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Attachments: Rich Thompson Public Testimony_Exhibit E 2013-2014 Big Game Regulations_June 7 2013.pdf

Hello:

Due to a typographical error in the approved June 7, 2013 minutes the Commission needs to reapprove that set of minutes at the January 10 meeting.

In public testimony for Exhibit E: 2013-2014 Big Game Regulations (see attached pgs 13-14) the words “..crossbows in..” need to be inserted in Mr. Thompson’s first sentence so it would read “..TAO is opposed to crossbows in archery only seasons.”

This revision makes his statement consistent with the rest of the paragraph and what the public testifier really said on behalf of Traditional Archers of Oregon (TAO).

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	<p>dangerous. Lynde referred to the types of crossbows in his handout and asked how a handicapped person could pull one of those crossbows back. He described how to use a draw lock. He said crossbows are really accurate at 100 yards. No biologist would support a crossbow in archery season because they know the hunting success will go up. Lynde said that Chris Willard is doing a great job. In LaPine folks think the Commission is run on revenue instead of wildlife. He suggested the Commission do like the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and show where the money is going and how it is being used.</p>
<p>Wayne Endicott Springfield, OR</p>	<p>Wayne Endicott, Vice President of Oregon Bow Hunters (OBH), distributed written testimony and said the season was voted on in October 2012. We had lost the General Season archery opportunity for deer unless you were a tag holder of the big bull tag or Spike Only tags in Mt. Emily, Walla Walla, and Wenaha. There were 741 bow hunters that hunted deer in those units that did not pursue elk in 2011. There are presently 1,300 late season firearm tags of which 576 are a second deer opportunity for those units in northeast Oregon. He said our request is to replace a small amount of the 250 tags for a late season opportunity. He said as Thornton already stated the decision was more of a law enforcement based decision. Endicott said last year Commissioner Akenson had suggested that there might be some late season opportunity to replace this lost opportunity that OBH has suffered here. On the firearm side there was no reduction. He asked the Commission to direct staff to work with OBH on this issue.</p>
<p>Rich Thompson Newport, OR</p>	<p>Rich Thompson, President of Traditional Archers of Oregon (TAO), distributed written testimony and said TAO is opposed to archery only seasons. On July 24, 2010 at the Archery Technology Review meeting, all participants are on record as not favoring the use of crossbows in archery-only seasons for the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossbows are not similar to vertical bows and have more in common with rifles than bows and arrows. • OSP has concerns with sorting who was legal to use them in the field and its potential as a poaching tool. • For states across the U.S., opening archery seasons to the use of crossbows by disabled hunters have been the "toe in the door" that crossbow manufacturers use to expand crossbow use. • Unlike eastern and mid-western states with an overpopulation of white-tail deer where use of crossbows

	<p>is common, Oregon's deer herds are struggling to maintain management objectives and buck/doe ratios.</p> <p>TAO urges the Commission to reject staff's proposal to use crossbows in Oregon's archery only big game seasons.</p>
<p>Jim Akenson Enterprise, OR</p>	<p>Jim Akenson, President of Professional Bowhunters Society (PBS), member of Pope & Young Club and an avid bow hunter for 44 years, distributed written testimony and said both organizations strongly oppose the use of crossbows in any archery-only season. These two organizations have formed a coalition because each feels strongly that crossbow use is a very serious threat to the future of bowhunting as we know it. Both clubs recommend that crossbow ONLY be considered for firearm seasons, and our national coalition recommends that the Commission adopt rules just like the state of Montana. Akenson asked the Commission to look beyond the state of Washington.</p> <p>Akenson's handout included a letter from Dr. Tom Vanasche, M.D. Akenson said Dr. Vanasche who serves as the Northwest Regional Representative of the Professional Bowhunter Society was going to make a presentation about the medical perspective of this issue but was unable to be here today. Akenson paraphrased key points from the letter that Dr. Vanasche submitted to the Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanasche is a 60 year resident of Oregon who has hunted about 30 bow seasons, and is a life member of Traditional Archers of Oregon (TAO). • Vanasche has been an Oregon Emergency Department Physician in Albany for 33 years and would be very skeptical about finding an informed physician that knows anything about bowhunting and disability issues combined; it would take a great deal of expertise. • The crossbow is not a bow or archery weapon. Thirteen states allow its use in firearm seasons. It is a cocked weapon that can fire long distances, be handled easily from person to person while cocked and discharged from the shoulder like a rifle. A telescopic sight is frequently added to this device. • Montana has adopted a "Modified Archer's Permit" for the disabled that is somewhat similar to what is already allowed in Oregon. Essentially you can modify "otherwise legal bowhunting equipment" to accommodate the particular handicap, but it has to be legally accepted archery equipment. This does not include the crossbow as it is not bowhunting equipment.