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**Hunter Orange**

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I want to go on Record that I am opposed to the mandatory Hunter orange law that is proposed Oregon has a high safety record we don't need a law telling us what to wear while hunting. Most deer hunters like me grew up wearing the traditional red hat and coat like I do when hunting where there are other hunters. The traditional red would be illegal under mandatory ~~orange~~ orange law. Just another way for hunters to be harassed by law enforcement. No to Hunter Orange.

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Chris Willard  
Education Services Manager.

I am writing that I'm and alot of Hunters are not in favor of Hunter ~~Orange~~ Orange, if people are wanting their selfs and family to were Hunter Orange that's their right and they can do it.

Don't force it onto others. Don't do it. Do not Discriminate Age of Hunter or what type of weapon of choice, if one hunter wears it, all wear it from Bow & arrow to Duck Hunting.

All people working in the woods, State police, fish & wildlife ~~person~~ <sup>Personal</sup>, guides, Mushroom pickers, loggers and so on.

its not what a person is wearing, its the person with a weapon to know their target. A friend was kill in the early 70's I was as other were camp together. He was standing when he was shot. One of my Nephew was shot at while Bow Hunting, the Bow Hunter said he thought it was a Elk coming threw the small trees.

We do have a pretty safe state without Hunter Orange.

September 21, 2010

ODFW Information and Education Division  
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Gentlemen and Ladies:

I'm writing in support of Option 1 or Option 2, regarding the wearing of "hunter orange" clothing.

As to the science of cervid color vision; I've read the conclusions of the University of Georgia research study published on the ODFW website, and must very strongly object to the department's lack of objectivity by relying on false and outdated science. An Internet search using the terms: "cervid color vision" reveals comprehensive and more recent research which contradicts the results of the University of Georgia study.

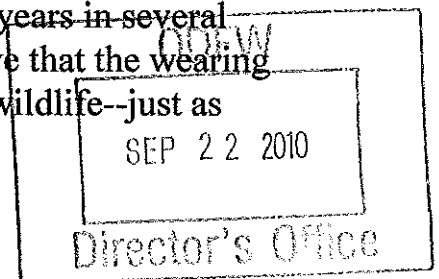
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Specifically, the outdated University of Georgia research study fails to address the light reflective properties of the various colors tested, so that the issue is not just color visibility, but light energy or luminescence. Additionally, the University of Nebraska study indicates that adaptive capabilities enable cervids to see colors at the red extreme of the visible light spectrum. Moreover, as discussed in the Nebraska study, the Georgia research relied on behavioral methods while failing to employ more objective physiological measurements.

(For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of the cover page and relevant excerpts from the Nebraska research.)

As to my personal experience; I've hunted for over forty years in several states, and for the past 33 years in Oregon. I firmly believe that the wearing of hunter orange undoubtedly makes me more visible to wildlife--just as



other hunters wearing hunter orange stand out to me as if wearing a bright neon light--again, not due to the color, but due to the light reflected by the color. In contrast, there are some plant materials, including vine maple, that display shades of red, orange, or yellow when depleted of chlorophyll--but these natural colors do not have the light reflective properties of hunter orange clothing.

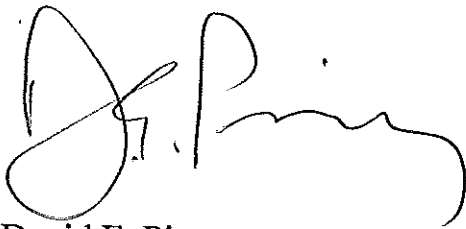
Since abandoning the wearing of hunter orange for full woodland camo at least ten years ago, I have seen a significantly greater number of animals, and my success rate has increased proportionately. Last season, I had a three-point buck approach to within twenty feet to inspect me as I was standing next to a small fir tree in a somewhat open meadow. He obviously noticed me from a distance but had to approach in order to identify me as human because I blended with the natural surroundings.

Therefore, I strongly suggest that you maintain the status quo by choosing Option 1, or the compromise available with Option 2; however, if you feel pressured by special interests to impose the most drastic Option 3, then please consider the following:

- Consider that there already are too few game enforcement officers in the field, so that you would risk implementing an unpopular and difficult-to-enforce rule that could erode respect for other rules.
- Given the fact that most hunting accidents are caused by the careless actions of hunting companions, I propose that you modify Option 3 by requiring only those hunting in groups to wear hunter orange. If that is not acceptable, then consider an exception for those hunting from a stand or stationary position--so that the hunter would be more visible while moving to or from the stand, but then would be permitted to remove a hunter orange vest and/or hat so as to blend into the environment and thus be undetected by game animals moving through the environment.
- For the first time since 1977, due to increased fees, I bought only a hunting license instead of my usual combination license. I've given up on angling because of the high cost of the license and various tags. **And, if hunter orange is mandated, I will either stop hunting entirely or hunt only once every few years.** Therefore, you must consider that to impose a high visibility requirement on those of us who hunt in order to

blend with the natural environment will significantly decrease the value of our experience to the extent that some of us may decide it is no longer a satisfying and worthwhile activity--and shouldn't you be trying to promote hunting instead of discouraging the better hunters--those who walk into remote areas to blend with the environment and avoid road hunters? (Unfortunately, if this happens, you will no doubt conclude that the requirement to wear hunter orange reduced the number of hunting accidents, while ignoring the probability that a decrease in hunter numbers was a contributing factor--if not the only factor.)

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Picray'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping tail.

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A review of color vision in white-tailed  
deer

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for the eye glare that deer exhibit when viewed in vehicle headlights at night (Müller-Schwarze 1994). Deer also possess an adaptive feature for enhancing eyesight during daylight, a ring of pigment that surrounds and penetrates into the deep interstitial tissue of the cornea. This pigmentation is hypothesized to be an antiglare device because it is absent in crepuscular and nocturnal animals (Duke-Elder 1958).

## Methods of elucidating color vision

### *Physiological methods*

Possession of a retinal mechanism for analyzing wavelength differences does not necessarily indicate that a given species possesses color vision (Ali and Klyne 1985). Many techniques have been developed or employed to demonstrate color vision in various mammalian species. Among these are DNA cloning, electroretinography, scanning electron microscopy, and transmission electron microscopy.

On a molecular level, Yokoyama and Radlwimmer (1998, 1999) cloned and sequenced the opsin complementary DNAs of red and green visual pigments from 8 mammalian species (including white-tailed deer) representing 5 taxonomic orders. They determined that in many cases, evolution of red-green color vision in mammals was achieved by nonrandom substitutions of 5 amino acids at a few sites in the photopigments. In white-tailed deer, such amino-acid substitutions shift the absorption peaks (relative to that of the ancestral form) of the green (medium-wavelength-sensitive) pigment 15 nm toward blue (a shorter wavelength). In general, the additive effects of these amino-acid changes explain color vision in a range of mammalian species, including white-tailed deer. The inferred amino-acid sequences of mammalian progenitors suggest that the contemporary red and green pigments in mammals appear to have evolved from a single ancestral green-red hybrid pigment by structured (e.g., nonrandom) amino-acid substitutions. From an evolutionary standpoint, natural selection and adaptive radiation have favored various forms of color vision in mammals, including white-tailed deer.

Electroretinography is another method for elucidating various aspects of color vision. This technique involves directing a test light into the subject's eye and varying the wavelength of the light to determine the spectral sensitivity of the cone

mechanisms. The sensitivity values are plotted to generate spectral sensitivity curves that indicate wavelengths to which the photopigments are most sensitive. Witzel et al. (1978) used electroretinography to identify 2 classes of cone pigments in white-tailed deer. They determined that photopic activity dominated the light-adapted eye and was enhanced by long-wavelength stimuli (peak sensitivity=665 nm), while scotopic activity dominated the dark-adapted eye and was enhanced by short-wavelength (peak sensitivity=470 nm) stimuli. Jacobs et al. (1994) also demonstrated 2 classes of cone pigment (short-wavelength-sensitive and medium-wavelength-sensitive) in white-tailed deer and fallow deer (*Dama dama*) using a modified electroretinography technique. Under photopic test conditions, these 2 species share a short-wavelength-sensitive cone mechanism with peak absorption in the region of 450–460 nm. Each species also has a cone mechanism peaking in the middle wavelengths and averaging 537 nm for the white-tailed deer, about 5 nm shorter than the corresponding value for fallow deer. Limitations of electroretinography include the possibility that more than one photopigment class contributes to the spectral sensitivity curves and the inability to obtain measurements of absorption of light by ocular media or tapetal reflectivity (Jacobs et al. 1994). Though electroretinography has limitations, it is a valuable tool for refining insights into color vision in deer.

Scanning and transmission electron microscopy also have been used to show the ultrastructure of the retina. Witzel et al. (1978), using both types of microscopy, clearly identified rods and cones in the retinas of white-tailed deer.

### *Behavioral methods*

Behavioral studies using penned, trained animals are structured as discrimination tests, in which choices between visual stimuli are made solely on the basis of color (Birgersson et al. 2001). Challenges to behavioral studies include the difficulty of effectively eliminating all non-color cues such as smell, hearing, touch, or relative position of the test materials and even attributes (such as luminance) of the colors themselves (Neitz and Jacobs 1989).

Discrimination tests evaluate learned responses. Benefits of employing discrimination tests are that learned responses closely approximate behaviors involved in visual perception (sensation) and that



discrimination training among their study deer took quite a long time. In any event, white-tailed deer possess the requisite attributes of color vision (Neitz and Jacobs 1989, Jacobs et al. 1998), giving them the ability to make interpretations of chromatic visual cues.

## Conclusions

White-tailed deer possess 2 types of cone mechanisms with sensitivity in the short (450–460-nm range) to middle wavelengths (537 nm) and a short-wavelength-sensitive rod mechanism (maximum sensitivity of about 497 nm). The relative abundance and distribution of rods and cones in the retina, augmented by the physical adaptations of their eyes, give deer excellent vision during both daylight hours and at night. During the day deer see colors in the range that humans would define as blue to yellow-green. They can also discriminate longer wavelengths (red and orange) from medium wavelengths (green). At night deer perceive color primarily in the human-defined blue to blue-green portion of the electromagnetic spectrum, although the moderately wide spectral sensitivity of rods does not preclude detection of longer-wavelength stimuli.

Visual frightening devices should de-emphasize lights or colors at the longer wavelengths, to which deer are less sensitive (VerCauteren et al. 2003). Amino-acid sequencing of visual pigments of a wide range of mammals has enabled researchers to construct phylogenetic tree topologies of red and green color pigments, thereby adding insight into the evolution of mammalian color vision (Yokoyama and Radlwimmer 1998). Although deer can visually detect the color orange, it is the brightness of the fluorescent clothing worn by hunters and not the color *per se* that most likely draws a deer's attention. Those who must approach and work close to deer without being detected should not wear bright or contrasting clothing, and must respect the deer's other senses (hearing, smell) at least equally. More operant conditioning studies are needed to determine the sensitivity of deer to colors of various wavelengths. In addition, subsequent research should address the value deer place on interpreting color in their natural environment.

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**From:** Bob Karl [mailto:bobk@beefbone.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2010 12:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other  
Name: Bob Karl  
E-mail: [bobk@beefbone.com](mailto:bobk@beefbone.com)

Comment: re: The reasons why mandatory blaze orange ***should not*** be implemented:

1) Many hunters - including those who object to the above requirement - wear blaze orange, voluntarily. But we strongly object to establishment of another regulation that punishes behavior affecting nobody except the person involved. It is another intrusion of a pervasive nanny-state that is one of the very things that a person, seeking recreation in a wilderness environment, is trying to escape.

2) If the proposed regulation is legitimately intended to minimize accidental shootings by maximizing the visibility of accidental targets, that can only be accomplished by mandating the high-visibility material for **everyone** in the hunting field, **including ODFW personnel, law enforcement personnel, and other non-hunters.**

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**From:** Harvey Anderson [mailto:hakaanderson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2010 11:57 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange;

I am against being told to wear orange while hunting. Therefore, I vote for Option #1. I have been hunting since about 1956, and usually do not wear orange. I am not able to attend the meeting in Bend because I will be setting up my deer camp. I find the timing of this meeting curious !

Harvey Anderson

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**From:** BIGMINK1@aol.com [mailto:BIGMINK1@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2010 7:52 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

## PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other

Name: Jeff Edwards

E-mail: labhuntingdog@canby.com

Comment:

I oppose the mandatory wearing of "hunter orange" It's bad enough to have to pay over \$180 for a licence (sport pac) but now you want us to buy new clothes as well -- I think I am about done hunting in Oregon - It takes 3 to 4 years to draw a tag with a good chance of getting an elk or deer so you might as well take your \$540 bucks (\$180 X 3) and take a guided hunt in Wyoming or Arizona with a guaranteed success -

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

From: Dan Crall [<mailto:dancrall@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 10:34 AM

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

Subject: In support of Hunter Orange

I support "option 3." Require all hunters, regardless of age, to wear hunter orange. Safety is the most important name of the game.

Thank you.

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Dan Crall - Owner/Operator, Corvallis Pedicab [www.corvallispedicab.com](http://www.corvallispedicab.com)  
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**From:** [timberrb@aol.com](mailto:timberrb@aol.com) [<mailto:timberrb@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 1:28 PM

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

**Subject:** HUNTER ORANGE

I am sending ideas in regards to your upcoming discussion and decision on the wearing of hunter orange. I am an avid hunter and have not missed any hunting opportunities that I have had since first getting my hunter safety card in 1967. Which at that time one of the main objectives was to "know your target" and be sure of your target and what is in front of it and beyond it. Unfortunately this may not always happen. We all want to be safe and see that our young hunters are safe. I am not against young hunters wearing orange, maybe your ideas of youth under age 17 are justified, I am 52 years of age and don't really want someone making rules on how to dress me. My mother tried to do that for way too many years. Thank you for your time. Regards, Randy Blair....Astoria, Oregon

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**From:** Libby Wentz [<mailto:libbypw@hotmail.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 11:42 AM

**To:** ODWF comments  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

## Absolutely NO to hunter orange.

- 1) Cannot make a rule to make people pay attention and do the right thing.
- 2) Lazy hunters, whom I guess this rule is to fix, will rely on seeing the orange instead of seeing the game.
- 3) Hikers, mushroom pickers, and others just in the woods won't be in orange so will be more at risk to the stupid hunters you are trying to make less stupid.
- 4) Coonhunters are not out when other hunters are and are shooting *up* into trees. If this inane rule is passed, then raccoon hunters must be exempt.

Sincerely,

Libby Wentz  
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Replacing remocrats with depublicans isn't kicking anyone out.....It's just  
rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic.

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**From:** Louis Kreutzer [mailto:biglou\_is@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 12:44 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Possible Hunter orange policy

As a rule, I always wear orange when out hunting. It depends on the area/terrain. I don't see the harm in the proposed new rule, but on principle; I hate to see restriction after restriction get passed and the rule book gets thicker and thicker.

By the stats listed on your site, we are still more likely to die in the vehicle on the way to hunt as opposed to hunting without orange colors on.

In closing, I appreciate your concern for the welfare of the hunters and I can and will support this rule if effected, but please spend more energy on managing cougar populations than this issue.

Thanks for you time,

Louis Kreutzer

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**From:** SHAUNA JONES [mailto:gsajones@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2010 8:32 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

to whom it may concern,

In my opinion I do not believe that the state should require hunters to wear orange. I am fine having hunters under the age of 18 wearing orange, but as adults I think that we are able to make a personal choice whether we want to wear it or not. We do not need a government agency to demand that one group of hunters wear orange when bike riders and hikers are exempt. One of the most basic rules of hunting is to be always sure of your target. No matter what set of regulations you try to pass, mistakes will always happen. The less you try to govern, the more respect you will receive from the public.

sincerely,

Glenn Jones

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**From:** JKsurf@aol.com [mailto:JKsurf@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2010 9:24 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter orange

It makes perfect sense to me to require some minimum standard for visibility. Considering the lack of common sense, judgement, experience, and eyesight of the "average" hunter I would never put myself on the receiving end of their firearms without wearing at least a blaze orange hat. On a related note, I've walked or stood still in front of deer and elk all life wearing blaze orange and they can't tell the difference. The only creature you my fool in camouflage is another hunter. What really astounds and actually makes me angry is the Dad who dresses his young son up in dark camo and then sends him out into the shooting gallery. They should be subject to legal action.

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**From:** Blaine McElwee [mailto:bmcelwee@live.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2010 11:15 AM

**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Options

To whom it may concern:

While I personally wear orange in the field, I strongly feel that it should not be a requirement under any circumstances. Hunters are aware of the potential risks involved with not wearing orange and that decision should remain entirely up to them, not the government. With hunting already heavily regulated as it is, we do not need to impose restrictions on the clothing you can and can't wear as well. I am fairly certain that I share this opinion with the majority of, if not all, other hunters and hope that our voices are heard. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Blaine McElwee

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**From:** Don and Fara [mailto:faraquilts@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2010 10:35 AM  
**To:** ODFW  
**Subject:**

Dear ODFW. September 20, 2010

Subject: Mandatory Hunter Orange

I'm repeating myself, but I believe it it's important. Stick to your guns!  
Continue pressing for VOLUNTARY USE OF HUNTER ORANGE. Not mandatory use.

I've been a hunters education instructor for over 20 years, so I'm informed about the statistics surrounding hunting. I was concerned that with the increased use of camo in recent years that hunting accidents would increase significantly. That didn't happen. And since you have been considering mandatory hunter orange I've done some research and found that Nevada and Oregon have the lowest hunting accident rate in the country. Neither have mandatory hunter orange regulations. Hmmm. It doesn't seem that the wearing of hunter orange is the complete answer. So what is? I think it's the mind set and education of Oregon hunters.

I think I know why hunting is so safe in Oregon. It's the mind set of the hunters. Our fathers taught us to be careful. Our hunters education instructors

taught us to be safe, and that each of us is responsible for our selves. Mandatory hunter orange regulations reduces wearing hunter orange from being a safety measure, to wearing it to comply with the state fascist fashion police. Mandatory Orange undermines self responsibility. The passage of a mandatory hunter orange regulation says that hunter safety is the states responsibility, not the individuals, so if the state is taking responsibility for hunters safety is it going to reduce regulations that tend to concentrate hunter numbers to specific areas? Nothing prevents more accidents than a hunters brain, and thought process. When the state intercedes, it eliminates part of the thought process, and makes hunting less safe.

There are so many other things that the commission should be looking at. Like the dwindling number of deer, elk, and pronghorn. The degradation, and elimination of forage, particularly on federal and state lands, hunter density.

There's lots more reasons to continue to press for voluntary use of hunter orange, and not make it mandatory, like it would only apply to hunters, and there are people in the woods other than hunters every fall. I would think the dope growers would really appreciate mandatory hunter orange. People wearing hunter orange make better targets. The Mexican cartel would love it. Nuff said.

Don Wilson

September 21, 2010

TO: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 3406 Cherry Ave NE, Salem, OR 97303.  
ATTN: Information  
and Education Division.

From: Gregory R. Jones, 1872 N.W. Cottonwood Drive, McMinnville, Oregon 97128,  
Oregon Hunter ID  
number; 269414.

Re: Hunter/blaze Orange options.

1. Leave it the way it is!
2. I have hunted in Oregon all my life. In fact, I've never hunted in another state. I have used blaze orange, by choice for approximately 25 years. I have also used a combination

of “traditional” red and blaze orange, as well as just “traditional” red alone. Personally, I prefer the blaze orange and will continue to hunt using it.

3. Stop wasting our money and time on this and move on to more important things. Like improving the diverse ecosystems throughout the state and letting regional districts set dates, numbers, type, and rules that are specific to the region. The Willamette Valley “population centers”, shouldn’t be dictating what the cougar or bear hunter’s in Wallowa county have to face when they can’t hunt with dog’s because some “do-gooder” thinks it’s inhumane. Portlanders don’t have wolves on their door step.

Respectfully,  
Gregory R. Jones

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**From:** Don and Fara [mailto:faraquilts@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2010 11:45 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Re:

Right. And of those three options option 1 is the only one that makes sense.

Option two doesn't make sense at all. It seems that the youngsters aren't the group of hunters that are shooting each other. It's us old guys. Maybe us old guys need a refresher hunters education class. I mean how old was the guy that shot the kid a couple years ago while hunting elk in the Tioga area. How old was the guy that shot one of his kids last year in the tioga area, which has raised enough hell to make you consider mandatory hunter orange. The simple fact is the State isn't responsible for the shooting of the kid. The guy that pulled the trigger is. And how old was the guy that shot the elk hunter up at Lemola about five years ago. All older guys. Not one youth. So why target young people?

Now in the case where the kid and grandpa were wearing bright yellow rain coats, and the shooter somehow identified them not only as elk, but a branched bull, their only chance was not to have been seen at all. In the case last year a hunter knew his buddies were in the area. Knew they weren't wearing hunter orange, and took a shot at what he thought was an elk in the brush. I believe he saw a movement and shot without identifying his target. I don't believe it was because he wasn't sure of his background, but it doesn't make a whole lot of difference the young hunter is dead just the same. Again this hunter was not identified as just an elk, but a branched bull. How the hell does that happen?



Lastly the Lemola Lake hunter that was shot at his truck, right by the road, by a hunter who shot through the vegetation because he saw a bull swing it's head around. The shooter diedn't even see the truck? It's not likely he'd have seen hunter orange either, except at the Lemola incident had the elk head been covered with hunter orange, or something it might have helped, but who knows? It Doesn't seem like hunter orange would have prevented any of those accidents. Actually I think the first one was murder. In all cases it illistrates poor judgement, and lack of a reasonable thought process. A hunters brain is what determines how safe they will be, not the color of the hat. When a hunter "mistakes" another hunter wearing bright yellow rain gear, for a branched bull it's pretty obvious that there wasn't much of a thought process going on, and I don't see a whole lot of difference between bright yellow and hunter orange. Fact is bright yellow shows up better in low light and foggy conditions than hunter orange. As for the guy last year that shot one of his buddies, and now claims that if he'd only worn hunter orange he wouldn't have shot him. That's just his way of trying to shift blame from himself, to the state. **THE STATE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR A HUNTER'S SAFETY. EACH HUNTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEMSELVES.**

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**From:** brooke wilson [mailto:bwfrog100@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2010 11:14 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opinion about the proposed regulations regarding wearing hunter/blaze orange.

I understand where some people come from thinking that mandating hunters to wear orange is a good idea. However, My strong belief is that it should be up to the people hunting to decide what they want to wear and **mandating adults is a bad idea**. Hunters understand the risks of going out into the woods and use their discretion as to if they are in need of orange. I do believe that **youth hunters should be regulated** and made to wear the orange, as they have less experience as adults.

Thank you for your time,

Brooke Wilson

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**From:** Arthur Knight [mailto:arthurknight@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2010 7:17 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB  
Topic: Other  
Name: Arthur Knight  
E-mail: ArthurKnight@comcast.net  
Comment:

I feel that the wearing of hunter orange while hunting should be mandatory. Moreover, I feel that it should be upper garment always with the hat optional. Two points to consider: 1) sometimes when you are hiking up a hill you need to take the hat off to let heat escape; 2) try finding someone that you know is on a ridge only 300 yards away wearing only an orange stocking cap. The hat is not enough.

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**From:** AKHULSEY@comcast.net [mailto:AKHULSEY@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2010 5:04 PM  
**To:** odfw.info@state.or.us  
**Subject:** VOLUNTIARY ORANGE - UNDER 21 MANDITORY

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE KEEP OREGON, OREGON. VOLUNTARY ORANGE WHILE HUNTING. UNDER 21 SHOULD BE LAW TO WEAR . IF YOU ARE NOT A SAFE HONEST HUNTER , AND KNOW WHAT YOU TARGET IS THEN ,YOU SHOULD NOT BE IN THE OREGON WOODS WITH A GUN.  
THANK YOU  
ANTHONY RAY HULSEY

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**From:** Tom Saunders [mailto:servicemanagerr@bigcrv.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2010 11:20 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** HUNTER ORANGE RULES

I AM IN FAVOR OF ALL HUNTING WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF TURKEY WEARING HUNTER ORANGE WITH THE SQUARE INCH REQUIRMENT EQUAL TO A BASEBALL CAP TO BE WORN FROM THE BELTLINE UP. THE REASON FOR THIS IS TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO WEAR A SOLID HUNTER ORANGE HAT OR TO ALLOW A HUNTER ORANGE CAMO PATTERN ABOVE THE BELTLINE.

35 YEARS OF HUNTING THE ELEVEN WESTERN STATES HUNTER ORANGE NEVER HINDERED ANY HUNT BUT AS A HUNTER WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ANY CHANGES SO LET THEM HAVE THERE CHOICES.

Tom Saunders  
Big Country RV  
3111 N Canal  
Redmond Or  
97756  
541-548-5254

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**From:** Dano Saarinen [mailto:saarinendesign@bendbroadband.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2010 11:44 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

I believe with our excellent safety record in Oregon that any change to the hunter orange requirement should be done with the Majority of Hunters opinion in mind. I do not know anyone who hunt sin Oregon that does not wear Hunter Orange of some form when upland bird hunting already, but know none who are favor of mandatory hunter orange for big game hunting.

Option 2 - Require hunter orange upper garment and hat for hunters 17 years of age and younger while hunting big game and upland birds (except turkey) with any firearm.

Although I am not in favor of any "Protect Us From Ourselves" regulations such as required motorcycle helmets, but do believe that some regulations concerning youth hunters would not be a bad thing. Even though youth hunter are required to attend Hunter Safety Courses and receive a Hunter Safety Card some youth lack the field experience to always be safe in their movement in the field and "May" benefit from mandatory hunter orange.

If not already required, I believe a more suiting change in Policies would be to require "ALL Hunters" to attend and pass a Hunter Safety Education Program as well as Fire Arm Safety Program and have a Hunter Safety/Firearm Safety card to purchase a hunting license and or any ammo and firearms. That makes more sense to me than mandatory hunter orange.

When my son was ready to hunt we attended the ODFW Hunter Safety Classes and we both got our Hunter Safety Cards. I found the class informative and even though I had been hunting my entire life (from about age 8) think that it made me a safer hunter. But do not believe that Mandatory Hunter Orange will make anyone a safer hunter.

Hunter orange will not save you from a stray bullet that some idiot shoots over a hill or through heavy brush etc.

It works for the Marine Board to require all Boat Operators to have a marine Boater Safety card and was implemented/phased in; in such a way that required by age (youngest to oldest)all Boat Operators to come into compliance and now ALL Watercraft operators have to have a Boaters Card to operate a boat.

So if you would consider what I consider to be a more realistic and valid method of improving hunter safety you would consider this route over mandatory orange.

Sincerely,  
Dano Saarinen  
1926 NE Hollow Tree Lane  
Bend, OR 97701

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**From:** Bill Shaver [mailto:1bshaver@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2010 1:54 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** A Hunter's Clothing--A Comment

I'm against government's involvement with a hunter's choice of clothing. Let hunters wear what they choose to; not what you would dictate. Choose Option 1.

Hunters need to focus on 1) continuously observing their area of view for other forest/rangeland users (hunters, hikers, mushroom pickers, bird wathers, photographers, campers, fishermen, rock collectors, property owners/managers, game cops, etc.) non-game animals, 2) property (vehicles, homes, etc.), 3) whether what they see or hear is the game they're searching for, 4) whether it's the legal version of what they're looking for, 5) whether it's within a reasonable shooting range, and 6) whether they can get a clean shot at a specific spot on the animal (generally the heart or lungs for many of us--a killing shot; not just a shot towards the animal): and not on whether what they see is red, green, orange, yellow, etc.

Being visible, while it can be important in some circumstances to some people is far less important than being very observant, with the safety on until the conditions above are well established and reasoned out.

I'm 67 years old and have hunted deer, elk, game birds, and non-game squirrels and rabbits since I was 14. all here in Oregon. I generally hunt with one or more party members in a fairly close (but seldom intervisible) proximity. We never return to camp with stories about, "I just about shot someone" or "someone came close to shooting me," or "I wish I/or the other hunter had been more visible."

True, there are those individuals in the woods that, due to excitement, peer pressure (proving manlyness, eg. by getting the first deer), etc. may (and do) pose a threat to others, mandating what we should wear won't change them.

Option 2 makes no sense. The younger hunter is more likely to be the shooter, rather than being at greater risk of being shot.

Bill Shaver  
503-663-7665

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**From:** Henry Melhorn [mailto:melhornh@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 9:51 AM  
**To:** odfw.info@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange comment

I choose Option 1 and I do not want enforcement of any hunter orange regulations! If I want to wear orange I would rather make that decision for myself, we are regulated to death I am sick of your people making our lives more under big brother control. I am fed up with all your garbage. Regulate , Regulate , Regulate is that all that's left for you people? Henry Melhorn Bend Oregon 19976 Aspenwood 97702 5413855810

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**From:** rgsmith@oregoncoast.com [mailto:rgsmith@oregoncoast.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 10:04 AM  
**To:** odfw.info@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I'm writing you concerning Hunter Orange. This should be a personal choice not a requirement. All it does is point out a target, because anyone who has taken a Hunter Education class knows to identify your target before shooting. Not shoot because you heard a sound. Its very sad that a family lost their son to someone who did not identify his target. Instead of requiring Hunter Orange maybe all hunters should be required to take a Hunter Safety Course before getting a license. Please consider all the input before requiring Orange. Thank You Glenice Smith A Family of many hunters.

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**From:** SUSAN L FREEMAN TOM I FREEMAN [mailto:fernriver@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 9:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.info@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Mandatory Hunter Orange

I am writing to voice my opposition to mandatory hunter orange in the state of Oregon. As a life-long hunter in the state of Oregon, I feel that sportsmen should make their own decisions as to whether they need to wear hunter orange as their hunting activities dictate.

Thank you,

Tom Freeman

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**From:** Tracey Barker [mailto:tbarke101090@acn.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 7:45 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; odfw.info@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us; Roy.elicker@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Blaze Orange

## Oregon ODFW

Please don't choose the mandatory wearing of blaze orange. I personally don't care if other individuals choose to wear it, but I prefer not to for various reasons.

Thanks for your consideration  
Tom Barker StHelens OR

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**From:** Brute [mailto:brute@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 5:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.info@state.or.us  
**Subject:** "Mandatory Blaze Orange"

Hello

I oppose hunter mandatory of wearing blaze orange.

I feel that I don't need the state to tell me what to wear in my hunting endeavors.

We have a very safe record as a state in hunters safety.

And if it aint broken don't fix it.

Thank You

Ken Smith

Phone Comments:

Gladys Jones, Silverton, OR is in favor of hunters being required to wear hunter orange.

Henry Melhorn, Bend, OR is against hunters being required to wear hunter orange and is upset at the timing of the 9/30 Commission meeting.

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**From:** Steve Niemela  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 1:58 PM  
**To:** Chris Willard; Richard Hargrave  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Comment

I just listened to a voice mail from an upset hunter named Stan, who does not want our commission to adopt any regulations regarding hunter orange. He did not leave a phone number, but asked me to pass on his comments, so I am documenting his concern. Please let me know, if I should send this somewhere else.

Steve Niemela  
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Rogue Watershed District  
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**From:** Ralph Scott [mailto:racascott@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 2:26 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us  
**Subject:** blaze orange

Whoever is trying to get hunters to wear orange should mind their own business. Unlike driving without insurance, tax payers aren't having to foot the bill for the few hunting

accidents that occur. This is just another insidious form of non-hunters harassing hunters.

There are times when the woods are crowded and I choose to increase my visibility with hunter orange so other hunters will skirt around me. Most of the time I hunt where I rarely encounter other and feel more confident stalking game in full camo. IT SHOULD BE A CHOICE!

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**From:** Mighells, Erik [mailto:Erik.Mighells@kla-tencor.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2010 11:23 AM

**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us; Roy.elicker@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us; richard.j.hargrave@state.or.us; chris.a.willard@state.or.us

**Subject:** No Hunter Orange requirements

I am against any mandatory requirements for the wearing of "Hunter Orange" Yes it will make it easier for hunters to see me and will also make it easier for non-hunters to see me. This leads to problems. Several times a year I get harassed by both hunters and non-hunter who try to disrupt my hunts. Often this is by planes and helicopters that see me or perhaps a decoy spread and then continuously buzz by my location. I've had people spot my vehicle and then hike or drive into my hunt area making as much disruptive noise as they possibly can. If I'm forced to wear orange it will make it easier for these types of people to spot and harass me. This is also discriminatory. Why are only hunters targeted by this law? Shouldn't everyone who walks into forest/wilderness area during big game season be required to wear orange "for their own safety"?

I'm really disappointed that the commission is pushing this on hunters in such a antagonistic nature. With so few hunters wearing orange presently it is obvious that hunters are against this, and yet the commission is still wasting our time and out money pushing this on us. OHA, the largest hunting association is clearly against mandatory hunter orange. I've participated in several cooperative habitat projects with OHA and various agencies over the last year. If the commission passes this requirement then I will no longer participate in any cooperative projects or actions with either state or federal agencies and will limit to number of tags that I purchase to the absolute minimum. Mandatory Orange requirements will leave this hunter with nothing but resentment for the ODFW.

**From:** brian smith [mailto:bssmith@nehalem.tel.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, September 19, 2010 8:04 PM

**To:** Curt.melcher@state.or.us

**Subject:** Blaze orange

Curt

If this requirment falls into place i am going to quit hunting in general. I think that this is a waste of time to even think about! Hunters should not have to be told what to wear in the brush.

Thank you

**From:** Ken Taylor [mailto:kens.cats@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2010 2:46 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us; Roy.elicker@state.or.us;  
odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

ODFW,

I have hunted in Oregon for fifty years and rarely have felt any need for hunter orange to keep me safe in the field or forest. We don't need to be told what to wear while hunting. This should be an individuals choice.

We cannot hunt where we want due to restriced tag numbers. License fees , tag application fees , and tag fees have all increased. Applicants for tags are down , hunter numbers are down , mule deer opportunities are dismal to say the least. Every hunter I spoke with about mandatory hunter orange was opposed to it. This would most certainly cause a further decline in hunter numbers.

NO MANDATORY BLASÉ ORANGE !!!!!

Ken Taylor

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**From:** Larry Linton [mailto:pyrotech1kl@frontiernet.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2010 8:10 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us; Roy.elicker@state.or.us;  
odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Hello

My name is Larry Linton and I live in Riddle, Oregon and I have enclosed a quote that I believe hits the nail on the head with regards to the hunter orange issue---" The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools"  
Herbert Spencer, British philosopher

PLEASE do not force any more government on us. PLEASE let us live our liver as we chose.

Thank You for your time.  
Larry

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**From:** Jim n Kay Smith [mailto:jimnkay@q.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2010 9:27 PM  
**To:** odfw.info@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

O.K. So you only pissed off about a third of Oregons hunters enough to make them Quit hunting when you raised all the fees instead of scaling back and getting you spending under control. Now you have decided to fix a nonexistant problem and make us wear something that YOU want us to wear. But its for our own good,Because we are too stuped to live our life without the government telling us what to do and when. So who elected you GOD????



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**From:** Mark Esbenshade [mailto:mshade@peak.org]  
**Sent:** Sun 9/26/2010 2:05 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us; Roy.elicker@state.or.us;  
odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

September 26, 2010

To Ron Anglin, Curt Melcher, Roy Elicker, and the Commission:

I have been hunting, fishing, hiking, playing, and sometimes living in the woods for over 35 years and I am strenuously opposed to having someone tell me I have to wear some particular color of clothing while I'm hunting. I'm sick and tired of all the rules, regulations, fees, restrictions, and hassles. You already take too much of my money, now leave me alone!

I am afraid there will always be the idiot out there who shoots without looking or caring what he is shooting at, however our society is living proof that you can't successfully legislate or cure stupidity. Would this apply to hunters that are calling predators? Why would upland bird hunters be required to wear orange but not turkey hunters? What about waterfowl hunters? If hunter orange is so safe, shouldn't bow hunters wear it too? How would you enforce this? Would you attempt to fine a guy carrying a loaded weapon out in the woods for wearing the wrong color clothes? You might want to rethink that idea!

What is the current number of hunting license purchasers per capita as compared with ten years ago? There is an interesting theory in business that if your bottom line numbers are down, you decrease prices and relax restrictions in order to stimulate increased sales.

Is this an infringement of my constitutional rights under the first amendment? There are some courts in this country that might think so.

What is your reasoning for making this decision on hunter orange the day before deer hunting season opens all over the state? Is this blatant subterfuge to avoid input from those most affected by this decision?

I have tried very hard to keep this short so you would read it, but if you want more I'd be happy to further expound on the subject.

Thank you for your time, and please don't take away another of my freedoms of choice.

Mark Esbenshade

mshade@peak.org

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**From:** JOHN MELINDA RESPINI [mailto:Jrespini@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sun 9/26/2010 6:14 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

It is my opinion that hunter orange should be up to the hunter. In most of the area I hunt, I never see another hunter so I am comfortable not wearing orange or red. In areas where I am likely to come across other hunters I do wear either a red/black plaid shirt or a red vest. I would like to continue to be able to make this choice Myself!!! Furthermore In my opinion if a person ( I won't call them hunters) can't tell the difference between a forked horn and Ol' Fred, then they should not be in the woods in the first place . What happened to target identification!!!

John Respini  
[JRespini@msn.com](mailto:JRespini@msn.com)

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**From:** Jerald Jackman [mailto:gerald.jackman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2010 11:40 AM  
**To:** Ronald Anglin; Eric.V.Rickeerson@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Perhaps hunter orange is fine for hunters under age 18... but leave the rest of us alone. I might consider a hunter orange hat... Oregon has suffered a 30% decline in hunters since 1980. Fish and Wildlife keeps raising fees and licenses until we can't afford to hunt.

The Game Regulations have gone from a brief pamphlet to a book that we can't understand or comprehend. It is nearly impossible to hunt as a family group or even obtain tags in our favorite hunting areas. You protect wolves, bears, cougars and bobcats which are consuming a major portion of the deer and elk population-- are we just managing the big game to provide feed for these predators? The statistics I get suggest a cougar requires 3 deer a week to survive, and we must have about 15,000 cougars in the state. In this case the hunters only get what is left over after feeding the zoo animals.

Your budget has stripped the number of actual field biologists and we are asked to provide parts of animals or check in at field offices to provide the information that you should be maintaining. You ask us to turn in poachers because you don't have the dollars to provide enforcement (thanks to the State Police that that stole the money from **ODFW**). If you are trying to kill this recreational activity it is only a matter of time....

I have 8 children that hunted until they went to college. Although they each have several firearms that I purchased for them in their youth, none of them are currently hunters.

They are as frustrated with this mess as I am and would rather spend money on other activities that they find less expensive and more fulfilling. I still hunt and set up the old cabin tent, take a pack horse up, walk the old but familiar trails of my youth and reminisce about old hunts with my father and grandfather, uncles and cousins, and wander to areas where we took numerous game animals. It is an area where game is still to be found, and I generally fill my tag. From time to time I can get one or two of the kids to come and camp with me, but they never apply for tags.

As a youth, seeing a bear or a cougar was a special event, but now it is a common sighting. At the same time, for the last decade I see a larger percentage of adult and mature bucks and bulls, but the number of fawns and calves seem to be declining... I blame this on the bears and cougars, and it won't be long before the wolves are in the areas that I hunt. I object too the amount of the **ODFW** budget going to protect wolves... the administrative cost per animal is tremendous. What if you could spend \$30,000 per buck deer to manage the herds? This is all nonsense--- when will government begin to use common sense... It is the government, so we should just give up on anything reasonable and prudent. The **BLM** is the same way... why manage a forest for wood production when we can spend all that money on fighting forest fires and then let the blackened trees rot rather than mill them. Stupid...STUPID, STUPID!!!

You guys make me sick.

I don't want to wear Hunter Orange.

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**From:** chris Johanson [mailto:wickiupworks@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2010 12:00 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us; Roy.elicker@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I have been hunting since I was 12, I am now 34, I disagree with Mandating hunter Orange.

- If blaze orange is so safe, why not require it for all outdoor activities, such as hiking, biking, mountain climbing, back packing, camping, fishing, wildlife viewing, mushroom picking, etc?
- Bad timing: Quality of deer and elk hunting is declining, tags are being reduced, ODFW just got a 20% fee increase that has upset a lot of hunters, and now this. Once again hunters are being asked to pay more for less, and now they're being subjected to an added regulation with an added expense. This can only result in more hunters quitting.
- Hunters are a dying breed. Do not make wearing hunter orange mandatory, if you find that you must make it mandatory for hunters then Make it a requirement to wear while involved in all outdoor activities as stated above. Do not continue to make hunters a dying breed by making Blaze orange mandatory. Thanks for your time. C. Johanson

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**From:** Anderson, James K. (Portland) [mailto:James.Anderson476c@va.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2010 2:09 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us; Roy.elicker@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Dear Commission,

Enough is enough. We as citizens of this great nation have already sacrificed away a lot of our rights due to 9/11, just look at how much fun it is to fly on the airlines. The one thing we still have is the right to hunt as long as we pay our fees, licenses, tags, etc.etc. Now you want to take our right to have a choice of whether we want to wear blaze orange or not while we hunt.

I have been hunting for over 40 years and I never in my experience have I had a problem not wearing blaze orange. In fact I feel somewhat safer not to wear blaze orange because I'd rather not be seen so easily just in case you get some wacko out there that shoots at anything that moves which is very rare and besides I often hunt on private property anyway.

Most everyone takes hunter safety classes at one time or another and the big rule is you never shoot at anything that you can't identify and 99.9% of all hunters know this. Problems may arise if have a hunting party consisting of a bunch of drunks who end up shooting at themselves and if this is the case they have no business hunting anyway.

I'm a member of the NRA, North American Hunting Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Oregon Hunting Association so I feel I must know something. So please back off and allow us hunters to have some freedom of choice on what few we still have now days.

Thank you,  
James K. Anderson

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**From:** Edward Bigley [mailto:3atsilverlake@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 9:15 AM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Mr. Anglin, please be advised that I am against a mandatory use of Hunter orange in OR. I am personally apposed to another regulation mandated by the state that imposes an unnecessary law and cost on me personally while the cost of hunting has increased dramatically.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Bigley, Silver Lake Or. 97638

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**From:** paul.jolissaint@daimler.com [mailto:paul.jolissaint@daimler.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 4:52 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us  
**Cc:** hupp@ados.net  
**Subject:** Blaze Orange

Hello Ronald,

I'm writing as a hunter to state my position against mandatory use of blaze orange. I myself choose to wear it most times, however I don't really see the need. No one is going to anciently shoot a person at 200 yards unless they are aiming at them. And yes, there are idiots out there who "scope" people just because they don't own binoculars, and they want to see what the other guys is up to. That is why some people may choose not to want to wear blaze orange, just because they really don't want those guys to see them.

Additionally, would you "mandate" mushroom pickers, hikers, fisherman, ect to wear orange during selected hunting seasons? It doesn't make sense. Please, leave our freedoms to enjoy the outdoors the way we choose to alone.

Thank you!

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Paul G. Jolissaint  
Test Engineer – Cab Electronics  
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**From:** Bart Grabhorn [mailto:busbart@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 5:20 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us  
**Subject:** no orange

no on the orange requirement.

Bart Grabhorn

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**From:** larry kleypas [mailto:chev3800@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2010 4:25 AM  
**To:** ronald.e.anglin@state.or.us; curt.melcher@state.or.us; roy.elicker@state.or.us;  
odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Sirs:

i would like to register my opinion on hunter orange, based on hunting experience, spanning about forty years. I find the practice of being bright orange to be actually dangerous, rather than safer for the hunter.

Unscrupulous hunters can see your position from distant ridgetops, and they will position themselves at the end of your hunt hoping to ambush any animals disturbed. The innocent but

orange hunter then must pass through a group of hunters looking down their rifle barrels at any moving object.

The aforementioned situation has happened to me several times while elk hunting in the Oak Ridge area, and has resulted in my abandonment of hunter orange forever.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Larry Kleypas

**From:** OHA [mailto:dungannon@ccountry.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 2:29 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission; Roy.elicker@state.or.us; Ronald Anglin  
**Subject:** OHA requests the Commission respect its constituents

The Oregon Hunters Association asks the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to respect the wishes of Oregon hunters opposed to proposed new rules to require wearing blaze orange clothing for most rifle and upland bird hunting seasons.

OHA policy supports the voluntary use of hunter orange clothing when appropriate in the field.

A poll of more than 1,000 OHA members found that more than 70 percent opposed mandatory blaze orange clothing, and a month-long poll on OHA's web site (www.oregonhunters.org) showed three quarters of the respondents to be in opposition. Public testimony at a series of hearings on big game regulations and correspondence included in the Commission's agenda packet appear to be even more one-sided in opposition.

This is not an issue about biology or science. This is a social issue about being able to make your own decisions about your personal safety, so the Commission should honor the wishes of its constituents. We hear hunters complain that the Commission doesn't listen to them. This is a great opportunity for the Commissioners to prove that they truly do listen to hunters.

Oregon has a stellar safety record in the field, better than some states that require blaze orange clothing. Roughly half of the few accidents that do occur result from unsafe gun handling or other actions that are not vision-related.

A law requiring the use of blaze orange clothing could not have much of an effect on Oregon's hunting accident rate, because the number of accidents is already so low (1.5 accidents per 100,000 licenses sold).

The Oregon Hunters Association is the state's largest pro-hunting organization, with more than 10,000 members and 27 chapters statewide. OHA chapters around the state sponsor the state's Hunter Education courses in their local communities. OHA's stated mission is "to provide abundant huntable wildlife resources in Oregon for present and future generations, enhancement of wildlife habitat and protection of hunters rights."

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**From:** rgsmith@oregoncoast.com [mailto:rgsmith@oregoncoast.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 10:17 AM  
**To:** Roy.elicker@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Please do not require Hunter Orange, we are bow hunters and this is just not needed. If a hunter is a responsible hunter orange is not needed. Maybe everyone needs Hunter Education, regardless of age to hunt in Oregon. color will not keep someone from being shot or jabbed with a arrow. No against Hunter Orange Thank You, R .& D. Smith

**From:** JERRY JOHNSON [mailto:jjjohn163@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2010 11:30 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Please leave the wearing of orange clothing as voluntary. I have hunted in Oregon for over 40 years and have yet to see even a close call that the wearing of hunter orange would have prevented. Several or most of the hunting accidents (if you can call them accidents) are from the lack of hunter education and and the overall idiocy of some (a minority) of the hunters today. Several come to mind: the hunter packing out an elk head with no ribbons tied on it in Douglas County is the closest to home foe me. Another I recall is one that occurred in the Camas Valley of Douglas County several years back where a hunter saw the bushes move and shot and it turned out to be his hunting partner. The wearing of hunter orange would have prevented neither of these incidents. Those of us that are purists and passionate about hunting now when to shot, and when nor to take a chance. Better to let a game animal go than to shoot in any direction that could possibly cause harm to anyone.

Again, please allow us the choice.

Thank You for your time,

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**From:** Marvin SCHENCK [mailto:tschenck58@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2010 9:23 PM  
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[roy.elicker@state.or.us](mailto:roy.elicker@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Hunting Oregon

Orange is a target, I will wear it no more.  
Pot growers or what ever, Its easier and safer to escape  
in Camo. I have been shot at twice in Orange. No solid orange.

Handicapped hunters need to sue oregon state game  
commission.

I am not handicapped but the game commission  
obviously has no representation from this sector.  
The Game commission does not support the ethics and value of  
taking game, again because those doing so are not represented.

Who is the credibility destroying Moron who descriminates against ATV  
and Snowmobile hunters? Poachers will continue to poach while law abiding  
OHV,ATV hunters are descriminated against.Treat us all alike and the commision  
may gain some respect. We need to tea party the Oregon State Game Commission.

Marvin Schenck  
541 892 6769

#### MANDATORY HUNTER ORANGE.

I am opposed to mandatory hunter orange.

I believe that my opinion and knowledge is at least equal to yours. I do not subscribe that just because someone has a position of power that they have an obligation to protect people from themselves. What I wear is a choice I can make without "I am superior and therefore I will make that decision for you." When I started hunting the wearing of red hats and red wool coats was common. For me and my family it still is, we tried orange and found that the success for Blacktails went way down, I think because most orange was fluorescent. The push was for orange, it was touted as better than red, but because many already wore red it would not require the purchase of additional clothing. What you wear has nothing to do with the negligence that results in a shooting incidence. You expressed sympathy for the family, which is fine; except that however pulled the trigger is guilty at the very least of negligent homicide. If this involved an automobile it would have been so charged. I have received response from several that said they were glad they were not wearing orange because they believed that they were being shot at intentionally and that being able to conceal themselves prevented them from being hit.

FACT: Those states with the lowest incidents do not mandate orange.



FACT: Orange is not the only more visible color, several states do not allow orange for flaggers.

FACT: After clothing restrictions hunter participation declined, bureaucrats claimed that was not the reason. Can you prove the reason?

I have always supported ODFW and their need for funds to support wildlife management, if you impose your will on us I for one can say that support will cease. If you don't listen to hunters, whom are you listening to?

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**From:** tug bettylou [mailto:tugbettylou@tidewater.com]  
**Sent:** Mon 9/27/2010 9:15 AM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us; Roy.elicker@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I do not agree with mandatory hunter orange. The last thing we need is more rules. My 13yo daughter hunts with me and she wears an orange vest most of the time when we are hiking. It usually depends on how many hunters are around and how remote our location will be. I wear it sometimes when I want to be seen. But sometimes I don't want to be seen. This is supposed to be a free country. But many of our freedoms are slowly dwindling away. Why don't you just leave us alone. Next time you want to impose something mandatory impose it on yourself only. Here's an idea. Why don't we make pedestrians wear orange so they don't get hit by vehicles. I'll thank you in advance for your consideration. Edward Olson (503)791-2204 Email-olson5340@centurytel.net

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**From:** gary reininger [mailto:gary@rhinohunter.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 3:49 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Why does the state think it has the right to tell me what to wear!  
what is next, my boots do not give enough ankle support so you will decide what kind i should wear? Maybe it is going to be cold and you think i should wear certian socks or gloves? I have a lot of money invested in camo and have no funds to replace it with hunter orange. If a hunter wants to wear orange he or she can do so right, so why would you make people wear it. Please reconsider wasteing time and money on this issue. There are so many other things you time could be spent on to benifit our wildlife.

Gary Reininger

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**From:** Dan Bishop [mailto:bishop@ortelco.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2010 9:48 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

Please take a no action on hunter orange

No Hunter orange for ( ALL) bird hunting

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

From: Pete Lamb [mailto:LambP@esi.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 1:25 PM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Please vote for Option 1 (no change)

Please keep option 1!

First - the number of incidences are incredibly low, and in nearly every case - there were multiple rules of safe firearm usage violated - not sure of target and beyond, muzzle not pointed in safe direction, loaded weapon and safety off at wrong time, etc., etc.

For the commission to consider this over something that causes way more deaths - like not wearing a life jacket in a boat - doesn't make sense. And the inconsistent rules - like not requiring ALL people in the woods to wear hunter orange during hunting seasons - would make it ineffective.

Please don't make more rules to enforce - just enforce the rules at hand and let people choose on their own!

Thank you,  
Peter Lamb  
5730 NW 178th Av

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

From: Jeff and Tricia Clay [mailto:clay@web4mix.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 5:12 PM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Mandatory Hunter Orange discussion

I am a licensed guide in Oregon. I have many clients a year that I hunt with from within the state and outside of Oregon.

I have through experience found out some problems with Hunter Orange that may not have come to anybodies attention.

I have had several clients over the years that are color blind. Hunter Orange is seen by them as a bright white color. This also happens to

be the color of the rear end of Roosevelt Elk on the coast and Mule deer in the Cascades and the Eastern side of the state.

I usually were a Hunter Orange shirt and hat when guiding. So my color blind clients will only see bright white coming through the trees as I flush deer and elk up to them.

Please give the hunting population a chance to pick the colors that work best for the situation. Please vote against any mandatory Hunter Orange regulations in Oregon.

Thank you  
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**From:** Jerald Jackman [mailto:gerald.jackman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2010 1:27 PM  
**To:** ODFW.Comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Perhaps hunter orange is fine for hunters under age 18... but leave the rest of us alone. I might consider a hunter orange hat... Oregon has suffered a 30% decline in hunters since 1980. Fish and Wildlife keeps raising fees and licenses until we can't afford to hunt.

The Game Regulations have gone from a brief pamphlet to a book that we can't understand or comprehend. It is nearly impossible to hunt as a family group or even obtain tags in our favorite hunting areas. You protect wolves, bears, cougars and bobcats which are consuming a major portion of the deer and elk population-- are we just managing the big game to provide feed for these predators? The statistics I get suggest a cougar requires 3 deer a week to survive, and we must have about 15,000 cougars in the state. In this case the hunters only get what is left over after feeding the zoo animals.

Your budget has stripped the number of actual field biologists and we are asked to provide parts of animals or check in at field offices to provide the information that you should be maintaining. You ask us to turn in poachers because you don't have the dollars to provide enforcement (thanks to the State Police that stole the money from ODFW).

And we allow land owners to sell hunting rights on public game species for exorbitant amounts. If you are trying to kill this recreational activity it is only a matter of time....

I have 8 children that hunted until they went to college. Although they each have several firearms that I purchased for them in their youth, none of them are currently hunters.

They are as frustrated with this mess as I am and would rather spend money on other activities that they find less expensive and more fulfilling. I still hunt and set up the old

cabin tent, take a pack horse up, walk the old but familiar trails of my youth and reminisce about old hunts with my father and grandfather, uncles and cousins, and wander to areas where we took numerous game animals. It is an area where game is still to be found, and I generally fill my tag. From time to time I can get one or two of the kids to come and camp with me, but they never apply for tags.

I gave up hunting birds twenty years ago after the addition of new species (crows!!), extra stamps, multiple licenses and fees. The fishing went to hell forty years ago (before most of you were born) and we are just now beginning to see a few more steelhead and salmon. But every pond and stream has different limits, barb or barbless hooks, catch and release, tags, and why do we have so many crappie, bass and catfish? etc.... I never do know if I am fishing upwards or below the right dam, behind the right tree, with the right hook or bait, or if the rules changed last night after I went to bed. I hate to ask if you could make it any more complicated, because you would.

As a youth, seeing a bear or a cougar was a special event, but now it is a common sighting. At the same time, for the last decade I see a larger percentage of adult and mature bucks and bulls, but the number of fawns and calves seem to be declining... I blame this on the bears and cougars, and it won't be long before the wolves are in the areas that I hunt. I object too the amount of the ODFW budget going to protect wolves... the administrative cost per animal is tremendous. What if you could spend \$30,000 per buck deer to manage the herds? This is all nonsense--- when will government begin to use common sense... It is the government, so we should just give up on anything reasonable and prudent. The BLM is the same way... why manage a forest for wood production when we can spend all that money on fighting forest fires and then let the blackened trees rot rather than mill them. Stupid...STUPID, STUPID!!!

I don't want to wear Hunter Orange.

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**From:** myaliasisbbh@aol.com [mailto:myaliasisbbh@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2010 2:36 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter safety orange

Comment to committee:

At this time, I do not believe it is necessary to mandate any safety orange rules. Recommendations and advisories for hunters are very desirable. At best, a safety orange hat should be used when moving but not sitting. A safety orange vest is excessive in being seen by other hunters.

Publish those areas where orange is highly recommended that are heavily populated by hunters on opening day. At least hunters can decide for themselves what to wear.

Bruce Harlan

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**From:** Richard Shaver [mailto:rashaver@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2010 8:17 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** A hunters clothing - a comment

I am 73+ years old and have hunted in Oregon from the age of 14. I have never had or have any of my family had a problem with identifying the game we are hunting. I had a school friend killed back in the 1950's by a relative of his at a range of less than 60 feet in the open. I doubt any high vis clothing would have helped.

I would prefer option 1 if we have a choice. The young people starting out should have to be able to identify the game they are hunting.

Richard A. Shaver  
541-886-2605  
Wallowa County, Oregon

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

From: Jim Geiger [mailto:[jbgeiger2@charter.net](mailto:jbgeiger2@charter.net)]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 9:56 AM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Hunter orange

I support strong hunter safety programs rather than requiring a hunter

orange. I've been hunting 45 years and none of my hunting partners or myself have ever had any problem distinguishing a game animal from a person. Good decision making on the hunt comes from good training and mentor ship.

Sincerely,

James Geiger

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

From: rcraig [mailto:[rcraig8007@charter.net](mailto:rcraig8007@charter.net)]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 6:18 AM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: HUNTER ORANGE

I DO NOT WANT TO BE TOLD THAT I MUST WEAR "HUNTER" ORANGE. I HAVE USED IT BEFORE AND I NEVER GET WITHIN SHOOTING DISTACE OF ANY ANIMAL. NO BIRDS, NO DEER, NO ELK.

I HAVE HUNTED FOR GAME FOR ALLMOST 40 YEARS, ALLWAYS CHECK MY TARGET AND MAKE SURE PEOPLE SEE ME IF I SEE OR HEAR THEM.

ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS I READ ON YOUR SITE HUNTING IS THE SAFEST ACTIVITY OUTDOORS.

NEXT WILL IT BE SKIER ORANGE(SO NOBODY ELSE RUNS INTO THEM), BICYCLE ORANGE(SO NOBODY RUNS OVER THEM), PEDESTRIAN ORANGE(SO THEY DONT GET RUN OVER) ETC..

IT HAS ALLREADY GOTTEN TO THE POINT THAT I USED TO BUY THE SPORTSPAC OR ALL THE TAGS. DO TO REGULATIONS RE: SEX OF ANIMAL, TURNING IN ANIMAL PARTS, MANDITORY REPORTING ETC.., I WILL NEVER BUY ALL THE TAGS AGAIN.

THIS APPLIES TO AT LEAST SIX OTHER PEOPLE I KNOW, IMAGINE THAT! WE CAN NOT BE THE ONLY GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT FEEL THAT WAY. ODFW MINUS \$\$\$\$\$\$

RC JACKSON COUNTY

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

From: Randy Guyer [<mailto:randy@glbm.net>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 7:47 AM  
To: [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
Subject: Hunter Orange

I recommend you stay with the status quo with no hunter orange mandate.

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From: Correll Gary [<mailto:gncor@aol.com>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 7:51 AM  
To: [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
Subject: hunter orange mandate

With the statistics showing that Oregon has a better record than some states that have imposed such a mandate, I suggest that you leave the choice to the hunters. At a point, there can simply be too much government control in areas that are not necessary.

Thank you,  
G Correll  
Eugene, OR

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**From:** Kent "Hap" Bendele [mailto:kbendele@ipw-inc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 7:59 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

Dear Sirs:

Please do not change our current law.

Thank you,

Kent Bendele  
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**From:** Tom Ady [mailto:tomady@fmtc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:02 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** proposed hunter orange

Dear Sirs:

Please leave the use of hunter orange up to the individual or guardian.

I've been a user of hunter orange for many years, as my father taught me that there are times that you want to be visible to other hunters.

This has served me very well & I'm employing similar techniques with my 2 grandchildren.

Oregon has an excellent safety record without government's interference.

Safety is much more than wearing hunter orange & Oregon hunters are aware of this.

Respectfully,

Tom Ady  
Ontario, Or.

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**From:** docott1@aol.com [mailto:docott1@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:02 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** oregon hunting orange rule

I do not believe that any changes need to be made to the current rules concerning the wearing of hunter orange..

Thank you,

Doc Ott  
Gail F. Ott, D.C., P.C  
Lovejoy Chiropractic  
503-224-4804

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**From:** Larry Sands [mailto:larry@sandscastle.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:03 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

No hunter orange in Oregon....leave us alone. If I chose to wear "orange" I will, I do not need some bureaucrat telling me I have to. Oregon Hunters can decide for themselves.  
NO HUNTER ORANGE Thank you.....Larry Sands

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**From:** Chris Warren [mailto:azerikbloodletter@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:04 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Mandatory hunter orange comment

I don't do as much hunting as I'd like to anymore, but I live in an area where it is stranger to \*not\* go hunting than it is to \*go\* hunting in the fall.

I am struck by the similarity of this idea to seatbelt use laws for cars. It seems to be the government trying to mandate away stupidity. Personally I'd never go out hunting without some sort of hunter orange on, just as I don't drive without wearing a seatbelt or operate an ATV or motorcycle without a helmet. But I have a bit of a problem with government trying to mandate that. It seems intrusive to me. True, this particular mandate would be easy to follow, but it also seems pointless to have it. Those that have



some sort of problem wearing hunter orange will just go out without it anyway, and they are a small subset of sportsman out there. The rest will just continue wearing the hunter orange they've always worn.

If your goal is to increase use of hunter orange and promote safety, then I think you ought to incentivize it rather than set it up as a penalty after the fact. The people issuing the licenses (my local hardware store for example), could have a stamp and a form. If you sign a one page form or card that promises you will wear hunter orange, they stamp your license/tag and give you a small discount. If you are confronted by Fish and Game enforcement and do \*not\* have your hunter orange on then your license/tag/kill is forfeit. Nobody I know would risk losing the results of their efforts or their chance to continue hunting for the season because they broke that promise. Additional paperwork or administration costs would be minimal, additional work for the vendors would be similarly minimal, and enforcement would have a tool to deter bad behavior, all with the sportsman feeling like they got the best of the deal since they get a few bucks off their license for doing something they were going to do already.

If regulation is inevitable, then I would strongly urge you to mandate it for sportsman under 18 and let the "adults" take responsibility for their own actions. To quote the comedian Ron White, "You can't fix stupid."

Chris Warren

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**From:** Richard Willoughby [mailto:rjwilloughby@wbyte.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:05 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I wish to express my opposition to any mandate to wear hunter orange while hunting. It would be a totally useless regulation that wouldn't contribute in any significant way to hunter safety.

Richard Willoughby  
La Grande, Oregon

-----Original Message-----  
From: ddjdda@aol.com [mailto:ddjdda@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 9:54 AM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Hunter Orange

Please, no regulation requiring hunter orange. It is not needed.

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**From:** jayel magruder [mailto:jayel7442@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:06 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

i have hunted in oregon for over forty years and have never found it necessary to advertise the fact that im in the area to keep out bof danger as the biggest portion of people dont brush shoot and if they do they shouldnt have a liscense in the first place. the biggest problem is alcahol where people get drunk and go out hunting also it wouldnt be fair to require archery and black powder hunters to wear bright colors

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

From: David Lubinski [mailto:[dlubins@embarqmail.com](mailto:dlubins@embarqmail.com)]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 8:07 AM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Hunter Orange

I am an advocate of HUNTER ORANGE for upland bird hunting and big game firearms hunting. It is well documented that it helps save lives and the

animals can not see it. It is a no brainer!  
Thank you  
David Lubinski

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**From:** Bryan [mailto:bd22@cableone.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:09 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I am an Oregon native of nearly 50 years. Of those 50 years I have hunted since I was old enough to go along with my dad, who incidentally, was an Oregon State Police Officer and a game warden for a large portion of his career. He was also a Hunter Safety instructor and taught my brother and I the importance of safe firearms handling.

I am 100% for safety and the safe use of firearms. But based on the data ODFW has provided and my personal experience, **mandating Hunter Orange is NOT the answer. Let it be the choice of the sportsmen and women to wear it. EDUCATION is the key.**

I am also a firearms instructor and state employee. The cardinal rules of firearm safety are very specific and universal in the shooting world....Treat all weapons as if they are loaded....NEVER point your weapon at anything or anyone you don't intend to shoot, MAKE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND, and trigger finger out of trigger gaurd until you are on target and ready to shoot.

My point is that I would rather see MANDATORY training for ADULTS as well as our youth hunters. Implement more mentor training and hunts. Require all Non Resident hunters to provide proof of attending an approve Hunter Safety course as other states already do.

Bryan Davidson.  
Ontario, Oregon

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**From:** Gyllenberg Construction, Inc. [mailto:gyllcons@eoni.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:09 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Orange

Sirs, It is my opinion that additional regulations are not needed.  
Brent C Gyllenberg

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**From:** Chris Sprick [mailto:csprick1@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:17 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter orange opinion

Hello,

I would like to suggest to the commission that the rule NOT be changed requiring hunter orange to be worn. **My vote would be for option 1.** I have hunted Oregon for just 15 years, but in that time have consistently worn hunter orange in most circumstances, not all however. Most importantly I feel safe in knowing Oregon's extremely low hunting accident rate. I do not believe we need another law to protect us from a somewhat dangerous sport.

Sincerely,

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

From: Dana [<mailto:danawi53@comcast.net>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 8:17 AM  
To: [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
Subject: Mandated Orange

To whom it may concern:

I have been hunting pretty much all my life. For the most part I'm a bow hunter but often take my rifle out and as an avid hunter and safety first advocate I wanted to respond or offer my input to this issue. This state offers a variety of conditions for hunting. Coastal hunting has a lot of cover. East is more open. My take on this issue is this should be at the discretion of the hunter. We all know there's a chance

of getting shot if you have nothing to distinguish us from something moving about in the woods and the occasional idiot that's going to shoot

at anything moving in the bush without identifying it as game and not human. There are areas and conditions that would dictate the use of camo... and not standing out like a neon sign. Personally I won't be out there without a bright orange vest and hat as well when I'm rifle hunting. But this is MY choice. AND if I'm in camp and not wearing orange or maybe taking a short trip to the local "can" and I happen to take my weapon with me,... I could be considered to be hunting and if a

officer happens into the situation I could get cited when I'm a very conscientious hunter and safety oriented person. Do I want to get a citation for nothing? NO. Am I safe in the woods? YES. PLEASE do not

allow this issue to be a legal issue and if there is some sort of huge list of accidents that could have been attributed to not wearing orange... then maybe have the people applying for tags in the problem area be required to take safety classes and show them how it is that this list of people that got shot in that area should have been wearing orange to prevent future accidents. If it's not really happening.... then one would have to ask why is it we are trying to get such a law in place. Please respond with a some statistics about which areas people are having accidents that could clearly be prevented with the use of mandated orange gear because I intent to go hunting this year with my rifle. I will be wearing orange but would like to know just how much of

a problem this really is as I only hear of one or 2 accident a year with

about a bazillion hunters out there. And as far as I know those aren't always due to the lack of orange gear use. My guess is that there is more of a problem with driving to and from the hunting area and getting hit by another driver in the city. Maybe we should require that everyone paint their cars orange?

Dana  
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**From:** Jon Erwin [mailto:jon@erwinconsult.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:18 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Opposed to Hunter Orange

Once again ODFW has decided they know what's best for Oregon hunters. But why is it the Oregon is one of the most safest States to hunt in when it comes to casualties and yet we are not mandated to wear hunter orange?? Why do you have to make unnecessary changes?? If it ain't broke, why fix it????????

This appears to be a "sympathy change" for one incident that recently occurred. It was a terrible accident when a boy is killed in a hunting accident, especially when it was "family" that accidentally shot him.

Do not change the law because of one instance. The records show how safe Oregon hunters are as a whole. We should not have to pay the price because of one individuals mistake. DO NOT CHANGE THE LAW TO REQUIRE HUNTER ORANGE!

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**From:** Chris Erich [mailto:erichc81@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:53 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I'm opposed to making it mandatory for those over 18 years old to wear orange while hunting.

-Chris Erich  
835 Academy St.  
Salem, OR 97301

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

From: Michael W. Johnson [<mailto:mikej@opusnet.com>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 8:21 AM  
To: [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
Subject: Orange mandate

It is not necessary. My family and I ask that you do not impose another mandate on the public. We do not need more government .

Sincerely

Mike Johnson

[mikej@opusnet.com](mailto:mikej@opusnet.com)

Sent from my iPod

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**From:** Jackson Robbins [<mailto:jacksonrobbins@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:19 AM

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

**Subject:** Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate

Greetings -- I have been hunting a couple years now with my son, and have been fishing in Oregon for over 10 years. It is nice to be able to "get away from it all" in the Oregon wilderness. However, the price of the licenses and the tags keep going up. We have to budget in these costs months ahead of time, but we do so in order to enjoy the wilderness.

A part of "getting away from it all" is not having the various law enforcement agencies out there spying on you trying to generate revenue. One time, early in the morning fishing, a state cop was spying on us behind a tree with binoculars. It almost looked like a rifle scope, and freaked us both out, and pretty much ruined our day, and put a bad taste in our mouth for future adventures.

It seems like a proposed hunter orange mandate would make that above scenario occur even more often. Cops out there in the woods spying on you to make sure you are wearing orange. And the reason we go out is to "get away from it all", including getting away from the revenue generating cops.

If we wanted harassed by the cops, we'd simply go driving on the highways or the city streets, where there are plenty of cops to harass you.

We need to be moving away from the police state, not providing more legislation to make the police state worse.

If this proposed hunter orange mandate is passed, we will no longer hunt, or fish, in Oregon. The prices are already too high, but to then add in the harassment when you are just trying to enjoy a day out with your family, makes the decision to not hunt or fish in Oregon pretty easy. We'll simply switch to more hiking, or maybe skiing, since it is becoming just as expensive to hunt/fish as it does to ski. Warmest Regards, ~Jackson M. Robbins II

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**From:** Don Laskey [mailto:donald@laskey-clifton.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:25 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Rule

Gentlemen,

I am a lifelong hunter. I have hunted at times with Hunter Orange on, and at times without it, when the hunting circumstances required it. I don't see why we should make this a law, when our hunter safety record in Oregon is actually very good. Please do not add yet another law for the public to comply with, and the game officials to enforce.

Sincerely,

*Don Laskey*

President, Laskey-Clifton Corporation  
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**From:** Wayne Odom [mailto:wayneodom@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:26 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Orange

Not too long ago fishermen were blessed with the privilege of being able to drop a second line into the water at the cost, I believe, of seventeen dollars. This did not allow more fish to be caught, just a right to wet another line. This was, of course, a choice of the fisherman.

The state needed more money a few years ago, so what better way to get some than through DNV; licensing rates were doubled. There was no choice for the citizen.

Now ODF&W wants to impose yet another rule upon the people: required orange vests. Come on, now. If someone wants to wear an orange vest, no one is keeping that person from doing so. Why make everyone look like someone who does not know anything and can not take care of themselves? I am sure more people die from the mistakes of doctors than in hunting accidents; What should the patient be required to wear in order protect him from poor doctors?

Get a life by staying out of other people's lives.

Wayne

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**From:** richard bisbee [mailto:robisbee@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:27 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

i do not believe a hunter orange mandate is needed in Oregon  
ro bisbee

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**From:** Bryson Southard [mailto:brysonsouth@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:26 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Mandate

ODFW,

This summer I received a questionnaire regarding why I thought hunting in Oregon was on the decline. It was very cleverly written to not expose the real problem my friends and other hunters I know talk about, which is simply over regulation of legal hunters and not enough action against those that hunt illegally. Regulations like this mandatory orange in a state with one of the lowest hunting accident rates is simply another line in the regulation manual that will only effect legal hunters. Hunting is expensive enough, I don't want to go out and buy more clothes that are useless to me any other time .

Bryson Southard

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**From:** RANGEDUDE@aol.com [mailto:RANGEDUDE@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:26 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange mandate

*As a hunter with over fifty years experience including many years as a firearms instructor, I am firmly against the proposed Hunter Orange mandate for Oregon hunters. The reason is simple...I have been shot at in another state (Utah) while wearing Hunter Orange and never while wearing camouflage clothing in Oregon. Those who shoot when they see movement*



or when they hear sounds are the real culprits. In my opinion, the Hunter Orange color won't solve safety problems in the field...comprehensive firearms safety/anti-drinking programs coupled with stiff penalties for offenders is the solution you are looking for.

Bob Westphal  
Eagle Creek, Oregon

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**From:** Jim Winters [mailto:jwinters@canby.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:30 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I understand this is the site that takes comments on the "Hunter Orange" rule for the state.

I've been all across these United States and looked at hunting and fishing rules wherever I go. How about reducing regulations rather than adding more? You need to be a lawyer to figure out the hunting and fishing rules as it is. One more regulation says the hunters are too stupid to make a safety decision on their own...AFTER the required hunter's safety course! REDUCE REGULATIONS!

Jim Winters  
Canby, OR.

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**From:** paul craig [mailto:bpcraig@wizzards.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:33 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I strongly oppose any attempt to require hunters to wear hunter orange while hunting in the field.

I am 70 years old and have never had a close call while hunting, while wearing camo clothing. I have hunted for over 60 years.

Thank you

Paul Craig  
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Williams, OR 97544

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**From:** Matzka, Bob [mailto:Bob.Matzka@jacobs.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:37 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Mandate

I am a native of Oregon and currently have my Pioneer License. I have hunted in Oregon since age 8. I was one of the very first to sign up as a hunter safety instructor when the program started and did teach for several years early in the program.

I do not agree with a mandated hunter orange requirement. I believe strongly in teaching hunter safety and instilling good sportsmanship in those who hunt and fish in the state. I do not believe the wearing of hunter orange will have any significant impact on reducing incidents which are largely due to poor judgment and lack of education. Please listen to the sportsmen and women who are in the field not the urbanites who do not know what hunting is all about.

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

From: Ed Sink [mailto:edsink@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 8:38 AM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: comment on hunter orange

personally I have always been an advocate of wearing hunter orange durring rifle seasons only. Of the 3 options being consedered I would have to put my support with No. 1, leave it alone and leave it voluntary. There are far more ways than a hat to wear color and option 2 is far to vague to be more than a suggestion, or trap, if this is an offense officers can ticket for.

I encourage to pick option 1 and leave this issue along.

Ed Sink  
Bend Oregon Hunter

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**From:** Practical Manufacturing [mailto:practic@hevanet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:38 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** the proposed mandate of Hunter Orange

I sincerely hope that the decision makers in Oregon State will **not** make Hunter Orange mandatory for the State during hunting season. I personally have and some times use

Hunter Orange garments when I deem them appropriate.

However, I have friends in Washington state that have told me that anti-hunting groups use the high visibility garments to target hunters and harass them. Hunters are among the most law abiding caring, kind, honorable and considerate people I have ever met. That puts them in a quality class of humans rarely seen these days and they certainly do not deserve any harassment.

Thank you  
Sincerely,  
Gary Kirian  
Lake Oswego, Oregon

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**From:** West, Tom [mailto:tom.west@beechercarlson.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:38 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Oregon's hunters can be trusted to make decisions about hunter orange that best fit their personal circumstances. Even in this era of ever-expanding government mandates, the decision to wear hunter orange should be voluntary and left up to the individual. Training, experience and judgment are the most important safety factors when handling firearms. Requiring shooters to wear hunters orange does nothing to improve upon the training, experience and judgment of the individual.

I will be watching this issue with great interest over the coming months.

**Tom West**

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**From:** Pawlowski, Norman E. (HP-Corvallis R&D) [mailto:norman.pawlowski@hp.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:41 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange - NO! -- not good for Bear & Cougar hunting

To whom it may concern:

I am an avid hunter of big game. Even though I choose to wear orange on many occasions (opening day of deer, elk), I occasionally choose not to wear it when hunting bear and cougar. Wearing hunter orange makes hunting this type of game virtually impossible.

Personal safety is the responsibility of every hunter and should not be legislated.

Thank-you.

Norman Pawlowski Jr.  
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Corvallis, OR 97330

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**From:** Scott Schaumann [mailto:scott@sprickroofing.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:44 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter safety

To whom it may concern,  
It is my opinion that the law should remain as is. That orange is not required.  
Thank you, Scott Schaumann

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**From:** Ron/Karen Green [mailto:greenlab@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:45 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

To whom it may concern,

I believe that the choice should be left up to the individual hunter as to wear Hunter Orange or not and should not be mandated by the commission. My other concern or question that I don't see addressed is this only for firearms or does it include archery hunters too. in both cases I would be against requirement by the commission to wear Hunter Orange. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,  
Ron Green  
Lifetime Oregon Resident

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**From:** Latvala, Paula [mailto:PLatvala@asante.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:45 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please allow Oregon hunters to voluntarily decide whether they want to wear Hunter Orange

Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission:

I am a hunter, and I respectfully request that you do NOT mandate hunters to wear hunter orange, but rather, leave the decision to wear hunter orange up to the individual hunter. Oregon is already a safe state for hunters, especially when compared with its neighbor Washington (which has imposed a hunter orange mandate). Washington has a rate of 4.65 incidents per 100,000 license sales compared with Oregon's rate of 1.56.

The record shows that Oregon's hunters can be trusted to make decisions about hunter orange that best fit their personal circumstances. The decision to wear hunter orange should be voluntary and left up to the individual.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Paula R. Latvala | Corporate Finance Specialist | Asante | 2650 Siskiyou Blvd., Medford, OR 97504 | 541.789.4133 | fax 541.789.5858*

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**From:** Gary L Strong [mailto:ponyblanket@frontier.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:49 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Comments

Dear Commissioners:

Things seem fine as they are now; why change anything and have the change cause problems?

The only time I know I was being stalked, I was wearing Orange in coastal brush. I think the other hunter could see my orange and could not decipher the color. Maybe he was very colorblind?  
He only stopped closing in on me when I yelled.

I think invisible is best.

Maybe suggest camouflage instead of requiring orange.

Thank you.

Gary Strong  
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**From:** Ardenjam@aol.com [mailto:Ardenjam@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:49 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I believe that Oregon is and has been a pretty safe State overall and would prefer retaining the option of not wearing hunter orange. The second option of having 17 year olds and under wear hunter orange may be advisable but even more critical in my opinion is a major emphasis in Hunter Safety classes on absolutely not shooting at anything that you cannot positively identify. That should be basic rule number one for any hunter at all times. So, my vote would be for, "no change" in the hunter orange debate.

Respectfully,

Arden Meyer

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**From:** Daniel Skotte [mailto:danskotte@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:56 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

To Whom It May Concern,

On the issue of the hunter orange mandate in Oregon, I strongly oppose any sort ruling that would make the wearing of hunter orange mandatory. This should remain a voluntary practice. It is not the state's place to tell hunter's what color they should wear.

Most Sincerely,

Daniel Skotte Jr.

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**From:** Gayland Looney [mailto:глоoney@perlo.biz]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:56 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Proposed Changes

To whom it may concern,

As a life long hunter and as a hunter that has lost an uncle to a hunting accident I've always been a proponent of wearing hunter Orange while in the woods as it does increase my visibility considerably to other hunters. I do however have a problem with the state constantly adopting

additional rules that attempt to regulate every aspect of our lives and I'm equally convinced that you cannot legislate "stupid" out of existence...

With that in mind coupled with the fact that Oregon already has an extremely low incidence rate of somewhere around 1.56 incidents/ 100,000 hunters (as compared to Washington's 4.65 incidents/ 100,000 – and they have a Hunters Orange requirement) I strongly urge you to keep the status quo in Oregon of encouraging but NOT requiring the use of hunter orange.

Thank you for considering my point of view.

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**From:** Tom Russell [mailto:tvrussell@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:56 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I support and encourage your support of Option 1 (optional wearing of hunter orange). Each time a new regulation is mandated another previously adapted regulation must necessarily drop down a notch in enforcement priority. Stacked one on top of the other all lose their individual significance. ATV overuse and abuse is just one example of an area already sorely lacking enforcement attention. Let's not add another regulation that will only serve to divert LE's attention.

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**From:** Chad [mailto:skwekklr@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:05 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please allow Oregon hunters to voluntarily decide whether they want to wear Hunter Orange

Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission:

I am a hunter, and I respectfully request that you do NOT mandate hunters to wear hunter orange, but rather, leave the decision to wear hunter orange up to the individual hunter. Oregon is already a safe state for hunters, especially when compared with its neighbor Washington (which has imposed a hunter orange mandate). Washington has a rate of 4.65 incidents per 100,000 license sales compared with Oregon's rate of 1.56.

The record shows that Oregon's hunters can be trusted to make decisions about hunter orange that best fit their personal circumstances. The decision to wear hunter orange should be voluntary and left up to the individual.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Chad E Brancacio**

**(Oregon Hunter for 20+ years)**

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**From:** Wayne Montee [mailto:wmontee@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:05 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate in Oregon

I have read several reports and there are cases where hunter orange has made impact on the number of accidents. While I think it is good idea and have started wearing a hat a few year back, i don't like the idea of being regulated. My Kids also wear hats while hunting big game where visibility and other hunters are a concern. I feel this should be a hunters choice and a parenting issue to teach there kids about hunting and safety.

Option choice preference: Option 1.

Option 2 verbage should be changed to "garment OR hat for hunter". The same as option 3.

That change being made I would be okay with any option but prefer option #1.

Thanks,  
Wayne Montee

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**From:** Gary Kelley [mailto:garykelley@theblademaker.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:10 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

No hunter orange requirement!!! I've hunted all my life in Oregon (I'm 66) and have never had even a close call while hunting. I wear orange when the situation warrents it, and wear cammo if I feel it's safe to do so (private property, I'm the only hunter). I feel the decision should be left up to the hunter. The advantages of orange are covered in the hunter's safety course for young hunters.

Gary Kelley

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**From:** Howard A. Heminger [mailto:bkplus@fmtc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:12 AM



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

**Subject:** Oppose Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate in Oregon

I oppose the Proposed Hunter Orange Mandates in Oregon. Oregon hunters are already safe and they don't need another set of rules from the so called rulers at the State of Oregon.

Mind your own damn business. And NO, my hunting business and practice, especially my clothing is none of your damn business.

Keep your plutocratic nose out of my business.

Howard A. Heminger  
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Ontario, Oregon 97914

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**From:** Matthew Galli [mailto:MatthewG@roguefirm.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:14 AM

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

**Subject:** Hunter Orange and other proposed mandates

Dear Sirs:

I have hunted in Oregon for the last 30 years. I have been blessed to have been able to hunt Antelope, Deer, Elk, Ducks and upland birds. While wearing hunter orange in some circumstances may be beneficial, the choice should be left up to the hunter.

The State of Washington has nearly 3 times as many accidents notwithstanding the mandate to wear orange. Furthermore it is my understanding that the vast majority of hunting accidents occur not in the field but in and around vehicles.

Maybe the ODFW and ODOT should form a huge committee filled with paid state employees to do a study on prohibiting the use of motor vehicles in the State of Oregon during any hunting season. That would certainly save lives. I think there probably is plenty of money in the state's budget for these sorts of things.

Please just stop the bureuacratic waste. No mandates where they are not needed.

Thank you,

Matthew G. Galli , esq.

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**From:** Jerry and Morna [mailto:jnmbastian@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:16 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Hunter Orange requirement. I wear a Hunter Orange Cap, but that is my choice and I don't think it should be mandatory. We have so many laws or rules as it is, you have to be a LAWYER at present to read and understand the ODF&W books. Some things have to be left up to common sense.

I also feel that a Pioneer resident should get Double points on drawings as our time is limited!!!!

Thanks

Jerry Bastian

( Oregon Resident for all 72 years)

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**From:** BRUCE THORNTON [mailto:cascade.telcom@frontier.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:16 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I am in favor of a hunter orange requirement for all Oregon Hunters. Please go for it.

Bruce Thornton  
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**From:** Justin Schulman [mailto:justschulman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:17 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Mandate

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to urge ODFW to retract its efforts to enforce a Hunter Orange requirement in Oregon, a state which has already been inundated with substantial laws and confusing regulations that make hunters question themselves when trying to follow them to the best of their abilities.

Oregon is already a safe state for hunters, especially when compared with its neighbor Washington, which has imposed a hunter orange mandate. Washington has a rate of 4.65 incidents per 100,000 license sales compared with Oregon's rate of 1.56. The record shows that Oregon's hunters can be trusted to make decisions about hunter orange that

best fit their personal circumstances. Even in this era of ever-expanding government mandates, the decision to wear hunter orange should be voluntary and left up to the individual.

I am voting for Option 1 – No change to current status (voluntary wear of hunter orange) and I urge those who are deciding to reconsider this option. Thank you.

Justin Schulman

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**From:** rick.e.carr@gmail.com [mailto:rick.e.carr@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Rick Carr  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:19 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** My rights

Do you wonder why people are not buying licence and tag and why sales are dropping off? Why don't you leave the hunters alone. Don't take away our right to make our own decisions. We don't want to be told how to dress do you? Thank you

Richard Carr

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**From:** Lynn [mailto:lynnsever@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:27 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

**In response to the pending consideration of Hunter Orange mandate:**

There are several false impressions with this mandate that should be considered **before** imposing more *unnecessary* regulations.

1. Oregon has one of the lowest incident rates because of very good Hunter safety courses- not because of what the hunter wears.
2. Being aware of the area being hunted, who is in the area and making sure of the target before shooting attributes to common sense safety.
3. Although some states may require orange apparel, I have personally seen it opted out in lieu of camo apparel.
4. In Oregon, orange hunting apparel has all but disappeared in favor of camo apparel for all game. So why is Oregon one of the lowest incident rates?

5. What a hunter wears has nothing to do with safety. It has everything to do with hunter awareness of the target.

Case in point: Several years ago, in California, a hunter was wearing a Hunter Orange hat and a bright yellow rain coat. He was also riding a Honda Trail 90 motorcycle at the time he was shot from the seat of the motorcycle. Where did color play a part in safety there?

6. In the last 40 years of hunting in Oregon, I have seen one person wear an Orange hat while hunting.

7. The chart showing vision -related incidents could mean many other conditions and factors other than what color the hunter is wearing (i.e. time of day, underbrush, not seeing the target clearly before firing, etc. )

8. How can a chart show zero vision-related incidents wearing Hunter Orange when hunters don't wear Orange in the first place? They wear common clothes or camo apparel. The chart distorts the statistics.

9. The State by State Comparison chart shows nothing related to Hunter Orange versus incidents.

10. There is nothing nationwide that proves wearing Orange has anything to do with safety. It has everything to do with common sense, hunter awareness, knowing the area and making sure of the target before shooting.

There will always be hunting related accidents as there will always be car accidents. This mandate makes as much sense as painting all cars and trucks orange so there won't be vision-related accidents.

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**From:** jerry johnson [mailto:captainrollaway@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:26 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

you need to maintain the status quo. you don't have the money now to do the job you were mandated to do so no new regulations to control people is necessary. Oregon is already the safe state.

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**From:** Mark Forster [mailto:mforster@viclink.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:33 AM

**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Please do not change the regulations regarding the wearing of hunter orange. This should be a personal choice.

Thank you,

Mark Forster

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**From:** Karen Morrow [mailto:jkmorrow@q.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:38 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:**

As a hunter I am all for orange vests. My goodness - isn't that what we were all taught when we took our hunters safety course back in the 50's!!!!!!

karen morrow  
[jkmorrow@q.com](mailto:jkmorrow@q.com)

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**From:** Rick Rhinehart [mailto:rick48@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:39 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I believe that an upper garment, such as a cap, in hunter orange would be a good choice for youth under the age of 17. Adults should be allowed to chose whether to wear hunter orange or not.

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**From:** Richard Chase [mailto:chaserd2003@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:41 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Law

I will be (voluntarily) wearing an orange or red hat during elk season this year. I think it makes sense and is a safe thing to do. However, I see regulation of that decision as another unnecessary layer of control and can't imagine it making an appreciable difference in Oregon's already low incident rate.

Placing additional enforcement burden on officers doing a fine job as things are now is wasteful in my opinion. And, though I will be in de facto compliance, I don't want to be cited or prevented from hunting should I lose my hat or otherwise, for a variety of possible reasons, be without it.

<<< Carelessly relinquishing your constitutional rights is like desecrating the graves of all those who died preserving them for you. >>>

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**From:** Dennis D. Malakowski [mailto:ddmal@ados.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:41 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter orange.

Oregon is already a safe state for hunters. The record shows that Oregon's hunters can be trusted to make decisions about hunter orange that best fit their personal circumstances. Even in this era of ever-expanding government mandates, the decision to wear hunter orange should be voluntary and left up to the individual. Please **do not** mandate the wearing of hunter orange.

*Dennis D. Malakowski*  
*Age: 65*  
*Oregon resident: 63 years (all my life)*  
*St. Oregon. Helens, OR 97051*

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**From:** Tanya Wilson [mailto:t\_k\_t\_2003@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 9:54 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Regarding sept. 30th meeting on mandating hunter orange

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opinion about the proposed regulations regarding wearing hunter/blaze orange.

My strong belief is that it should be up to the people hunting to decide what they want to wear and **mandating adults is a bad idea**. Hunters understand the risks of going out into the woods and use their discretion as to if they are in need of orange. I do believe that **youth hunters should be regulated** and made to wear the orange. My vote would go

to option #2.

Thank you for your time,

Tanya

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**From:** Glenn Clark [mailto:glennclark@eoni.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 8:57 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Having hunted in the state of Oregon for over sixty years, not wearing Hunter Orange I believe Education should be the emphasis not mandatory rule making. Leave the rules as they are.

**YOU HAVE TO IDENTIFY THE GAME BEFORE SHOOTING.....**

Thank you,

Glenn G. Clark  
69149 Chadwick Ln.  
Cove, Oregon 97824  
541-568-7710

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

**From:** Robert [mailto:angeldusted63@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:02 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate

This is a choice that should be left up to the hunter and not to the state.

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**From:** Phil Carr [mailto:pjchunts@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 8:41 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

If you think application's and tag sales are down now just keep raising prices and adding rules and regulations and see what happens. Maybe that's been the plan all the time slowly phase out hunting one regulation at a time.

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**From:** Lyle Stephenson [mailto:mules465@smt-net.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:59 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

I am writing to express my viewpoint re: hunter orange issues. My name is Lyle Stephenson and I'm an Oregon hunter.

I vehemently oppose the imposition of this regulation.

There is no indication whatsoever that wearing orange (or ANY other color of clothing), will prevent 'incidents'. This is a classic case of bureaucrats thinking up ideas that will justify their existence. Oregon does not have a 'problem' with hunting related deaths/ injuries with firearms as it is, as evidenced by ODF's OWN STATISTICS. There is a world of difference between an 'incident' and a 'problem'. A huge percentage of our laws on the books have been created because of the inability to see the difference. In fact, even if there actually was a 'problem' in this matter, it would be tough to make an arugment that this would solve the problem.

Can ODF offer any evidence of a State that instituted this law and it DID reduce or stop hunting related firearm injuries? I'd like to hear an example.

Creating this regulation is in the same category with eliminating guns in America in an effort to stop people from killing each other criminally on the streets.

I submit that firearms related 'incidents' in the field by hunters, is not related to 'vision' or to color of clothing, or any other nonsense. The incidents are directly related to irresponsibility and stupidity. You cannot fix stupidity with an orange vest. And there is no effective way to weed out 'stupid' when you issue licenses to hunt.

This regulation is little more than another bureaucratic technique of chipping away the individual freedoms we have as Americans, without cause. This comes from a 30+ years retired veteran City Police Officer of Oregon.

Respectfully submitted, Lyle Stephenson of Scio



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**From:** James Coyle [mailto:jcoyle@wvi.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:16 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Let's not try to fix a problem with a such a low incident rate. Implementing ether of the requirements for orange will hardly lower it significantly. It should be a voluntary decision for the hunter. We need to get away from substituting government mandates for individual decisions.

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**From:** Me [mailto:beckylemler@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:07 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Orange

Stop telling people what they have to do. It's up to US to decide what to wear, not the government.

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**From:** Stan Larson [mailto:stanstihl@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:07 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

What The Hell??? I think that all of you fish and wildlife people need to wear PINK uniforms while you are in the field so that everyone can distinguish you from the natural jackasses!!! Sincerly, Stan

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**From:** Merritt Williams [mailto:cedarcrkent@cbbmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:02 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange.

**To ODFW,**

**I just plain hate to see yet another law passed that you have to live with & to me is not necessary. I don't know where the statistics come from in regards to wearing hunter orange. Most of the people that I run into out**

hunting, do wear a color of some kind. This is a debatable point in itself, you have red, orange, even yellow or chartreuse color that is ever bit as good, if not better than Orange. I say leave it up to the hunter & you must know that I think not wearing color of some kind is a bit stupid but it is my choice & some governmental body isn't telling me what to do.

You also have the problem that there are a large percentage of people that are color blind, color to them mean nothing. If you notice that a lot of state workers are wearing chartreuse vests, reason, shows up better than Orange. So don't consider just a straight across the board Hunter Orange law. I've been a flagger & know what works & what doesn't.

If you do pass this law, & I don't think you should, you should not include upland birds in it, only big game hunting at the most. Although I & my kids have always wore color while big game hunting, all of our bird hunting gear is camofloge. I see know point in having to wear color while bird hunting with a shotgun. I have yet to see a hunter fly. Maybe you know something that I don't?

Sincerely,

**Merritt E. Williams**

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**From:** Tom Davis [mailto:tpacky.davis@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:15 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Proposed Mandate

Attention ODFW: The wearing of hunter orange MUST be left to the discretion of the hunter, not the government.  
Please discontinue further consideration of this proposed mandate!

Tom Davis  
1651 Hiatt St.  
Lebanon, OR  
541 619-1951

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**From:** Dennis Durst [mailto:dndurst@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:19 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other  
Name: Dennis Durst  
E-mail: [dndurst@gmail.com](mailto:dndurst@gmail.com)

Comment: Hunter Orange should be the choice of the individual not a law. The incidence of 1.56 per 100,000 of licensed hunters is very low and you can't legislate against idiots who sound shoot or don't know what their target really is.

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**From:** Judy Ricks [mailto:[jricks@pru-nw.com](mailto:jricks@pru-nw.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:23 AM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** RE: Hunter Orange

Hunter orange should be left to the hunters to choose. Most hunters voluntarily use the orange of some kind, be it vest, hat, etc. Also we see to the younger hunters that they are protected with orange vests. Quit making new laws!

Judy Ricks, Broker, GRI  
503-319-0836 Cell

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

**From:** Tom VAN DIEPEN [mailto:[tvandiepen@farmersagent.com](mailto:tvandiepen@farmersagent.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:27 AM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [tvandiepen@farmersagent.com](mailto:tvandiepen@farmersagent.com)  
**Subject:** hunter orange proposal

Sirs,

Please consider the first option of the three options under consideration. As a hunter education instructor we teach students to keep safety the number one priority. If hunter orange is called for, close proximity upland hunting for example, we always recommend it strongly. For archery big game, we do not.

This teaches the students to consider safety at all times and not assuming they are safe if they are following the law regarding orange. Oregon's safety records for hunter are at the top of the states with a 1.56 incidents per 100,000 license sales. (Washington by contrast has a 4.65 rate) The numbers show that the Oregon hunter education system is very effective the way it is.

I believe a hunter orange requirement would only cause a relaxing of safety thinking priorities and start feeling they are safe by virtue of the orange.

That would be a dangerous direction to take Oregon. Hunter orange is good in some cases but is counter-productive to require it.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Van Diepen

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

From: Charles Cook [<mailto:cooksunker@bctonline.com>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 10:21 AM  
To: [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
Cc: Charles Cook  
Subject: No Hunter Orange

Please, just keep the currant law in place. My family and I already ware RED when we hunt. We don't need the law telling us what to ware. We also wore our seat belts before that law told we had to. Just stop with the Nanny BS.

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**From:** george ebinger [<mailto:gebinger@live.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:25 AM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I believe it should be MY decision whether to wear orange or not. Oregon already has one of the best hunter safety percentages in the country, Please leave it alone.

Thank You,  
George A. Ebinger  
Lebanon, OR

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**From:** Red [<mailto:RedSchlich@charter.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:28 AM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Please take my vote on this subject.

I feel that Oregonians have demonstrated our ability to make good decisions about wearing...or not wearing...hunter orange. Therefore, no change should be made to the existing regulations on Hunter Orange.

Thanks.

Red Schlichting  
Medford, OR. 97504

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**From:** Glenn Dye [mailto:gwedye@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:18 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate in Oregon

My comments on the proposed hunter orange mandate are: Don't do it! We Oregonians already have an exemplary record in hunter safety. Personally, I already wear hunter orange on my head and sometimes also on my upper body. Its common sense - if some idiots want to risk someone mistaking them for a game animal or bird, then its their choice.

What I really resent is our state government trying to protect everybody from everything. That is not the business of the ODFW or the State government. This is not necessary and will just be a waste of taxpayer money trying to enforce.

The decision to wear hunter orange should be voluntary and left up to the individual.

Glenn Dye  
408 S 30th St.  
Philomath, OR 97370

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

**From:** Robert V Andersen [mailto:[rvandersen@gmail.com](mailto:rvandersen@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:32 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I feel hunter orange should be required only on youth hunts not everyone. As new hunters this would mean greater safety.

Thank you.  
Robert Andersen  
Master Hunter

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**From:** Tony Davis [mailto:[chelco.davis@gmail.com](mailto:chelco.davis@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:30 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

Stop minding other peoples business and create some jobs.  
We do not need or want big brother.If you want to know how I really feel about this  
subject call me at 541-955-3332

Tony Davis

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**From:** Stan Sparks [mailto:stan@discovermac.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:47 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wearing of Hunter Orange.

I have been hunting in Oregon for 30 years now. I have hunted both Archery and rifle. I honestly think you would be making a big mistake if you vote to make hunters wear Orange mandatory. It will create allot of tension against the ODFW, which is already raised due to the raising of all the fee's for Licenses and tags.

The safety record for Oregonians speaks for itself. Just compare it to Washington state's, who does have the wearing of Orange mandatory. Give Oregonians the credit they deserve, and please do not change anything.

**Stan Sparks**  
CNC Programmer / Estimator  
Water Jet / Router  
Mac Industries Inc.  
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**From:** steve [mailto:smvaportrail200@eoni.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:46 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

My Name is Steve McNeil and I have been hunting Oregon's forests and deserts for 45 years and have yet to see first hand any hunting accident. I feel that it should be up to personal preference as to wear or not wear hunter orange. It may be a good idea for the young hunters to wear the hunter orange, but as for adults I feel we can make up our own minds.

Sincerely  
Steve McNeil

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**From:** Steve-W7SAV [mailto:steve@w7sav.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:50 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Comment on Hunter Orange

Wearing of Hunter Orange is yet another Government intrusion into the life of Citizens "For their Own Good"... Oregon is doing just fine in hunter safety without the need for the Wearing of Hunter Orange.. The requirement for Hunter Safety Courses for our Minor Hunters does far more over a hunting lifetime to ensure hunter safety in the field.. Quit hunting for reasons for regulating the lives of Citizens and focus on REAL problems in our Oregon Wild Life preservation..

Here is one for ya... Shorten the hunting season to 4 weeks, all tags for all game using all weapons happen during this same time period.. Get the hunters in and out of the woods in the shortest time, let the animals then prepare themselves for the winter without a dragged out season keeping them on a constant run..

Our, how about rewriting the hunting regulations so a NON- Lawyer can understand them...

Steven Vermillion  
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-----Original Message-----

From: danpark@charter.net [<mailto:danpark@charter.net>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 10:51 AM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Hunter Orange In Oregon

Greetings,

I would just like to vote my support to continue the Oregon law as it is.

I am 55 and have hunted since I was 14. I grew up in Montana where hunter orange is mandated during rifle season. Personally, I wear the hunter orange when in populated hunting areas, but don't feel it should be mandated.

Dan Park  
Central Point. OR

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**From:** Dan Plum [<mailto:dan.plum@swansongroup.biz>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:50 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I do not want the state to tell me I have to wear hunter orange.

Thank you,  
Dan Plum

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**From:** Sherri Jones [mailto:sljon@qnect.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:59 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Do not mandate that Oregon hunters have to wear orange. Oregon hunters are safe hunters and should not be mandated to wear hunter orange. We need people to be responsible hunters and they will not learn this if every move they make is govern by more regulations

Sherri Jones

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**From:** Gary Pippin [mailto:garypippin65@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:07 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments  
**Subject:** proposed mandatory wearing of bright orange for hunting

I am fervently against any mandate about my dress while hunting. While you say that animals are somewhat color blind, they are very sensitive to any flash or reflection. **Bright orange does have a reflection and flash problem. Please do not make this a dress requirement.**

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**From:** David Bundy [mailto:golfchap@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:53 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

The proposed law mandating the wearing of hunter orange is an unwelcome intrusion into Oregon citizens rights, it should be left up to the individual if he or she is of legal age. Evidence that such a requirement would reduce accidents is controversial, unclear and open to debate. Hunter safety would be better served by improving the content of the Hunter safety course and perhaps requiring hunters to retake it every ten years.  
Respectfully

David Bundy  
Elmira Or 97437

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**From:** Csmppinc@aol.com [mailto:Csmppinc@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:11 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Huntrt Orange

Hunter Orange should be left voluntary over 17 yrs. of age.

David Mills



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Sandy, 97055

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**From:** EL JONES [mailto:eljones@cmspan.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:21 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter orange

I vote NO on imposing hunter orange in the state of Oregon. It is just THAT an IMPOSITION.

I'm sure the ODFW has far more IMPORTANT issues such as getting hound hunting back for bear and cougar.

I have been out 3 times this bear season, I saw 5 bears and 1 doe on one trip alone. 1 sow with 2 small cubs, and 2 yearlings in 2 different locations.

I live in Roseburg and hunt the Dixon and Indigo units, when I can go out and see in broad daylight and see a 5 to 1 ratio of large predators to prey there is a REAL SERIOUS issue that NEEDS to be dealt with.

I was born and raised in Glide Ore. 50 yrs ago and have cut timber and logged for 30 yrs and I spend an average of 300 days a year in the woods.

Ed JONES 541-670-0475

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**From:** Greg Hodgen [mailto:ponysoldier78@qwest.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:23 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO HUNTER ORANGE

DEAR SIRs,

I'M A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, I COME FROM AN OREGON PIONEER FAMILY AND HAVE LIVED AND HUNTED IN EASTERN OREGON ALL OF MY LIFE EXCEPT DURING MY TIME SPENT IN THE US ARMY.

I AM AGAINST HUNTER ORANGE BEING REQUIRED TO HUNT IN OREGON WITH THE EXCEPTION FOR FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO VOLUNTARY WEAR IT,

RESPECTFULLY

GREG HODGEN

Greg Hodgen  
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**From:** Bill Littlefield [mailto:[bvlittlefield@bendcable.com](mailto:bvlittlefield@bendcable.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:21 AM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange comments

Please do not make it mandatory for hunters to wear blaze orange in Oregon!

I've looked at the statistics and looked at the options. While I think it is admirable to try to make hunting as safe as possible, it does not make sense to require blaze orange for hunters. Here are a few reasons why:

- Oregon stats show that Oregon is already one of the safest states for hunters including much safer than states that already have a hunter orange requirement. The ODFW report makes this clear. Read it again and make sure you understand it.
- If it is truly unsafe to go into the woods when hunters are carrying guns and tags, then it is not just hunters that need to be concerned (and protected). If it is public safety that is at risk, then the legislature should require all users of the land to wear blaze orange when hunters are in the field. It makes no sense two people can go into the woods together during hunting season and the one who carries a gun is required to wear orange but the one who does not carry a gun is not required to wear orange. Which one is at greater risk of being shot by someone else? Statistics show it is the one without the gun.
- While last year there was a tragic accident that took the life of a teen while hunting. The real cause was not because this teen didn't wear orange. This unfortunate teen did nothing wrong. The cause was because the "shooter" didn't follow responsible gun handling practices. There are responsibilities that come with using a gun and one of them includes knowing your target and what lies beyond. No one should ever shoot a weapon without first knowing what lies down range. Anyone who takes another person's life or injures another because they shot "blindly" into the bush, should be prosecuted for manslaughter or murder just as we do for drunk drivers. Make the hunter who pulls the trigger pay if they act irresponsibly. Don't make all hunters pay because a few idiots go into the field.
- Freedom as we have known it in this country keeps disappearing. A little here and a little there. These freedoms are too rare and too precious to lose without overwhelming evidence that we have no choice. The freedom to choose what to wear is basic and should not be taken away.
- All too often, government punishes the masses for the actions of one or a few. Let's not make this mistake again. Have the courage to punish those who do not act responsibly. Don't be so cowardly to punish the masses because it is easier for you to do so.

*Bill Littlefield*

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

From: K McKee [<mailto:kayemc@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 11:17 AM  
To: [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
Cc: K McKee  
Subject: Hunter Orange debate

I would like to state my wish to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife that they NOT change the current regulations concerning wearing Hunter Orange while hunting. I do not personally hunt, but I know many others that do and I feel the need for new regulations on this matter has not been shown to be necessary or effective.

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

From: emerald dakota [<mailto:emeralddakota@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 11:38 AM  
To: [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
Subject: Hunter Orange

i feel very much that Hunter orange is quite effective. I use hunter orange as a vest and hat any time I am moving. Going in in the morning, coming out in the evening and any time I move locations. I even put it on if were I am sitting I see other people entering the area that I am observing. But during the time I am set "waiting". I am not a big walker, i don't travel great distances and I won't shoot a great distance either. So in view of what I described, i would still be inclined to vote for Option One.

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**From:** nayfam [<mailto:nayfam@clearwire.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:46 AM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** hunter orange

Please do not enact a hunter orange mandate. Oregon is already a safe place to hunt. We don't need another government intrusion into decisions that should be made on a personal level.  
David Nay

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**From:** Erich Rebenstorf [[mailto:erich\\_rebenstorf@yahoo.com](mailto:erich_rebenstorf@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:29 AM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Hunter orange requirements

Hello,

I believe no change should be made to the current Oregon statr requirements for hunters wearing orange. It should be up to the individual to decide what to wear.

Erich Rebenstorf  
Sherwood, Oregon

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**From:** don@dellco.net [mailto:don@dellco.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:48 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

My opinion, No to Hunter orange!

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**From:** cpopish@bendbroadband.com [mailto:cpopish@bendbroadband.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:49 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

In regard to your upcoming decision on the hunter orange mandate I would like to voice my opinion. I believe that no action should be taken. It is not the states place to mandate a dress code for its citizens. People can make these decisions for themselves. Hunters are not the only users of the outdoors and should not be singled out for safety concerns. If the state believes that hunter orange should be required for a hunter's safety, then it must also agree that it should be required for all outdoor users. This, of course, is ridiculous. We are in no need of any further Nanning, but thanks for your concern.

Sincerely, Chuck Popish

Chuck Popish

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Bend Or 97701

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**From:** Ted Wall [mailto:ted907@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:41 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Orange!

The public forests in SW Oregon are controlled by the Mexican Drug Cartels! One raid yielded a sniper rifle. By all means make the hunters wear orange!

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**From:** Richard W. Rooper [mailto:rwrooper@embarqmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:48 AM

**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Regulation opinion

My experience with hunter orange, is that years ago I all ways wore some kind of orange or red garment to identify myself in the woods. What I found out was that other hunters would see me move, for I was quite visible, and instinctively they would throw their rifle up and scope me to see what I was, when they saw movement. Many times I saw them way before they saw me, seeing that I was the target of their scope hairs, not knowing if their trigger finger, or safety was going off at the same time, made me hit the ground quite a few times. I switched to Full Camo clothing many years ago, I have never seen any one ever scope me again. Whether it was far away or up close. I have scared a few people who are so intent on looking for deer that they walk so close to me that I can touch them, and when I speak up and ask them how it's going they practically jump out of their shoes. I'm not saying that full camo is the answer, but I do feel that hunter orange does play some risk, it makes inexperienced hunters take notice of your movement. Getting them to identify you as a hunter, is the real problem. Shadows and dark woods, make it difficult to identify, what is a true target your hunting for. Orange just makes it easier to see movement and education is the only true factor that will make the hunter make sure what they see is the true target they are hunting for, before raising the whatever type of projectile he or she wishes to bring down the target. I do believe that young hunters should wear some kind of visible clothing until they have experienced more hunting years under their belt. Also for new hunters that are older that are just entering their first five years of hunting experience should wear some visible clothing. But experienced hunters should be left with the option to themselves as what to wear.

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**From:** Jim & Eileen Talburt [mailto:jetalburt@dcwisp.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:53 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I support the option of have those under the age of 17 years to be required to wear some orange while hunting. Those over the age of 17 years should not be required to wear hunter orange unless they want to. Thank you for considering my comments.

Jim Talburt  
7914 North Bank Road  
Roseburg, OR 97470

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**From:** don and gayle [mailto:dago2@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:59 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I have hunted big game in Oregon for over 50 years and have always worn a red hat or an orange hat while hunting. Because of Oregon's great safety record in regards to hunting I feel there should be no mandated law in regards to this issue. The decision to wear orange or not should be left up to the individual. Thank you. Don Okonek 413 N. Old Pac. Highway... Myrtle Creek, OR. 97457.....dago2@clearwire.net.

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**From:** Orval [mailto:orvtubbs@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:13 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter orange

I have been a hunter in Oregon since my teens and before with my Dad, so that dates back to the late 1930's. I was under the impression that you should wear orange so that other hunters can see you. But it really does not matter, in my opinion, if you wear orange, red or whatever, just be aware of who is around you.

Not a big issue and should NOT become law.

Orval Tubbs  
1699 N. Terry #26  
Eugene, OR 97402

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

**From:** Gordon Crisp [mailto:[crisparosa@clearwire.net](mailto:crisparosa@clearwire.net)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I do not support mandated wearing of hunter orange. I support free choice and free will to wear if it you want to. The money could be spent better on Hunter Education courses.

Gordon Crisp  
2795 Ball Rd.  
Eagle Point Or, 97524  
541 890 3021

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**From:** Elaine [mailto:elaine@bendbroadband.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:53 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Mandate hunter Orange

I want to express the opinion that I do not believe Oregon hunter should be required to wear Orange while hunting. Our hunters are careful and usually do use orange and other precautions while hunting. Government should not remove common sense from the general public, they should require everyone to think for themselves.

Thank you for your time.  
Clifford Kuehl  
Redmond OR

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

**From:** Darrin Thornton [<mailto:epsform@polysteel.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:14 PM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Hunter orange

Hello,  
Please I wish my voice to be heard. a NO vote on FORCING us to wear Hunter Orange. We are safe hunters in Oregon. We do not support the idea of Government forcing us to wear ORANGE.  
Darrin T.  
Eagle Point

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**From:** Lou and Jody Caracciolo [<mailto:ljcaracciolo@embarqmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:33 PM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Hunter Orange Mandate

I am opposed to any regulation that will require the wearing of any blaze orange garment during big game or upland bird hunting. The thing is, I wear it now when I think that it is necessary. If I am "still" hunting, I wear something, if I am "stand" hunting I keep something blaze orange concealed and display it if I see an approaching hunter. Hunters have always been quite obvious even when they are not wearing blaze orange. So, let us decide when and if it is necessary to wear blaze orange. We don't need any regulation regarding its use in Oregon. I would bet that most shooting accidents are due to the mishandling of firearms and not because of mistaken identity.

Louis Caracciolo

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**From:** Dan [<mailto:shadowosphere@cox.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:26 PM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Hunter orange

I would like to know why we have to keep having laws in this country that infringe on an individual's personal freedoms such as forcing people to wear hunter orange. Why can't we be allowed to make decisions that affect our personal safety and harm no other? Same as forced helmet laws and seatbelt laws. I think wearing hunter orange is a good thing but it's up to the individual. We humans should be intelligent enough to understand the repercussions of our actions, we also need to take responsibility for our actions. We need to stop with these types of laws for this becomes more and more of a facade of freedom every day. Please leave it to the individual to make the choice and not put ANOTHER law on the books. Thank you.

Dan M. Freeman

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**From:** injun51@comcast.net [mailto:injun51@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:33 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I believe that the mandatory hunter orange is best left up to those who hunt. If they feel the need to wear something that makes them more visible to others then it should be left up to the individual. I see no reason to impose on our rights as American citizens, a law that is so unnecessary. In my opinion there is no reason for people that have never hunted a day in their lives, to be setting forth laws that they "DO NOT" understand the reasoning for. I, as a hunter, have never thought to myself, Maybe there should be a mandatory law forcing everyone in politics to wear the same clothing type and color, and there's a very simple reason for that. I am not a politician. I do not live that type of lifestyle so I have nothing to compare it to. Therefore, people that have never hunted a day in their lives should not be imposing their misguided laws upon me and my fellow hunters. We are, for the most part, law-abiding citizens that police ourselves when in the woods. I have been, and always will be a friend of the outdoors and the animals that reside there. I believe that it is up to me and my fellow hunters to be vigilant enough to be safe and conscience of our surroundings when hunting. So please vote this very misguided and unnecessary law down, and leave it up to the people that actually live this life to decide for themselves. Thank you for your time and understanding. Sincerely, Charlie Hamel.

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**From:** GARY STAMEY [mailto:moparman36@q.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:**

I really see no valid reason to fix something that is not broken. As the stats show Oregon is a safe place for hunting as is. We [Oregonians] are respectful and responsible hunters and take it very seriously. This would be just another way to strip us of our freedom of choice. That to me is just not right or acceptable.

thank you,

GARY A. STAMEY  
AVID OUTDOORSMAN/OREGON HUNTER

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**From:** beckysands@comcast.net [mailto:beckysands@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:34 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter orange...Yes!



Yes, I urge officials to mandate hunter orange for all ages in Oregon. I'm a member of the NRA, but don't agree with their opposition to the mandate. I believe *any* gun related hunting incident in Oregon is one too many. In addition hikers, mountain bikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts should be educated and encouraged to wear orange during hunting season(s).

Thanks for your time,  
Becky Sands

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**From:** Jon Lucas [mailto:jlucas45@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:58 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Mandate to wear bright orange

Dear Sirs:

While it may seem to be a benovolant idea to make yet another "safety" mandate by requiring hunters to wear bright orange, the idea is not founded by facts and reality. Washington has a rate of 4.65 incidents per 100,000 license sales compared with Oregon's rate of 1.56 and Washington requires that hunters wear bright orange. By any use of reason, the data indicates a higher hazard wearing the bright orange in all situations. I happily support safety requirements that are founded in fact and supported by data, but this seems like it is just another expanding "government mandate" unsupported by facts and will do nothing to promote hunter safety except to cost more tax dollars for enforcement.

Most Sincerely,

Jonathan Lucas

Cornelius, OR 97113

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**From:** Scott Williams [mailto:hacksaw1950@rangeweb.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:44 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:**

I for one want to be seen by other hunters ; so i wear orange . Those who do not are knowingly taking the risk of misidentification . However : the choice should left to the hunters and not mandated by government .  
Therefore I would vote to maintain the status quo .

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**From:** johnandjane [mailto:johnandjane@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:59 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

## PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other  
Name: John Fisher  
E-mail: [johnandjane@charter.net](mailto:johnandjane@charter.net)

Comment: I don't like hunter orange. We don't seem to have a problem with wrongful shootings much and the last one that I know of was wearing orange! Please leave this out of the regs. we don't need it. I like the choice for all of us to decide ourselves!!

Myself and my friends hunt in camo mostly and have enjoyed watching people walk right by us if we stand still makes great conversation around campfire!

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

From: Steve & Judy Kaufman [mailto:[stevenjudy@sprintmail.com](mailto:stevenjudy@sprintmail.com)]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 12:49 PM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate

ODFW Comments.

Oregon has never needed a "Hunter Clothing Mandate" why do you at the ODWF feel there is a need to expand government?

What will the fine be for non compliance?

How many new law enforcement personnel will be hired to take advantage of this new cash cow?

As a taxpayer, what will enforcement of this proposed mandate actually cost me?

The next thing that will happen is you will find it necessary to raise license fees to help pay for "Enforcement"

Look at the big picture, is this really your decision to make? do you actually think we believe your intention is to protect us? Or just collect more money under the guise of "We know better than you do"

If people choose to wear orange then that is their choice not yours!

Leave the current status unchanged.

Steve Kaufman

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**From:** msgmht@aol.com [mailto:msgmht@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Not a chance.. Stick to what we pay you for and stay out of personnel choices with regards to Hunting apperall. Semper Fi

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

**From:** Larry Badten [mailto:larry@venmedia.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:54 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** orange

It is ridiculous for your department to continue considering rules requiring hunters to wear orange in light of facts such as OR v. WA safety records and the many other stats that clearly show that this sort of regulation does not induce common sense nor improve safety rates.

Please stop trying to regulate every aspects of our lives. Please respect the freedom of choice.

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**From:** jsmith7929@aol.com [mailto:jsmith7929@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:58 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Please do not pass the Hunter Orange to be a mandatory requirement.

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

**From:** Daniel Dreier [mailto:ddreier@thinkplango.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 1:07 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Oppose mandate for orange hunting gear

Dear Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,

I'm writing to oppose a mandate to wear orange while hunting. I'm not a hunter myself, so I don't have an immediate personal stake. Looking at the statistics presented at [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/safety/hunter\\_orange.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/safety/hunter_orange.asp), it looks to me like there have been 85 vision-related incidents recorded in the last 19 years, with approximately one fatality per year. Although any senseless death is a tragedy, this is not a large number of incidents - not enough to support a broad mandate. People are free to engage in much riskier activities - motorcycle racing, drinking

alcohol, enlisting to fight in wars overseas, and even simply having unprotected sex. In that context, it doesn't make a lot of sense to mandate a behavior that really doesn't marginally increase safety for each hunter by a heck of a lot.

I encourage you to support people in making good decisions, while ultimately allowing people to choose for themselves what level of risk is acceptable. I do think that mandates for people unable to make their own decisions - minors hunting with adults, for example - would be perfectly reasonable and responsible. Specifically, I believe that hunter education would be much more reasonable than a mandate. After seeing your statistic that virtually no hunters who wear orange get shot by accident, I've certainly changed my mind. Just learning that simple statistic has changed my view of orange hunter gear from gimmick to meaningful precaution.

Sincerely,

Daniel Dreier

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**From:** Kevin Bales [mailto:kjb2220\_1@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 1:18 PM

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

**Subject:** Mandatory hunter orange

To whom it may concern,

As I, Kevin Bales am unable to attend the meeting regarding the proposal of mandating Oregon Hunters to wear "Hunter Orange", Please accept this letter as my comment and stance on this topic. I feel that we as Oregonians should, as we always have in the past, have the choice as individuals as to whether or not we wear Hunter Orange while in the field. I believe especially with the recent increases for Hunting license, tags, and controlled hunt applications. That the state of Oregon has no right to dictate the clothes I wear, which in turn would force me to Purchase new hunting clothes.

Thank you for your attention,

Kevin Bales  
1528 SE Hillvale ln  
Toledo Or, 97391

541-270-6649

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**From:** Terry [mailto:onestepahead@fronternet.net]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 1:34 PM

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

**Subject:**

Dear ODFW:

I commend your actions in many areas; especially education and safety; along with certain game regulations and law enforcement. However; that is the extent that your involvement should extend. **Please do not over extend your involvement by mandating that hunters wear orange!** This decision should be left to the individual and not become a government mandate! Parents are the best educator for minors in the field; providing the necessary training for their minor children.

Again, please vote no on Hunter Orange. Thank for the positive work that you and your individual agents do provide.

Sincerely,

Terrell M. Stevens

*PO Box 237*

*Selma, OR 97538*

*onestepahead@frontiernet.net*

*(541) 415-2367*

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**From:** jimbo96 [mailto:jimbo96@ix.netcom.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 1:23 PM

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

**Subject:** Hunter Orange

To whom it may concern:

It is my opinion that there be no change to the status quo. No hunter orange should be mandated.

Thank you,

Jim Book

Portland, OR

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**From:** steve [mailto:steve004@localnet.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 1:30 PM

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

**Subject:** Oregon Hunter Orange Mandate

ODFW, Oregon Legislature,  
& anyone else it may concern:

There is an issue that you are creating here, that you are apparently not aware of. If you mandate Oregon hunters to wear orange you may protect **1** out of every **100,00** of them, **but you are putting everyone else that uses the woods AT RISK**. There are thousands of people who walk, hike, run, watch birds, and walk their dogs in the woods everyday that don't wear hunter orange clothing.

By mandating all hunters to wear orange you are giving "some hunters" the false sense that ALL people who would be in the woods will be wearing orange. This in turn tells them that anything they see that's moving and NOT wearing orange MUST BE GAME worth shooting.

I understand what you are trying to do here, but sometimes before passing laws you need to look at the big picture. What will you say when the first jogger, birdwatcher, dog walker, or hiker is accidentally shot & most likely killed? You and this law will be responsible when the first "non hunter" gets blasted by some ignorant so called "hunter" that shoots away at anything moving that's not wearing orange. WILL YOU ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY when this happens? I doubt it. Government never accepts responsibility for murders, rapists, robbers and the like, when they parole them and they kill again. Most times we never even hear an "I'm sorry" from any of you.

I have no axe to grind as a hunter as I have not hunted for about 30 years. (You can check Oregon hunting license records. I have lived in Oregon all my life, and have not purchased a hunting license since about 1980). This is just a bad law that affects way more people than just hunters, and you need to think more carefully before passing it.

Steve Thielke  
Grants Pass, Oregon

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**From:** Verl Pressnall [mailto:vpresnall@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 2:00 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate

As a young teen hunter I lived in a State that required Safety Orange be worn. Twice I had hunters across canyon's shoot in my general direction, one shooting just over my head. I also had a friend riding a grey mule while wearing safety orange shot off of the mule.

Most State's with safety orange requirements have a higher incident rate than those that allow camouflage. I feel that it made it easier for an uneducated idiot to see me and shoot in my direction. Even when bird hunting I have been splattered with shot while wearing safety orange because someone saw a flash of color and thought it was a pheasant.

Verl Pressnall  
Milton-Freewater, OR

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**From:** Ralph Gunch [mailto:rgunch@meritel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 2:24 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO to Hunter Orange

Hunter Orange Commission:

Here is what it is like out here in the farm land of Kings Valley:

If a resident goes hunting, I know my neighbors and where they like to hunt. We avoid contact with each other. There are a lot of large tracks of land, and us farmers know each other's preferred hunting areas. We are careful.

If someone comes here and asks to hunt, I give him a large sections of woods, and we try not to disturb him or his party. My neighbor does the same way. For God's sake, if he brings a hunting party, they all know they are there.

Second, I was raised on a ranch outside of Burns. When I was a kid, I would pick up my .218 Bee, and go shoot rabbits (a center-fire rifle). Now you will require a rancher to wear hunter orange, out on the desert with unlimited visibility? Just to shoot a jackrabbit?

I will admit, there are some idiots in this country. But do you want to saddle thousands of hunters because of a few idiots? For God's sake, there are some people who have good sense and are careful. Why saddle all of us with a regulation that is only needed some times or for some people.

Government Regulation keeps piling up. And please stop holding these commission hearings during harvest when we are so busy.

Ralph Gunch  
Elkins Road,  
Kings Valley, Oregon 97361

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

From: Larry Janke [<mailto:lj@centurytel.net>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 1:41 PM  
To: [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
Subject: Hunter orange

Oregon has one of the lowest hunting injury rate in the nation. If the

statistics can be trusted, approximately 1/3 of that in neighboring Washington which has an orange requirement.(not working so well there)The decision to wear orange should be left to the individual hunter. If the purpose of hunter safety education is to reduce the number of hunting injuries we have done pretty well so far. The majority

of hunting injuries I read about occur as a result of inexperience or a violation of basic ethics.Leaving out accidental discharge injuries, or injuries occurring beyond the shooters visual range.and orange clothing

is not going to help that, the majority of incidents involve the failure

to properly identify the target. The ethical hunter doesn't pull the trigger till he knows his animal is legal, i.e. antlered, antler-less etc. Hunter safety should more strongly emphasize ethics including the responsibility the person behind the gun assumes when going afield. It

is impossible to completely weed out irresponsible people, however we can and obviously have done a credible job without imposing another restriction which will drive more hunters away. We have lost too many now. If hunting is going to survive it needs to be driven by the freedom

it provides, not enmeshed in a network of rules and regulations which serve little or no purpose.

Thank you:

Laurence L. Janke JD, Sc.D

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**From:** Garystr3@aol.com [mailto:Garystr3@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 2:18 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Hello My name is Gary Siebdrath ., and I am very much opposed to mandatory HUNTER ORANGE rule! I have been hunting in Oregon for 50 years, and see no need for it! thank you GL Siebdrath

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**From:** Norm Pawlowski [mailto:normp@meritel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 2:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Vote for Option 1, NO HUNTER ORANGE

We oppose any change in the "Hunter Orange" requirement in the State of Oregon. In other words, we favor Option 1.

I am a farmer with a large track of land. I need to carry a center-fire rifle with me (in my pick-up), year around. You would require me to wear "Hunter Orange" on my own land, when I am the only hunter on my land?  
Be reasonable.

I have a problem with coyotes, so in essence, I am a hunter year around. Every so often, I grab my rifle and try to flush a coyote out of some of the patches of woods on my land. You would make me don orange for this event?

Coyotes can see color, as can cougar and bear.

I have a cougar living out here. I am afraid he may grab a grandchild. I have a cougar tag, and essentially, I am hunting cougar all season. You want me to wear "Hunter Orange" all the time?

My land is fenced as is my neighbors' land. We share roads and allow mutual hunting rights. We all know when someone is hunting in the area. Yet, you would have us wear "Hunter Orange" against our will.



There are hunting area where it should be up to the hunter to decide what he wears.

Any option other than Option #1, is unreasonable.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Norman E. Pawlowski  
Brateng Road,  
Monmouth, Oregon

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**From:** DICK THOMAS [mailto:dick.thomas@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 2:38 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** orange mandate

First and foremost: where/what is your justification to legislate any change in the current ruling that we in Oregon abide by?

To make change for no other reason than someone's inane idea is not forward thinking.

You have created too many such rules for no purpose than your own and this is not morally right. Please consider no change as it will not enhance any safety issue. To pick out children as a reason is childish at best.

Dick Thomas

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**From:** Otto Hurr [mailto:ottohurr@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 2:29 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Regarding Hunter Orange

Greetings Commission Members,

I respectfully request that you DO NOT mandate hunter orange for all ages.

If you think it is somehow necessary due to maturity, then something for youth under 17 may be a compromise.

Our country was founded upon freedom. To what level is the government going to stoop to assure "safety". We could put in the technology to assure that each and every driver never exceeds the speed limit at any time without a citation. GPS would enable this. (Yes, each of you would be receiving citations.) We can also mandate breathalyzer interlocked ignition systems. We could mandate all kinds of imposing rules, restrictions, laws, and such.

When I was in high school in the 70's I had the opportunity to travel to the Soviet Union. Yes, in the period of the "cold war". We all thought it so strange that one could not take pictures of train stations, airports, and other "special" places. We, in America, had "freedom" - and when we could talk with people over there, they could not comprehend this kind of "freedom".

Now we see all kinds of rules and regulations. Take pictures of a federal court house and chances are you will be identified by security, I know of several incidents.

In little ways, various parts of our government remove our freedom and often by good intentions. But there is a totality in their effect that significantly diminishes America's broad concept of "freedom".

One can certainly die by having a howitzer shell land on you. We have seen this where a county will have a major shift in power. (One could argue that Iran had major "freedoms" under the Shaw with dramatic changes after the overthrow.) However one will also die by 10,000 little razor blade cuts. Each individually may be insignificant. However 10,000 will lead to serious bleeding.

So please, don't mandate for all ages hunter orange. Respect the decency of individual people to discern the steps the deem necessary for safety.

Respectfully,

..Otto Hurr

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**From:** basalle@comcast.net [mailto:basalle@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 2:33 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Orange while hunting

I have hunted Oregon since I was 12 years old and the only times that I have been shot at I was wearing a red hat and red vest to make me visible to other hunters. I am 64 years old today and will be 65 in November. When I go hunting I wear complete camo and do face-paint also. I get around in the woods unseen and unheard and since I started hunting this way I have not been shot at. The last time I hunted with a red hat and vest on was over 20 years ago and that year

I got shot at by a hunter that saw something move and then took a shot at it before he figured out what it was. It is too easy to have a hunter out there with a case of "buck fever" see movement and take a shot without knowing what he or she is shooting at.

I, personally, am for leaving things as they are and allowing the hunter to choose what they want to wear out in the woods for hunting. I also think that there will be a lot of hunters that will do as I will even if the orange is mandated. That is, put the orange in the camo backpack and when law enforcement is seen then put it on. Otherwise, we will remain unseen, unheard and SAFE in the woods.

What we really need is better hunter education and maybe even a class for the adults, like the youths, for the adults to take. The first time I put my son on a herd of elk in a youth hunt he couldn't take a shot. When I asked him why, because the herd was only about 40 yards from us, he said, "Dad, don't you remember in the class they said if there was an animal behind the one you were shooting at you shouldn't take the shot because the bullet might go through the one you were shooting at and wound the one behind it." That is the kind of hunter that should be in the woods. Then there would be no need for this orange debate.

Oregon has a good record for hunter safety at this time and I don't think things should be changed.

Thank you for your interest in my thoughts.

[basalle@comcast.net](mailto:basalle@comcast.net)

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

From: Nelson's Custom Guns, Inc. [<mailto:nelsons-custom@comcast.net>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 2:55 PM  
To: [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
Subject: hunter orange

Gentlemen;

For 20+ years before moving to Oregon I hunted in Colorado under a mandatory orange outer garment rule. The only result was a carelessness

on the part of the hunters. "If it wasn't orange, it was fair game!"  
I

had hunters "checking me out" through their rifle scopes across open canyons even though my upper body and hat were clearly blaze orange. Oregon has one of the safest hunting records in the nation. Having the government mandate our clothing will not make the hunters any safer. All it will do is discourage yet more hunters and reduce even further the funds available for wildlife management in this wonderful state.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Nelson, custom gunmaker and happy Oregon hunter

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**From:** forestgrump@wildblue.net [mailto:forestgrump@wildblue.net]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 2:57 PM

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

**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Count my vote for Option 1. No change. Chris Greene 20650 ne laughlin rd yamhill, or 97148  
Thank you, Chris Greene

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

**From:** Jim Geddes [mailto:jimgeddes@frontier.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 3:15 PM

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

**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Please leave the status quo of no hunter orange requirements in place.

I do not want a government baby sitter and believe I can take care of myself just fine.

Thank you  
Jim Geddes

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**From:** shawn nicholson [mailto:lakeview912@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 3:06 PM

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

**Subject:** Orange mandate position

Hello. I'm e-mailing you to give my opinion on wearing orange. I feel if a mandate is considered, it should be for those under 17 years of age. Wearing orange should be left up to individual ADULT. Thank you. - Shawn

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**From:** Willie Bonillas [mailto:qwiktrees@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 3:43 PM

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

**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Leave the issue of wearing Hunter Orange as it is. This is no hard statistics that show the wearing of hunters Orange decreases hunting accidents, as there is No hard statistics that show ,not wearing hunter Orange increases a fore said accidents. That's like trying to say a certain color car is safer than any other or that a gun causes crime! And why in the heck are illuminated nocks illegal in this State? Do more at game management, rather than

pursue human management!  
William Bonillas

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**From:** billsprints@gmail.com [mailto:billsprints@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 4:21 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** no more regulation

We need to stop regulating everything. Let the hunter decide what he wants to wear. It is not the Governments place to regulate clothing.

Bill Coble  
billsprints@gmail.com

-----Original Message-----  
From: Tom Harris [mailto:[oldrider@charter.net](mailto:oldrider@charter.net)]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 3:48 PM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Safety Orange

Of the options listed, number 3 carries the most logic. While Oregon may indeed show better stats than neighboring Washington, the existing percentage is still too much to risk. I don't want my kids opting for a choice between who comes home in a game bag!!

Thank you for the opportunity to voice an opinion!

Tom Harris  
PO Box 389  
Keno Or.97627

-----Original Message-----  
From: Steve & Kathy Bedford [mailto:[bedfordsk@frontier.com](mailto:bedfordsk@frontier.com)]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 3:28 PM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: hunter organge

Dear Sir,

I'm in favor of ODFW requiring hunter orange. We must do what ever we can to make hunting as safe as possible. There is no fun in accidents. Please adopt a hunter orange requirement.

Thank you,

Steve Bedford

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**From:** hkmay24@netzero.net [mailto:hkmay24@netzero.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 4:04 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

To Whom it may concern,

I don't like the idea of required use of hunter orange clothing.  
I have been hunting in Oregon for 23 years and often wear an orange hat or pullover.  
There are also times that I prefer not to wear anything but camo.  
I feel the decision to wear hunter orange should be left up to the individual.  
Safety Training and Responsible Hunting is not improved by the use of orange clothing.

Please leave us a little freedom to make our own choice.

Thanks

Kevin Meyer

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**From:** Billy Geschwill [mailto:bgeschwi@wbcable.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 4:14 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange mandate

To whom it concerns:

I am a hunter in the state of Oregon. I am writing to let you know that I do not approve of a mandate to wear hunter orange. This is a FREE country, and I don't believe we need to add any more to the books, on this matter. As statistics prove, hunters in this state are very safe. We are smart enough to decide for ourselves, when orange is necessary. No need for big brother to step in where there isn't a problem. Please don't spend any more time or resources, on this illogical issue.

Thanks for considering,

Heidi M. Geschwill  
Woodburn, OR  
[bgeschwi@wbcable.net](mailto:bgeschwi@wbcable.net)

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**From:** Ken Park [mailto:redthunderloft@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 4:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

I'M in total favor of it ,we all should have to wear it,as its good to be seen & not get shot at.THANX KEN..

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**From:** hawkenflint54@aol.com [mailto:hawkenflint54@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 4:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** mandatory hunter orange

I believe that a hunter under the age of 18 should have to wear at least an orange hat. A hunter older than that should be able to wear what they wish in regards to orange clothing. Oregon is proven to be a safe state for hunting in and probably will continue to be so if the status quo is kept. Thank You for listening to the hunting public on this matter, sincerely Tom Andreas, Salem, Or.

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**From:** Ryan Sauvageau [mailto:ryans@wbcable.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 4:27 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wearing Orange

If I want to wear orange I would. Don't tell me how to dress. Don't pass this law.

Ryan Sauvageau  
3154 Oak St.  
Hubbard, OR 97032

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

**From:** Wayne Law [mailto:Wayne.Law@pgn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 4:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate in Oregon

As an Oregon resident, I am opposed to mandated use of Hunter Orange in Oregon.

These facts from the NRA speak for themselves:

Oregon is already a safe state for hunters, especially when compared with its neighbor Washington, which has imposed a hunter orange mandate.

Washington has a rate of 4.65 incidents per 100,000 license sales compared with Oregon's rate of 1.56.

The record shows that Oregon's hunters can be trusted to make decisions about hunter orange that best fit their personal circumstances. Even in this era of ever-expanding government mandates, the decision to wear hunter orange should be voluntary and left up to the individual.

Respectfully,

Wayne Law  
14985 NW Logie Trail  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

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**From:** Phil & Sherri [mailto:janzen@afo.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 4:52 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunters orange

Our family has many hunters. Most of the time, my husband insists on the boy's wearing hunter orange vests when they go out, but sometimes, he does not. Hunters are some of the most conscientious and responsible people I know. The government should not be in the business of nit picking everyone to the point of what you have to wear or not wear when hunting. Freedom in our country is important and we should respect it and not tread on it. While many may think it is a good idea, the fact is, the decision and consequences should reside with the individual, not with the government.

Thank you,  
Phil and Sherri Janzen  
11460 SE Eola Hills Rd.  
Amity, OR 97101-2409

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**From:** McMillins [mailto:birdlegs@crestviewcable.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 4:59 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange in Oregon

I strongly oppose any mandate by ODFW and/or The State of Oregon that requires hunters to wear hunter orange while hunting in Oregon. Such a decision on whether to wear hunter orange, or not, should be left to the hunter or the hunter's guardian in the case of under age hunters. Oregon's hunter accident statistics do not warrant such a mandate. Oregon hunters are safe with Oregon's current hunting regulations without adding more regulations that are unnecessary. Thank you for your consideration of this message in your debates.

James I. McMillin  
752 NE Owens Rd.  
Prineville, Oregon  
97754

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**From:** Guy M Cordova [mailto:1gmc@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 5:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Orange Mandate

As a property owner and tax payer of this great state of ours, I do not want to see this 'Orange Mandate' to go into effect. It is just one more chip away at our freedom of choice as an American.



We are a free people, if we make a poor choice in our actions we will be the first to be aware. We are not a third world country that needs to be under some form of policed authority.

Thank You, Guy M. Cordova  
221 Center Ave  
Brownsville, OR 97327  
Ph. 541-619-4862

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**From:** Floyd Hulsey [mailto:fhulsey@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 5:06 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Mandate

I don't know what the problem about hunter orange is in your state. This is a requirement that should be **nationwide** for safety issues. As a hunter for over 60 years, I've seen situations where even wearing hunter orange didn't keep some people from being shot at. Of course I'm referring to those idiots who make "sound shots" before they recognize what the hell they're shooting at. My brother-in-law was almost killed because of a "sound shot" when he coughed and some idiot 75 yards away turned and fired. The bullet hit just 18" above Wiley's head, and the only thing that saved him was the fact he was sitting down at the time. He had on an orange hat, orange jacket, and orange pants! I was sitting within 75-100 yards from him and had him in sight the whole time when this occurred. Needless to day, we escorted this dumb s\*\*t out of the woods and told him not to come back or HE might get shot.

Get real people!!! Hunter orange should be required ANYTIME someone is hunting. They do make camoflauge hunter orange outfits, I guess you know. If you don't, better read up on it.

Floyd R. Hulsey (long time hunter and fisherman)

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

From: Ronne Trembly [mailto:[rhowardtrembly@earthlink.net](mailto:rhowardtrembly@earthlink.net)]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 5:19 PM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject:

In states that wear orange the death rate is often higher than Oregon. Why do politicians always try to create a new law where one is not necessary? Maybe the people should start working on de-funding odfw. Years ago, a close friend of my cousin was sitting on a stump in the middle of a large field wearing a full suit of orange.. He was shot twice from two different locations by two different rifles. The first time when he was sitting on the stump, the second when he had slid to a sitting position against the stump. One man talked about it to his drunken friends and was caught, the other never was. When questioned he said he just couldn't resist the bright orange target! This happened in Colorado in the mid fifties. I remember my cousin showing pictures of his friend and telling my uncle that he would never wear orange in the woods again.

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**From:** Art Jessee [mailto:art@hideawayhost.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 5:46 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

Dear Sirs or Madams;

Regarding the proposed mandate for hunter orange in Oregon, most everyone I know desires to leave the status as is. If the final decision is to require some orange, please include orange camo as an option. I personally wear some orange camo while hunting in any location that may include other hunters nearby, but the choice to wear it should remain up to each individual. Thanks for considering my thoughts.  
Art Jessee

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**From:** Eagle Cap Fishing [mailto:mac@eaglecapfishing.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 6:02 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** NO HUNTER ORANGE!

Dear Commissioners,  
Oregon does not need a hunter orange mandate. The fatality and accident statistics used in this debates' argument are skewed and fallacious. Hunters in Oregon have done fine and will continue to do fine without this additional invasion on our liberty and our option to make personal decisions about conducting our personal lives.  
Hooray for those that choose to wear orange, but don't shove it down my throat!  
Earl Huff  
Joseph, Oregon

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

From: Erik T [mailto:gorgeanimal@clbb.net]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 6:02 PM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Hunter orange mandate

ODFW:

A lot of hunters will say that mandating hunter orange is a restriction on their liberty (and to some extent they are right) but the plain truth is that it reduces the number of mishaps in the field.

I have been wearing a blaze orange hat and vest since I started hunting 42 years ago; I will not step into the woods during rifle hunting seasons without it. Despite that, a bullet missed me by about 20 ft. I was behind a screen of trees on the edge of a large clearcut and I am certain the person who fired the shot could not see me. That is the only close call I have ever had.

When I meet hunters and non-hunters who are not wearing at least a blaze orange hat I encourage them to consider it.

I believe the potential to reduce injuries and save lives so greatly outweighs the tiny restriction of our liberty that requiring the use of hunter orange is justified.

Erik Toristoja  
P O Box 20834  
Portland OR 97294

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**From:** TonyO [mailto:tonyok@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 6:14 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wearing Hunter Orange

To Whom It May Concern:

I believe that it should be left up to the individual hunter, whether or not to wear the "Hunter Orange". The state of Oregon has had less accidents per capita of hunters than that of other states...i.e. (Wisconsin). Sincerely, Tony Okonek

2849 Juanipero Way  
Medford, Or. 97504

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**From:** Russell [mailto:russw36@bendbroadband.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 6:43 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I would like to continue to have the option to wear orange be my choice. I don't believe we need any more laws clouding hunting issues in Oregon. We seem to be under staffed and under budgeted in every part of our state services, adding more enforcement and laws is going to take away time money and services from real issues.

Thank you for your time  
Russell White  
541 279-3674  
20610 Wildgoose Ln  
Bend, OR 97702

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

From: Marsha/Bryan [mailto:[shuckmnt@wildblue.net](mailto:shuckmnt@wildblue.net)]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 6:48 PM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: hunter orange

The government needs to get out of our faces. Are these people constantly making new regs to justify their presence, or are they

slowly trying to turn us socialist? Back off. We are old enough to decide what we want to wear.

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**From:** dste601 [mailto:dste601@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 6:48 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

I believe that we as individuals should have the choice to wear hunter orange when the circumstances arise. The decision to wear hunter orange should be voluntary and left up to us as individuals. Thank you, Derek Stephens

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**From:** Bob Savage [mailto:rsavage@q.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 7:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

I do not support make wearing hunter orange mandatory for hunters. How-ever if you do make wearing hunter orange mandatory; it should be for everyone. Archery, rifle, waterfowl, and up-land birds (including turkey) hunters. Also any-one else that is out in the wild i.e. ( photographers, campers, hikers, and people fishing just to name a few).

It is not fair to single out one group of people over another group of out door enthusiasts.

Thanks,  
Victor Savage

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

From: milton@bendbroadband.com [mailto:milton@bendbroadband.com]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 7:14 PM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Hunter Orange

I totally dis agree with this Government sponsored agenda . There is no proof that Orange is going to keep a hunter safer a field . Especially from STUPID PEOPLE with a gun that do not IDENTIFY the target before pulling the trigger. If anything you may be making some one become a target . I am sorry that our government has become so over focused on TRYING to protect and over regulate everything . I am really discussed !

I have been hunting and fishing since 1970 , I am a Master Hunter for Oregon , I have guided for living , I have educated and trained others,  
XXXXXXXXXXXX education is the answer to safety  
XXXXXXXXXXXX

NOT REGULATION !!!!!

John Milton 20270 Jonathon Ct , Bend Oregon 97701

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**From:** Dale Payne [mailto:dpayne@cascadeaccess.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:02 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Comment on Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate in Oregon

Comment on Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate in Oregon

September 27, 2010

*Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting*  
Deschutes Co. Services Building  
Board of Commissioners Room  
1300 NW Wall Street, Suite 200  
Bend, OR 97701-1960

Sirs;

I have read your statistics on the study of Hunter Orange and to make it mandatory in this state. To consider the argument "to be seen" as it relates to the operation of motor vehicles is best implemented by driving with the headlights turned ON in all hours and in any weather condition. The mandatory law of requiring seat belts would be avoid injury from an accident, whereas the headlight laws emphasize visibility. My wonder is that if they cannot see bright/blaze orange, what is next: flashing lights? or human detection systems on firearms? or have an attorney present while hunting to advise when it is OK to shoot?

My point of this is the worry of "over regulation" of the hunting laws. We do not need more rules and laws -- we need smarter people. And no amount of laws can accomplish this, so I ask that you just leave us alone.

Respectfully,  
Dale Payne  
14216 State Hwy 38  
Elkton, OR. 97436  
[dpayne@cascadeaccess.com](mailto:dpayne@cascadeaccess.com)

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**From:** Marvin Parker [mailto:parker36331@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:20 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter orange mandate.

This is another intrusion of government into the individual's right to choose, even if it is the right to make a stupid choice. If I am concerned for my safety and I choose to wear

hunter orange so be it. If I am not concerned about my safety than let me choose to wear my gully suit and face paint. The first obligation of the hunter is to know what he/she is shooting at and that it is an ethical shot. If the guy in a gilly suit looks like a spring bear I would think that would be on his/her head. Will the hunter orange mandate also apply to the illegal aliens tending the pot gardens that are abundant in our forests?

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**From:** Kelly Hockema [mailto:kellyhockema@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:23 PM

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

**Subject:** Orange garments

ODFW: First your organization is one of the worst buracracy's in the state. You have killed off the blacktail deer populations, you have made fools out of yourselves on the "spotted owl" issue, not building even one aviary to save the species. Your policy's conveniently never affect urban areas where plenty of our native species lived. Your policy on COHO is a complete joke. You allow thousands to be caught with live bait in the ocean then tossed back to the seals with their gills bleeding when the fin is recongnized as not being clipped. Your harbor seal managment is laughable, look at Alsea bay where you have 1200 and the seal studies of 1961 show and prove about 50-60 seals is all the bay can handle. Nobody is accountable in ODFW. Why haven't we helped our native runs of salmon more? Commorants continue to kill all our smolts in the estuary. The estuaries of most all coastal towns such as Newport, Waldport continue to have household chemicals disposed into them with no oversight. There is absolutly no reason that we cannot have at minimum 75% of historic salmon runs here on the coast, and you want to expand your power so game cops can hand out tickets to those of us who will never wear orange to satisfy the crooked lobbyist that bought you dinner at Ilahee, you just need to be exposed and it is coming, we have enough government here in liberal Oregon

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**From:** Jeff Gottfried [mailto:56tbird.jg@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:43 PM

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

**Subject:** do NOT mandate hunter orange. The current rule is perfectly adequate

Oregon is already a safe state for hunters, especially when compared with its neighbor Washington, which has imposed a hunter orange mandate. Washington has a rate of 4.65 incidents per 100,000 license sales compared with Oregon's rate of 1.56. The record shows that Oregon's hunters can be trusted to make decisions about hunter orange that best fit their personal circumstances. Even in this era of ever-expanding government mandates, the decision to wear hunter orange should be voluntary and left up to the individual.

Thank-you

Jeff Gottfried

2309 NW Hummingbird Drive

Corvallis, OR 97330

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

From: dnljones@bendbroadband.com [<mailto:dnljones@bendbroadband.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 8:52 PM

To: odfw.comments@state.or.us

Subject: Hunter Orange

As a hunter for over fifty years and a Hunter ed instructor for many years, please, no hunter orange mandate. We're all adult enough to make that decision ourselves.

At what point does government get the message, "quit meddling with peoples personal lives."

Dennis Jones

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**From:** Danforthor@aol.com [<mailto:Danforthor@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:59 PM

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

**Subject:** Hunter Orange, NO!!

We really don't need the almighty all powerful State dictating how I need to dress. If such interference becomes the rule, the result will be simply fewer people going hunting. Perhaps that is really the goal here.

Dave Danforth

Fort Klamath, OR

A safe hunter that promotes and teaches safe hunting; WITHOUT GOD DAMN ORANGE and without your interference!

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

From: Brian LaMetterey [<mailto:brian@lametterey.org>]

Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 8:59 PM

To: odfw.comments@state.or.us

Subject: Comments re: Mandatory Blaze Orange

To Whom it may concern,

I am a Master Hunter and former Hunter Education Instructor, hence I consider myself informed on the topic at hand. I strongly oppose making

the wearing of blaze orange mandatory for hunters.

Just because 40 other states require orange doesn't make it right. It just means that Oregon is one of the few states that respects an

individual's ability to decide for themselves. Additionally, with Oregon's very low incident rate, this feels like a solution looking for a problem. You cannot achieve a 0% incident rate without stopping hunting altogether - that's just how statistics work.

ODFW has a very successful Hunter Education program. It's purpose is to

educate, and it obviously fulfills that purpose quite well. By all means, continue to make people aware of the statistics and encourage them to consider their decision - but don't force all hunters to behave in the way others see fit. I urge the Commission to take option 1, which is to leave things as they are.

Regards,  
Brian LaMetterey

Sherwood OR

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**From:** Phil and Lynda [mailto:philynda@wildblue.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:15 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** comment

**I have been hunting in Oregon for 50 years and I believe it should be voluntary and left up to the individual whether they want to wear orange while hunting. this is just another freedom of choice taken away from us.**  
**Phil Peterson**

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**From:** Brian Swensen [mailto:bswensen@wvi.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:29 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange Mandate

I disagree with any mandate that requires specific clothing being worn while hunting. I do not currently wear orange while hunting in Oregon, and I have never had any incidents that orange would have prevented. On the other hand I was a resident of the state of Utah years ago. They do have the orange mandate. I had several near miss's while wearing the orange. So from my hunting experience that is now 45 years in the works, orange has never helped make my hunting safer. Oregon already has a good safety record.

**If it isn't broke don't fix it.**

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**From:** steven allard [mailto:spallard@gmx.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:03 PM



**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange no chnge

Me and those around me think we have a very safe activity with voluntary hunter Orange.

Thankyou!

Steven Allard  
38814 Robinson DR.  
Scio, 97374

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**From:** Stan and Gladie Benson [mailto:bensonsandg@gorge.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 10:21 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

Dear commission members,

Oregon has a good safety record with a low number of firearm "accidents" where one hunter shoots another. In light of our record and the record of states with the orange requirement it does not seem necessary to implement the color rule. With certain visibility requirements that you might impose, it is possible that anyone that carries a pack on their back will have to go out and buy new equipment. the same applies to any expensive clothing that is now in use. This is a burden that many might find they can not do without a job, a situation many find them selves in today.

As I understand it, you are going to hear an impassioned plea from the father of a careless "accident" victim. We have too much reaction in this country to the isolated situation and following them with far reaching rules. It is to the point that if anything bad happens we rush out to make a rule. When we look t the statistics in Oregon and states with the orange requirement we find that we are better than many states with the requirement.

Quite obviously, if money were the only argument it would not be a very valid argument but here it is just one point that goes along with the lack of a demonstrated need.

Yours truly,

Stanley Benson

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

**From:** Jim Weill [mailto:[jweill@hevanet.com](mailto:jweill@hevanet.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:21 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter orange

I am not in favor of any hunter orange requirements in Oregon at this time.

I have had no unsafe incidents in 37 years of hunting in Oregon. I do choose to wear a bright color when packing out game.

Thanks for your consideration of this input.

James H. Weill  
503-638-2400

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**From:** patrick juliano [mailto:patrick.a.juliano@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 11:26 PM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate in Oregon --> \*not\* in favor

To Whom It May Concern:

I am \*not\* in favor of more laws dictating the clothing that hunters can wear. I think it is unfortunate that you're using tax payers' money (including taxes I pay) to discuss this topic. Why isn't OK to leave "well enough" alone?

This is a personal decision that is best left to individuals and families.

Patrick A. Juliano

-----Original Message-----  
From: Lynn Lamm [mailto:chiefcop@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 11:35 PM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Hunter Orange

Please do not make a decision in favor of mandating hunters to wear orange....I have been hunting since I was ten years old and I am now 66....I have always found it to safer if one is not seen rather than a flash of something bright moving through forested or brushy terrain. I have wore camo for years and have never so much as had a close call .....In fact, this goes for all of my family members (sons, uncles, cousins and their fathers) over the last fifty years. What is next with govt. mandates? Snake proof boots....mandatory scopes or binoculars....enough is enough....Hunter training is the key and we do that well in Oregon....lets not get into clothing mandates.....Lynn F. Lamm, Po Box 1332, Cottage Grove, Oregon

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**From:** Jerry Bradley [mailto:jdbcab@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 3:29 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

leave alone

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**From:** rjwill [mailto:rjwill@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 5:56 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** No Orange

*Hunter orange should be left up to the individual!!!*

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**From:** John Ahlbin [mailto:johnahlbin@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 6:13 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunters orange

Just like the issue of archery hunters caring a pistol during archery season which the legislature stated that ODFW authority was to set hunting seasons and the weapon used. ODFW has no authority to establish a required dress for hunters.

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From: 1201ccfems@centurytel.net [mailto:1201ccfems@centurytel.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 8:27 AM  
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us  
Subject: Hunter Orange Discussion

Greeting ODFW,  
Please accept these comments for inclusion in the Hunter Orange Discussion and Decision in progress.

I am completely in support of hunter and firearm safety in Oregon. That being said, I have not yet seen or read any convincing evidence that mandating Hunter Orange in Oregon would contribute significantly to either. Oregon's record of hunter safety is significantly better than Washington's even with their requirement for the use of Hunter Orange.

I believe that Oregon's long history of supporting and requiring Hunter Safety Education, for children, is a much more effective way to improve hunter safety in Oregon. Every Oregon hunter, regardless of age, would benefit from and should be required to complete, a mandatory Hunter Safety Education Course. Education, not clothing, is the way to improve hunter safety in Oregon. This helps to improve knowledge of firearms and archery equipment, operations and safety, hunter ethics, and legal aspects knowledge and information. Requiring a specific color of clothing accomplishes none of these things and creates a false sense of security in novice/uninformed hunters and the public.

I urge you to reject any change in the Hunter Orange requirements in Oregon, this should remain voluntary. If you want to improve safety, please consider my suggestion above and require mandatory Hunter Safety Education classes prior to being able to hunt or purchase hunting licenses or tags in the State of Oregon.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Cramblit  
37546 Wallace Creek Road

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**From:** Tom [mailto:Tom@Laskey-Clifton.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 8:27 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Hunter Orange Mandate

ODFW does not have the right to tell us what to wear while hunting, it is an individual choice. Please leave the choice up to us, the hunters.

Tom Wright

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**From:** Fisher [mailto:fisherx2@wildblue.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 7:34 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

Please do not shove more laws down the publics throat that they do not want. To the person, I have not talked to one hunter that would be in favor of being forced to wear orange. I have no idea who has proposed this most unpopular change. This is not what hunters want. why would a hunter spend hundreds of dollars on camouflage clothing if they wanted to be seen as a giant orange moving through the woods. Please listen to the hunters that buy the licenses and tags.

thank you

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**From:** Walt Alice Heron [mailto:heroneng@q.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 8:21 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** comments on hunter orange

I was raised in Montana where hunter orange is mandatory. I helped carry out a hunter that had been shot through the leg while hunting. He was riding a roan horse and was wearing an orange cap and blue jean jacket and pants. His horse was mistaken for an elk that the shooter was pursuing. My party had spotted the hunter and horse earlier in a meadow and the only way we could tell it was not an elk was by using binoculars. Therefore, I would recommend hunter orange clothing mimimum of a full orange jacket, not just a cap. I personally wear at least a full orange jacket while in the woods during hunting season. P.S. The man die on the way to the hospital.

Walt Heron

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**From:** Don Soto [mailto:donsotojr@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 9:12 AM

**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** hunter orange

My name is Don Soto,

I've been hunting in Oregon for over 25 years. I would say that a hunter orange **HAT** on kids under 17 is very good idea because they are still learning how to handle themselves in the woods, but after that age you should be able to choose for yourself if you want to wear orange at all. **I would NOT choose to make people wear orange if the don't want to.** Our state is very safe because of the way we train our kids and the way they train their kids. We are a state that is built on a very good and safe tradition of hunting. The programs that we offer to the youth are awesome, and we should keep doing the things that we are for a long time. ORANGE clothing is not doing to stop the FEW that ruin it for everyone else. They will keep poaching, shooting into the brush, not seeing target and beyond and doing the stuff that make people want to try to run our recreation.

Don Soto  
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**From:** Lawrence, Jeffrey (PA) [mailto:JLawrence@ohvi.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 8:21 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** orange

Again please choose option 1 No orange required.

Thank you.

Jeffrey Lawrence  
Adam Specht  
Warren Glover

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**From:** Steve Berger [mailto:steveberger1@frontier.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 1:28 PM  
**To:** ronald.e.anglin@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Mandatory use of blaze orange

To whom it may concern: I am not in favor of blaze orange or any other color . I should be able to dress in any color I choose.i have hunted for over 44 years,mostley in camo & have never an incident. Sincerely Stephen Berger  
hunter id#140950

**From:** tug bettylou [mailto:tugbettylou@tidewater.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 9:16 AM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us; Roy.elicker@state.or.us;

odfw.commission@state.or.us

**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I do not agree with mandatory hunter orange. The last thing we need is more rules. My 13yo daughter hunts with me and she wears an orange vest most of the time when we are hiking. It usually depends on how many hunters are around and how remote our location will be. I wear it sometimes when I want to be seen. But sometimes I don't want to be seen. This is supposed to be a free country. But many of our freedoms are slowly dwindling away. Why don't you just leave us alone. Next time you want to impose something mandatory impose it on yourself only. Here's an idea. Why don't we make pedestrians wear orange so they don't get hit by vehicles. I'll thank you in advance for your consideration. Edward Olson (503)791-2204 Email-olson5340@centurytel.net

**From:** Rod Harder [mailto:rodharder@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:17 AM

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

**Cc:** Tara Mica; Rod Harder

**Subject:** NRA position on Hunter Orange

Dear Commissioners,

As you may remember, at the June 4, 2010 Commission hearing on Hunter Orange I testified in support of Option One, the "No Change" option. I also submitted written testimony from my client, the National Rifle Association of America Inc., in support of the "No Change" option. Our position remains the same.

We respectfully request that you each support Option One at the Bend hearing this Thursday and Friday.

Best Regards,  
Rod Harder  
Oregon Consultant,  
National Rifle Association of America Inc.

**From:** Glenn Summers [mailto:riversbend@embarqmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2010 6:16 PM

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

**Subject:** The Hunter Orange controversy

Greetings; I have attached a few comments on the hunter orange controversy for your meeting this week. Hopefully it will influence your decision. Thanks for your time and trouble.

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Glenn Summers  
296-5949

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

From: Mark Esbenshade [<mailto:mshade@peak.org>]  
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2010 2:06 PM  
To: Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us;  
Roy.elicker@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us  
Subject: Hunter Orange

September 26, 2010

To Ron Anglin, Curt Melcher, Roy Elicker, and the Commission:

I have been hunting, fishing, hiking, playing, and sometimes living in the woods for over 35 years and I am strenuously opposed to having someone tell me I have to wear some particular color of clothing while I'm hunting. I'm sick and tired of all the rules, regulations, fees, restrictions, and hassles. You already take too much of my money, now leave me alone!

I am afraid there will always be the idiot out there who shoots without looking or caring what he is shooting at, however our society is living proof that you can't successfully legislate or cure stupidity. Would this apply to hunters that are calling predators? Why would upland bird hunters be required to wear orange but not turkey hunters? What about waterfowl hunters? If hunter orange is so safe, shouldn't bow hunters wear it too? How would you enforce this? Would you attempt to fine a guy carrying a loaded weapon out in the woods for wearing the wrong color clothes? You might want to rethink that idea!

What is the current number of hunting license purchasers per capita as compared with ten years ago? There is an interesting theory in business that if your bottom line numbers are down, you decrease prices and relax restrictions in order to stimulate increased sales.

Is this an infringement of my constitutional rights under the first amendment? There are some courts in this country that might think so.

What is your reasoning for making this decision on hunter orange the day before deer hunting season opens all over the state? Is this blatant subterfuge to avoid input from those most affected by this decision?

I have tried very hard to keep this short so you would read it, but if you want more I'd be happy to further expound on the subject.

Thank you for your time, and please don't take away another of my freedoms of choice.

Mark Esbenshade

[mshade@peak.org](mailto:mshade@peak.org)

**From:** Mike Cabbage [mailto:cabbage@web-ster.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2010 1:06 PM  
**To:** curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange  
**Importance:** High

Mr. Melcher,

I have wrote into Mr. Elicker about the "Hunter" orange meeting.  
I think as adults we should have the right to decide to wear or not to wear  
"Hunter" orange depending on the type of game and place we are hunting.

Thank -you for your time,

~ Mike Cabbage ~  
Canby, Oregon

**From:** chris Johanson [mailto:wickiupworks@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2010 12:00 PM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Curt.melcher@state.or.us; Roy.ellicker@state.or.us;  
odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunter Orange

I have been hunting since I was 12, I am now 34, I disagree with Mandating hunter Orange.

- If blaze orange is so safe, why not require it for all outdoor activities, such as hiking, biking, mountain climbing, back packing, camping, fishing, wildlife viewing, mushroom picking, etc?
- Bad timing: Quality of deer and elk hunting is declining, tags are being reduced, ODFW just got a 20% fee increase that has upset a lot of hunters, and now this. Once again hunters are being asked to pay more for less, and now they're being subjected to an added regulation with an added expense. This can only result in more hunters quitting.
- Hunters are a dying breed. Do not make wearing hunter orange mandatory, if you find that you must make it mandatory for hunters then Make it a requirement to wear while involved in all outdoor activitys as stated above. Do not continue to make hunters a dying breed by making Blaze orange mandatory. Thanks for your time. C. Johanson

**From:** Bart Grabhorn [mailto:busbart@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 5:21 PM  
**To:** Curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** no orange

No Orange requirement.

Bart Grabhorn



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

From: Family [<mailto:andyLou@opusnet.com>]  
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 8:34 PM  
To: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
Subject: Hunter Orange

Folks,

Please do not mandate Hunter Orange. I do feel this is a matter of personal freedom. All the pro's and cons are being argued as we speak, on the internet forums as you probably well know, so no need to go into it here.

Thank You, for considering my position.

-- Andy J. Johnson  
Rainier Oregon

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**From:** Bruce [<mailto:coolwater@mcsi.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 5:29 AM  
**To:** [Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us](mailto:Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** BLAZE ORANGE

SIR:

I do not support the MANDATORY use of Blaze Orange or any other color. It should be my choice of what I wear.

Bruce Moore  
Roseburg, OR.

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**From:** Ron Berger [<mailto:ronberger1@frontier.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 10:09 AM  
**To:** [ronald.e.anglin@state.or.us](mailto:ronald.e.anglin@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Mandatory use of blaze orange

I AM VERY UPSET TO THINK I MAY BE TOLD WHAT I CAN WEAR WHILE HUNTING. MANDATORY USE OF BLAZE ORANGE IS JUST LOSING ONE MORE OF OUR RIGHTS.

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**From:** sgant [<mailto:sgant@bendbroadband.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 10:28 AM  
**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** wearing orange

Hi

I just heard that you were voting on whether or not hunters have to wear orange and that people are against it. I just want to say that I hope you do make it a law because people are too stupid to wear orange during rifle season without being told to do so.

I am a lifetime hunter and have always worn bright colors. I cant tell you how many times I have scoped a deer then seen a hunter in camo appear out of no where. It scares me to death. If I cant see them how can I prevent from shooting them if they are in my line of sight?

Once my husband, a very responsible and experienced hunter, shot at a deer and I popped out of the trees near him. I saw the buck turn and run between us and my husband was aimed and ready focusing on the buck in his sights. I hit the ground face first and remained there until the shooting had stopped. I was wearing a red sweatshirt that blended with the ponderosa tree trunks. Since then I am the poster child of flame orange.

We are the freaks in the Paulina unit that dress in orange. Nearly everyone else that we see are camo clad. Stupid, stupid, stupid. We are always successful and my bright orange color does not interfere with my success. I have had deer nearly run over me and stand and let me walk right up on them while I'm wearing flame orange because they did not catch my scent.

Just saying.

Thanks  
Sherrie Gant

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

From: Vidourek, Andrew W CPT NGOR [<mailto:andrew.vidourek@us.army.mil>]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 10:24 AM  
To: [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
Subject: Hunter Orange (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

My name is Andrew Vidourek, I have been hunting in Oregon for almost 10 years. Please do not make the wearing of hunter orange mandatory. It is unnecessary, and will limit the effectiveness of our Hunters.

V/R

Andrew Vidourek

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

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**From:** JD [mailto:jimr9@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 9:40 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Orange requirement

Since Oregon's incident rate of 1.56/100,000 is way below Washington's that require Orange, why change something that is working for Oregon. This Orange mandate is a bunch of BS. I were a bright blue hat, so my hunting party knows who it is, have had no shots fired my way. And I don't scare any of the animals.

James Rathbone, Bend, OR 97701

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**From:** Kevin Moore [mailto:oooguruk@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 9:45 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Orange Mandate

In this era of more and more government intrusion into our lives. It would be nice to make our own decision. I urge you not to adopt more restrictive mandates and let the hunters decide what we will do.

I vote to leave things the way they are!!

Thanks..

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**From:** Lewis and Tara Mattis [mailto:inthewind@terragon.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 11:09 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunters Orange

I'm still in wonderment how ODFW got to this point when Oregon is one of the most safe places to hunt and until that changes why should we lose yet again another freedom. Why not leave it a matter of choice to the hunter.

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**From:** WILL EVIE SPEARS [mailto:loudhouse6@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 11:39 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:**

We do not support the mandatory wearing of hunter orange. Please keep it optional.

Thank You,

Will and Evelyn Spears  
59742 Kimmell Lane  
St. Helen, OR 97051

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**From:** Bob [mailto:bl3131@frontier.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 11:41 AM  
**To:** odfw.comments@state.or.us  
**Subject:** New Regs.Orange--

Please do not shove more laws down the publics throat that they do not want. To the person, I have not talked to one hunter that would be in favor of being forced to wear orange. I have no idea who has proposed this most unpopular change. This is not what hunters want. why would a hunter spend hundreds of dollars on camouflage clothing if they wanted to be seen as a giant orange moving through the woods. Please listen to the hunters that buy the licenses and tags.

I realise that it is claimed that big game is supposidly blind to certain colors (??????) (they may not recognize the color orange as being called orange--they are never the less alerted by something bright and different from their nomal surroundings.--I have been born/raised&hunted in Oregon all my life --Please dont mess up what we still have left with more stupid/unreasonable &unneccisary regulations --Thank You for this opportunity to opine-

Bob Fisher P.O.Box 904-Bandon Or.