled deer bow tag for the respective unit.

■ Columbia Basin Unit is closed to all bowhunting beginning at Heppner; north and west on State Hwy 74 to Lexington; north and east on Hwy 207 to Butter Cr Junction; south on Butter Cr Rd to Hwy 74 at Vinson; west on Hwy 74 to Heppner.

ONE BULL ELK:

Catherine Cr, W Fort Rock (that portion west of Hwy 97), Heppner, Interstate, Keating, Keno, Klamath Falls, **Maury**, Metolius, Minam, Upper Deschutes, Silver Lake, Snake Rvr, Sprague, Starkey, N Sumpter (see page 74), Ukiah, and Warner units.

EXCEPTIONS:

■ Starkey Experimental Forest except by controlled elk bow tag;

■ Chesnimnus Unit is closed to deer and elk bowhunting unless the hunter has a controlled elk bow tag for the unit.

END



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after year to see if you are obeying  
the laws you put in hand book.

Controll hunting is hurting  
family hunting. We can't ~~that~~  
hunt our same place year after year.  
to teach grandchildren to hunt and  
learn the area I've hunted for years.

I don't know where ODFW is  
heading But it does not look  
good sorry to say  
I do not have internet.

thanks  
Dick Mork  
Po Box 1361  
Coos Bay, OR.  
97420

## Michelle Tate

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2010 11:58 AM  
**To:** Michelle Tate  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** Gib Hammack [mailto:gib.hammack.b74h@statefarm.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2010 11:34 AM  
**To:** odfw.info@state.or.us  
**Cc:** oha@ccountry.net  
**Subject:**

Dear Sirs:

I am sending this e-mail out of total frustration, I would hope that after you read what I have to say you would also feel my pain. I am pleading no begging for you to please do something. I have hunted in this state for 46 years, I started bow hunting in 1972 after many year of successful rifle hunting. I have witnessed my things, from the demise of your deer herds, "though doe hunts" to the present day new generation 4-wheel, tree and ground blinding, back of pick-up and the two week before season buy a bow idiots.

First) let's talk about ground blind--- tree stands: They are NOT legal, so why not put in your rules--- Ground Blinds and tree stands are not legal over or around water holes? Not--- it is not legal to harvest an animal going to or coming from a water source? It is just unethical to hunt over or around water source, PLEASE just think about it--- How is that hunting ????

Second) 4-wheels or off road vehicles---- Keep them ON roads period. PLEASE make the law so tough, that even the idiots will think twice about going off road or going down road closures. PLEASE---PLEASE!!!!

Third) The idiots riding around in the back of pick-ups all cameo up, setting in chairs fling arrows at anything that moves REALLY???

Lastly) PLEASE, PLEASE make us make a choice between rifle and bow hunting. Do not let the rifle hunter go bow hunting if they do not get a rifle tag. Everyone will pay more for tags, so you can keep your revenue.

There lots of other issues like predation and pouching just to name a few, but the items above are giving the animal right people more fuel. Hunting has a bad enough image in this state why add to it? I do realize all the hunting and fishing money goes into the general fund and you always say you do not have enough money to enforce the law well fix it hunting and fishing is big money!!!!

Gib Hammack

9/14/2010

## Michelle Tate

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2010 8:51 AM  
**To:** Michelle Tate  
**Subject:** FW: Oregon should re-think the law that will not allow electronics on a bow  
For Tom Thornton. – Teri Kucera

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**From:** Teri Hamilton [mailto:thamilton@otcwb.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 12, 2010 1:54 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Oregon should re-think the law that will not allow electronics on a bow

Hello,

My name is Josh Hamilton, I would like to address two issues with ODFW, I wish the commission would review the law that keeps hunters from using electronics on there bow. They have developed nocks that go on your arrows called lumen-nocks, they have alot of different companies that make them but they light up when they are shot. They will change the recovery rate of animals shot by a huge percentage. I Feel they should be required in the state of Oregon. When they are shot they light up, the nock is easy to locate,if the arrow stays in the animal it tells the hunter that he hit the animal and where it was hit. If it goes through then it is easy to locate blood. I don't think that the commission has any idea of how many animals are actually fatally wounded and not recovered from hunters not finding where the animal was hit and not finding blood because they can't locate there arrow. It has happened to me numerous times in my archery career (hitting an animal and not finding my arrow or blood). If you have questions 15419342133 is my number.

The other thing I wanted to talk about is in the regulations you make it very clear that a land owner has to post their property with a sign so many inches big, in a certain color, so many feet apart on the perimeter of their property. You lead people to believe that that is the law. That is just a law when it comes to a civil suit. That will not stand up in a hunting on the enclosed land of another violation. And that is the most common violation when it comes to trespass. This is a problem! Land owners that have BLM around there places are taking advantage of the law and the way it is wrote. Because the BLM can't afford to take care of the property they have. as far as posting or fencing.

Thank you for your Time

Josh Hamilton

again if I need to explain more please call 1(541)934-2133

Big game

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**From:** Steve Pearson [mailto:pearstpa@peak.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2010 8:06 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Andy Pearson; Chris Pearson  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

## PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Decline of Hunting and Fishing  
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Comment: I have enjoyed hunting the Hemlock Creek basin for the past 12 years. When I first began hunting in the area, the general bow deer season specified "1 deer" as the bag limit for archery. To put it in a nut shell, the area was awash in deer. Since that time, I have witnessed the drastic decline in mule deer numbers in the area. The current regulations specify "1 buck with visible antler". I fully agree with this change. I am disappointed that the ODFW is afraid to make public the true reason for the decline. If a single cougar kills a deer every 5 days on average, and there are an estimated 6000 cougars in Oregon, then they are taking over 400,000 deer per year. I would like to know from the ODFW what their estimate of the current total deer population is in eastern Oregon, and how many fawns are expected to reach maturity each year. I would also like to know how current populations compare to those of a decade ago. My guess is that the current slaughter of deer by cougars is totally unsustainable. Cougar sightings by hunters is common now. I watched one stalking deer from a tree stand last season.

I have hunted elk in the basin for the past 12 years as well. I have not noted a decline in elk populations, yet the ODFW saw fit this year to limit elk harvest in the west Fort Rock unit to "one bull elk with visible antler". My question is why? What data does the ODFW have to warrant this change?

I understand that the Hemlock Creek basin is a wonderful summer range for elk, and I have supported the move by the USFS to restrict motorized access to the area. It means a little more work for hunters, but I have witnessed first hand the devastation and intrusion of atv's into the basin.

The ODFW is justifiably worried about the decline in hunting and fishing. At some point, sportsmen have to ask the question: is it worth the preparation and expense for such a limited experience, with such a low chance of success?

Steve Pearson

Big game

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**From:** David Spaugh [mailto:dspaugh@earthlink.net]  
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**Subject:** ineffective governance

Greetings,

I'm a 45 year old lifetime hunter and fisherman. I have children who are coming of hunting age, and somewhat involved already.

I suspect that we will all hunt and fish less in the future because it's so expensive and over-managed now. A family's worth of licenses is in the hundreds of dollars!

Add my name to the list of folks who are completely dissatisfied with ODFW.

I know it's good for you folks to justify your positions with ever-expanding regulations paid for with ever-increasing fees. But you should give some thought to the fact that your actual job is to stay on the sidelines, to not expand every year, to not raise prices to such high levels that normal people began to quit hunting & fishing. You don't need an elk "unit" for every elk herd in order to accomplish management objectives.

If you are inclined to change the archery season in a unit like 251 from any-elk to bulls-only, you should refrain from doing so until you learn something about bowhunting, and only then if you can demonstrate good reason for doing so.

I live in area 251. There are many elk here, too much feed (just ask the fire boys), and a healthy calf crop. If you have a biologist telling you otherwise, that person is either blind or an anti-hunter working at your agency incognito.

I have eaten a 350-class bull harvested during the peak of the rut. It was a poor eating experience.

I've eaten a lot of cow elk, and they are yummy.

I paid \$29 for a license and \$42 for a tag, and in exchange for these very high fees, I get to hunt under excessively restrictive regulations.

As an Oregon resident, I don't respect what you've done to my hunting experience. I don't recognize apparent wisdom in your actions.

And I'm right. You have become overbearing. You are attempting micro-manage nature to such an extent that you are having a negative impact on my life.

I invite you to sit down and be quieter, and to spend much less money.