

Exhibit B

**Public Correspondence received as of
May 21, 2014**

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate <michelle.l.tate@state.or.us>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 11:26 AM
To: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Crossbows

From: joe man [<mailto:chops.wf@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, May 17, 2014 12:18 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Crossbows

My name is warner Fieldhouse I'm a taxpayer in Oregon I'm also disabled missing my right hand can you please forward an email to me so I can voice my opinion about legalizing crossbows for disabled people only. Thank you Warner..

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: ODFW Malfunction!

From: Miles from No where [mailto:melhornh@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 7:43 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Fwd: ODFW Malfunction!

ODFW website is a sham and a failure similar to the failed Cover Oregon website on our healthcare in Oregon. Having to report on big game killed in Oregon and collecting the data has NO purpose! If you want to know the truth, predation is Oregon's number one problem and the ODFW is responsible for out-of-control predation because the ODFW has shoved wolves down our throats and stopped hunting with hounds for cougar and bears. ODFW is the problem with big game management, it is NOT the SOLUTION! ODFW has done more harm than good in this state when it comes to having a healthy big game population!!!!!!

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

From: Miles from No where <melhornh@aol.com>

To: odfw.coastalplan@state.or.us

Sent: Sun, May 11, 2014 12:55 pm

Subject: ODFW Malfunction!

ODFW expects us to report on our hunting success while they struggle with a malfunctioning website! This is a continued problem and now the ODFW refuses us hunting if we do not report when we in fact did report! Last year after reporting my hunting the ODFW contacted me in mid-December and asked why I had not reported, I told them I did----- directly through the ODFW office. How can you mess that up? They are not equipped for reporting, I knew this would happen and now multitudes of hunters are being shut out by ODFW. Record numbers of people are not buying tags and licenses this year and ODFW wonders why? I am going to say this loud and clear NO MORE REPORTING unless it is on a game refuge PERIOD. ODFW had the chance to make this RIGHT and screwed hunting up for all of us. ODFW is not capable of running a website for reporting and that is not all, the reporting is not going to do a darn thing for them because I hear to many people lying on the reporting! Henry

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate <michelle.l.tate@state.or.us>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 10:52 AM
To: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: License increases.

From: Don and Fara [<mailto:faraquilts@charter.net>]
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2014 7:24 PM
To: ODFW
Cc: ODFW
Subject: License increases.

In my opinion the ODFW is the unwitting dunce that is eliminating hunting and fishing opportunities and destroying a major recreational industry, largely dependent on hunters and anglers for survival. As the numbers of hunters and anglers decline there are fewer people to support the rural communities, lodges, public camp grounds, and even the ODFW. Raising license fees will further reduce the number of sportsmen, which will reduce support for recreation industry of Oregon.

A couple of years ago I wrote to you suggesting that the ODFW implement something like Montana's block management program which would provide funding to major land owners for access by hunters. You haven't done a thing. And I'm not holding my breath waiting for you to act. At that time I said that major land owners would close their lands, and resort to leases. There are ranches in eastern Oregon which have done this for years I'm told. However, we've been lucky here on the west side, until now. A couple years ago a "lease" showed up in the Tioga unit. Now I'm told that Weyerhaeuser is going to do that starting this year. I'm sure that Roseburg lumber, Seneca, Georgia Pacific and others will follow suit. ODFW's failure to act is the cause.

There is absolutely no need for the Tioga elk season to remain a draw, so you are going to lose out on that bit of revenue. The number of number one applicants hasn't equaled the tag numbers for years, and with a good portion of the Tioga unit being locked up by Weyerhaeuser that won't get any better. Since the majority of hunters will be compressed into a smaller area of the Tioga unit, I see no alternative for you except to reduce tag numbers. The only tool I see you've got to combat the situation is to reduce cow hunts in leased areas. The preferred action would be Block management, but that requires some thought and work on your part, so that isn't going to happen.

Now we are being told that perhaps all salmon and steelhead will have to be returned after being caught. I don't fish for those species, but it's a big deal for lots of my friends. I don't see how you can increase license fees when reducing fish availability.

Big game numbers are in rapid decline due to poor management on our National Forests, and BLM lands on the west side. Private lands are being locked up. So you want to raise license fees, when big game numbers and hunting opportunities are declining. Only a government agency with a monopoly could propose such a thing. I read a study which I believe was conducted by you guys a few years ago that said the number one reason people weren't hunting was because of lack of game.

I guess that game numbers may increase on private lands, and if one is rich enough, one will be able to enjoy some good hunting. However, for the majority of hunters, YOUR LIFE BLOOD, game numbers and hunting opportunities are declining. Excuse me I'm mad now, just thinking about license increases, so I'll leave it there before I get nasty.

Don Wilson

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate <michelle.l.tate@state.or.us>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 10:51 AM
To: Don Whittaker; Thomas Thornton
Cc: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Tags and revenue

From: Tony Snyder [<mailto:kattony@msn.com>]
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2014 9:41 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Tags and revenue

I was reading in the news that the number of hunters and anglers had dropped over the last 20 years and this leads to a decrease in revenue for ODFW. Fee increases cannot make up the difference without a large increase to the individual person that buys a license. I would like for you to consider opening up general bow season (or general gun season) as an extra tag (or create a program for a tag trade in/swap that I will explain below).

The mule deer herd has decreased and I do not know if the number of hunters is just about right for the number of tags issued and the desired harvest. If the number of hunter days and the success rate is at your targets, then my idea would not work.

The limitation of weapon choice for 100 deer or 200 elk and the relatively short controlled hunt time frames limits my days in the woods. As a boy in Mississippi, I could bow hunt in October, gun hunt November to January and then have a final bow season into February. Mississippi had 1.5 million whitetails and it could stand that pressure. I miss the number of options and regret the lack of opportunities.

Most hunters prefer the controlled hunt option and they will apply for a controlled hunt first and if successful, they go that route. If unsuccessful, they buy a general tag.

I propose the following

1. That the general archery (100) be sold as an extra tag
2. Or allow the purchase of a general archery or general gun tag on a trade in basis. If you trade in an unfilled controlled hunt tag, then you could purchase a general tag.

I would like to go to eastern Oregon for a controlled hunt, if I was unsuccessful (a likely scenario roughly 2/3 of the time), then turn in my unfilled tag and then go bow hunting in the coast range.

Revenue

I would pay a large tag fee for the 2nd tag or new tag via trade in/tag swap. If required, I would buy a 2nd replacement license to go along with that tag.

I would gladly pay more for more hunting options and tag choices.

Again, if you are getting the number of hunter days and hitting the harvest goals, then my ideas would not work. If the herds can support the extra hunter days, please consider expanding my hunting options by allowing the purchase of a 2nd tag (variable weapon) or an unfilled tag trade-in program.

I realize that I can bow hunt for deer, gun hunt for elk and spend all year hunting cougar. It would be nice to controlled rifle hunt mule deer in eastern Oregon and bow hunt the coast range for black tails. This would increase your revenue stream to make up for the decrease in hunters buying license.

Tony Snyder
Dallas Oregon

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate <michelle.l.tate@state.or.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 11:47 AM
To: Thomas Thornton
Cc: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Eastern Oregon Bobcat Limit reduction

From: Brad Mombert [<mailto:bmombert@blm.net>]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 8:42 AM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Subject: Eastern Oregon Bobcat Limit reduction

To whom it may concern:

I was unable to attend the local meeting regarding the reduction of the bobcat limit in eastern oregon last night in Bend.

The main question I have is what prompted this proposed reduction of the limit? I assume it is for concern of the population of cats, which is what the ODFW is here for.

I myself have only been hunting cats for a few years, but have not struggled to find plenty of cats to pursue. I have hunted all over central oregon from the foothills of the cascades to the more desert like country east of town. I have also done a lot of hunting in Southeast, and Northeast Oregon. Every time I have gone looking for bobcats I have found plenty to chase. There was not a day this season when I went out that I did not encounter a Bobcat track if there was snow to see one. Many days we pursued numerous cats and found more tracks on our way home.

My hopes are that the ODFW hasn't looked at just hunter success rates to figure the cat population. As all of us who hunt Bobcats know, it is not an easy animal to harvest. I myself probably pursued over 25 cats this winter, but was only able to catch 7 of which I only harvested 3. My low number for harvest was, in my opinion not at all related to a drop in population, but rather a lack of knowledge by me and my hounds of how exactly this job is done. Additionally, the four cats that I did manage to tree and not harvest, was due to my opinion that the cats were too small to harvest and would be better served to grow another year or two. All of this would skew the hunter success information making it appear that the population has decreased. Additionally, there must be data available to ODFW about the number of new Furbearer licenses sold in the last few years? If there is a rise in new hunters/trappers to the sport it will show a lesser success rate as it takes many years to gain the knowledge of how to successfully take bobcats.

There were also factors this year that contributed to low hunter success that I have not observed in years past. There are many friends and acquaintances that I have made over the years in this sport and everyone had a bit of a struggle to catch cats this year, but it was not due to the lack of cats. The weather was less than ideal with over a third of the season being without any snow on the ground. This made it tough to locate cats, as our dry climate makes it hard for dogs to track cats without snow in Eastern Oregon, unless you have exceptional hounds, and apparently I do not. Additionally, we made many observations of Bobcats living this winter at higher elevations that usual due to the lack of snow and milder temperatures. In years past we have noticed more of a migration to lower elevations when the snow gets deep up high. This year there also seemed to be more small game in higher elevations that years past, which is the feed for Bobcats, keeping them at higher elevations and more difficult to locate. All of these observations were made in the field by those of us who have pursued cats for many years. The fact that the migration to lower elevations was disrupted affected not only the hound hunters but also the trappers, as it is harder for all of us to access the higher country where the cats were this year without some very good, expensive equipment.

A suggestion that I would like to make with respect to the collection of data from the hunters/trappers. On the fur bearers report form that we are all supposed to send in at the close of the season, it only asks for how many days you hunted and how many animals you harvested. How about adding a column of "how many animals did you pursue/encounter" From the Hound Hunters you would gain valuable data with respect to how many cats hunters are encountering per day's hunted, which would paint a much clearer picture of the population than strictly hunter success. For Trappers, which I am not, I assume there are plenty of days when they see tracks or have near misses with Bobcats that aren't caught. Once again, giving more information regarding population than harvest.

In conclusion, I know that all of us as Sportsmen & Women, want to be sure that the population of the game we love to pursue does not get mismanaged and reduced below healthy levels. However, I and we feel strongly that there are as many cats this year as there have been in years past, it is just the fact that folks may have had trouble accessing the terrain where they are.

I sincerely hope that the ODFW will give consideration of the input from the Hunters who are out in the field interacting with the cats every day before making a decision on how to manage the population and furthermore the bag limit.

Thanks,

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Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate <michelle.l.tate@state.or.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 1:15 PM
To: Don Whittaker; Thomas Thornton
Cc: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: 2014 Big Game Tag Number Proposal Comments
Attachments: ODFW commision 2014.doc

From: Tony Pranger [<mailto:tony.pranger@att.net>]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 12:25 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: 2014 Big Game Tag Number Proposal Comments

Thank you for allowing me to submit comments regarding the 2014 Big Game tag proposals. I hope you will seriously consider them.

Tony Pranger

May 8, 2014

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
c/o ODFW Wildlife Division
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302

Members of the Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding the 2014 Big Game tag number proposals. While I am certain there are other Wildlife Management Units that have a similar condition, I am only going to discuss the Minam WMU, and the proposed tag numbers for Buck Deer.

According to ODFW's Mule Deer Management Plan, the stated post season objective for Buck to Doe ratios in the Minam unit is 25 Bucks per 100 Does. Researching the statistics available on the ODFW website, the last time that ratio was met is 2003, **eleven** years ago. Since that time the Buck/Doe ratio has steadily declined, and from 2010 to 2012 the average ratio was 17 Bucks/100 Does. That is **32% BELOW** objective.

During that same time frame of the last eleven years, the number of rifle deer tags offered for the Minam has stayed constant, and I see that yet again 600 tags are proposed for 2014.

To be blunt, calling this professional management of this wildlife resource that the citizens of Oregon have entrusted to ODFW and the Commission is a joke. Reducing harvest by reducing tag numbers, is the only viable tool ODFW and the Commission have to attempt to increase the Buck/Doe ratio. Yet for **ELEVEN** years nothing has been done, and it is being proposed to continue down the same failed course yet again.

Please, please, please take responsibility for managing this resource according to the objectives of the Mule Deer Management Plan. A management plan is a tool to be used by managers to guide their actions in attempting to achieve the stated goals and/or objectives. Clearly and obviously, this is simply not being done by YOU, the ultimate decision makers for this deer herd. To continue offering tag numbers at the same level is a complete failure of ODFW and the Commission to serve the public trust we have placed in you. I implore you to serve that public trust, and do the right thing by rejecting the proposed tag numbers for buck deer in the Minam WMU.

Respectfully,

Tony Pranger
Oregon City, OR

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: EQUALITY-RIFLE/ARCHERY HUNTERS

From: Larry Hammond [mailto:lshammond@centurytel.net]

Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 6:11 PM

To: Bobby Levy

Cc: ODFW Commission

Subject: EQUALITY-RIFLE/ARCHERY HUNTERS

Dear Chairwoman Levy:

I believe all "green dot road closure areas" should be activated during archery seasons as well as rifle seasons. The increased effectiveness of archery equipment and the increase in archer numbers are creating inordinate disturbance to our Elk herds. The "green dot system" was created to give the animals a little peace and quiet.

I see no reason why this peace and quiet should not extend to archery seasons as well as rifle seasons.

I have hunted elk in Harney and Grant counties for close to 50 years and I am disturbed by the ever increasing amount of harassment given our elk.

Thanks for listening,

Larry G Hammond

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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: Time and Points

From: Steelhead Machine [<mailto:steelheadmachine@comcast.net>]

Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 7:51 PM

To: odfw.comments@state.or.us

Subject: Time and Points

Hello, I would like to see ODFW present some kind of estimation of how many points or years it takes to actually draw a big game tag for draw hunts. For example I have been putting in for one elk hunt for 15 years and still haven't gotten it, I'm not getting any younger and now I'm wondering if I'm wasting my time and money let alone health and age to go on this one hunt one time, heck it might have been nice to go twice in a life time. If this information could be provided an individual could make a choice on other hunts that may be just as enjoyable with out sacrificing years for a gamble of just one good hunt. I think with the decline in younger hunters today it would be pro active in giving out information like this also so that they would know ahead of time it's going to take XX?? amount of years plus better planning capabilities, plus a person could do more scouting the closer you start to reach the golden point rather than go and scout 300 miles away for 15 years in hopes you might be lucky this year, let alone a hunter could save some money for his hunt. Seems to me prices of everything just keep going up and up and the sportsman who pays for the bulk of managing wildlife is getting less and less, just like I have watched the sportsman pack jump from around \$100.00 a few years ago to \$135.00 and then \$165.00 and now there is another fee for shell fish and another fee for catching salmon or steelhead out tributaries to the Columbia river what next? It makes me wonder what kind of Buck is getting managed anymore. I haven't gotten some draw hunts and I've hunted in other units for years where the game seems to have declined drastically and doesn't seem to be managed at all so what is our money doing creating more income or better hunting opportunities? Hunters are also loosing more and more access to public lands such as BLM along with more rules of hunting in national forests (can't shoot a bull in archery season on national forest) A friend of mine called about this and was told that ODFW wanted bow hunters to push more elk back into the national forest from private land well that is all great but bow hunters can't hunt any private forest land hardly due to fire danger every year now. I will apologize for letting off some steam but it's getting old like myself and I would like you to take into consideration what I have said and if anything at least give me a response back . Thank you.

Regards Lee

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: Explanation of 214m muzz elk hunt area?

From: Dan Kirkpatrick [<mailto:Dan.Kirkpatrick@pgn.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 6:27 PM

To: odfw.comments@state.or.us

Subject: expansion of 214m muzz elk hunt area?

I would like to see a expansion of the boundry area of the 214m muzz elk hunt to more publically accessed land,,,maybe open it up to the west a little to central trask a little bit more.thanks for taking my suggestion///Dan Kirkpatrick.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Fee Increase

From: Mike Hiatt [mailto:mikribl181@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 2:29 PM

To: david.w.lane@state.or.us

Subject: Fee Increase

Richard or David,

I read an article in the Herald and News today that license sales are not keeping up with expenditures. As the article states there are fewer Oregonians hunting and fishing these days. As a lifetime Oregonian I have witnessed the increase of tags and licenses for residents and I have also witnessed the increase in fees for out of state as well. Although I commend the office on managing the program I believe many in the lower income brackets simply cannot afford to hunt and fish anymore.

I purchased my hunting and fishing licenses separately this year and when all is said and done I will end up paying over \$190.00 for my fishing license, hunting license, deer tag, elk tag, combined harvest tag, water fowl validation, upland bird validation, and federal stamp. I understand that there is the sportsmans pack out there but I cant seem to swing the \$164.75 at one time because of other expenses.

I make a modest salary and am willing to pay the fees as they are slated. However, did you ever consider raising the fines on game violations? Or maybe a low income based license (with proof of income from taxes)? I feel this would be a way to get more people out there and enjoying the great state of Oregon and buying licenses and tags. This does not have to be too drastic but a reduced amount maybe 75% of current cost. Many people will buy them because they get a discount alone! I know several people that would love to hunt and fish but they cannot afford the tags and licenses.

Just food for thought.

Best Regards,

Mike Hiatt

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Lead Ammunition

From: Dennis Elleson [<mailto:nghtrdrharley@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2014 3:51 AM

To: ODFW Commission

Subject: Lead Ammunition

(I oppose any ban on lead ammunition for any reason)

A ban of any kind, is not backed by any valid true scientific data!!! Dennis

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: comments on hunting tags

From: Dan Kirkpatrick [<mailto:Dan.Kirkpatrick@pgn.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 12:07 PM

To: odfw.comments@state.or.us

Subject: comments on hunting tags

I hunt by several methods,rifle, muzzleloader,and bow,so im not biased but feel that there should absolutely be a reduced amount of centerfire rifle tags on a lot of the eastern elk and deer areas hunts.I also feel there should be more muzzleloader hunt oportunitys for both deer and elk.also would not have a issue with limiting the bow seasons to a more limited quota per unit style of managing the increasing bowhunter pressure like you have already implemented in some of the units already.I would really like to see the overall deer and elk populations increase to have mature animals to hunt,,,not little forkys or spikes,reduce the cow and doe hunts further to increase population numbers,,maybe a 3 pt min reg might be a good idea on buck hunts in eastern Oregon. Thanks for what you folks do,,just my .02 cents.////Dan kirkpatrick

February 24, 2014

Ron Anglin
ODFW Administration Director
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302

RE: Archery Elk Hunting at E. E. Wilson

Dear Mr. Anglin,

I understand that the state is considering archery hunting to open up on the E. E. Wilson wildlife area. As a disabled hunter in a wheelchair, this would provide an awesome opportunity for me to be successful. I've participated in the rabbit hunts years ago and had a great time.

I hope that this opportunity opens up in the near future. If I need to testify to the commission to help with this, please let me know.
Thank you for your consideration in this awesome opportunity.

Respectfully,



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Roxann B Borisch

From: GARY BRAIN <smlk31@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 9:46 PM
To: hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: \$25 penalty fee

Please advise how many hunters have NOT reported since this absurd ripoff started. Additionally, I DID report in 2012 AND WAS FINED \$25 in 2014 before I could apply for a pioneer license for which I have looking forward to for 65 years. So much for that happy experience... I received a combination license in 2013 but could not get a 2014 license until I paid a fine of \$25 for a supposed failure to report in 2012. I REPORTED. And, was called by phone (yes, that does not count so quit wasting MY money) Oops I did not file the confirmation number with all the rest of the MANDATORY crap the state and feds require. Get a grip who saves a confirmation number for hunter success. Here is a thought find out how many hunters in Oregon actually save that number. That should waste some more dollars. Bitter? YES I AM. Why did I receive a 2013 license if I did not report in 2012?? Explain to me how I got a 2013 license and was denied a 2014 license because YOUR computer system did not properly submit my response into your data base for 2012. I strongly feel that I have been ripped off by the ODFW. Why should I have confidence in the the ODFW computer system when the State spent over 300 million for a computer program that still cannot function. ("Cover Oregon") I shall await your response and, rest assured I will have pen and prose ready to submit letters to the editors of newspapers in Oregon to expound on my experience with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's inept attempt to extract monies from it's citizenry. I shall forward this letter to the ODFW Commission for what it's worth, and you should too.

In disgust,

Gary A. Brain
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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Disabled Veterans

From: Cal's Construction and Handyman Service [<mailto:elkitis@aol.com>]

Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2014 8:35 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Disabled Veterans

Good Morning.

My name is Calvin Rowan from Washington State.

I have been hunting Oregon on and off for about fifteen years. I have not hunted there much due to the cost that non-resident tags keep increasing.

Washington State has implemented a rule that all non-resident disabled veterans of 30% or more disability can now purchase non-resident tags at resident prices - see link, below. I am unable to work and I am on a fixed income. I have been able to hunt your state due to friends pitching in and helping with the cost.

If Oregon implemented the same rule, my hunting buddy's and I would be hunting Oregon more. We would bring our money to your state and spend it on hunting gear, gas, food, etc.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Thank You

Calvin Rowan

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<http://wdfw.wa.gov/news/jan3114a/>

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Reporting

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

From: Jesse [mailto:jesseyo97@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2014 11:52 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Reporting

I think it's horrible to charge a fee for not reporting after hunters like me spend hundreds of dollars to support our wildlife now you want to fine me for not reporting when you want I will I not pay fee so my hunting is over in oregon

Hunting oregon since 1979. Jesse youngren

More info for reporting should be available it was too late by the time I became aware

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: reporting dead line

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

From: abe Palomares [mailto:onesixshooter@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 1:03 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: reporting dead line

Hi there,my hunter id is #1340061. i received a letter stating that i had to report my hunt for 2013. I reported my hunt in December of 2013.when i log into my account it doesn't show my report,it says deadline is over and I must pay a \$25 fee. I reported back in December and don't know why your system not show it. I did my part and will not be paying any extra fee. If you cannot fix this problem you will loose a hunter, I will not be buying at license or tag until you fix it and if you are trying to get hunters out the woods,well you done it because you will not get money from me until this is removed,so if you prefer all or nothing,you will get nothing.i hope you consider how many hunters you are harming,but California offers good huts,so think about it.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Hunt Reporting

From: Dave Seeley [<mailto:seeleydave@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 10:17 AM

To: Deanna.M.Erickson@state.or.us

Subject: Hunt Reporting

I missed the hunt report deadline. It would be nice if you had to report to get a new license or something like that, instead of a fine. After 35 years of hunting I think we will just sit out next year. That might be the plan of ODFW anyway. We usually spend about \$400.00 or so every year on license and tags. Maybe we will head to Montana from now on.

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate <michelle.l.tate@state.or.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 8:26 AM
To: Thomas Thornton
Cc: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Hunter Reporting

From: robert velez [<mailto:olzama13@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 10:16 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Cc: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Hunter Reporting

I am not sure who I need to address to get this taken care of, maybe this may be my way of venting my frustration, but I am not sure why I am getting a fine for not reporting my hunts. My hunter ID is 170228, and I have studious in reporting my hunts on yearly basis.

Since the online system went into effect in 2007 I have been reporting my hunts and have done so every single year. In 2012 that was no different, but the system, for some reason did not register my data.

Instead, this year, I have a fine on my ID that relates that I did not report my statistics. When I clearly report them every single year. Unfortunately, the personnel at the ODFW office related that I could not seek a resolution without a confirmation number. And yet again, unfortunately, with the preponderance of confirmation numbers that I get for paying my bills and thousands of other transactions, I did not save it. Fortunately, for most other sites, they email the confirmation number to your account for tracking. With your system, that was related to me was third party, this is not possible as it would have increased the cost and delayed the rollout.

So basically you are asking hunters, who in some cases may be technologically challenged, to navigate through a myriad of technology, that even your department doesn't completely understand and control, then keep track of detail information themselves? Additionally, what about hunters who do not own or have access to a computer or may not have the requisite skill to use technology. Is there a paper form of this survey? Because even with terminal and telephone options, there is no paper confirmation available. Why were people not fined for this before there was a computer system? How did this become legal?

This seems to be a undue burden without proper tracking for a historical pastime, that teaches outdoor stewardship and pays for many of the natural resource programs in place today. While in the military I worked with AF game officers while stationed at one of my bases and they never imposed restrictions such as these on the personnel who were given base hunting rights. And that was with a captive audience that had no choice but to acquiesce to federal control.

I do love the outdoors and will probably pay the fine anyway to purchase my yearly sportspac. This email will probably be read, laughed at and discarded. But I would feel remiss if I did not convey my dissatisfaction in your system. Please improve it, at least add a confirmation tracking option within the system that could alert hunters that an error has occurred.

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In a time when, social media and sitting our proverbial backsides gaining weight and becoming more and more unhealthy, it seems that your commission is actually discouraging people from enjoying the outdoors and taking up the pastime of our sportsmen forefathers. Instead, it seems that you are complicating the system for hunters and fisherman to the point that they will not want to deal with the system and join the masses of sun deprived zombies in front of a TV or computer screen. Please, take a look at your system, from the "Customer" prospective, while trying to still keep a maintainable system active.

I appreciate your time on this matter.

Thank You
Stephen Nelson

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Klapperich hunting regulation comments

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 5:01 PM
To: Thomas Thornton; Brandon Reishus
Subject: Klapperich hunting regulation comments

Jay Klapperich (phone 541.726.0812, email jbksr6712@yahoo.com) stopped by the Springfield Office today and asked that I pass on a couple of regulation concepts.

Mr. Klapperich would like to see the forest grouse firearms restriction eased to allow hunters to use pistols that fire .410 shotgun shells. Mr. Klapperich would like to use his .410 derringer for grouse while rifle hunting for deer and elk. He feels his derringer is light enough to pack along on his hunt and should be allowed since .22 rimfire pistols are allowed.

Mr. Klapperich is both a Pioneer Angling/Hunting license holder and an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit (ODHFP) holder. He is disappointed that the number of units with expanded deer and elk bag limits for disabled hunters has been reduced in recent years. He would like to propose that hunters possessing both a Pioneer license and an ODHFP should be allowed an expanded bag limit for deer and elk statewide. He believes the number of hunters meeting both of these criteria is low enough that the expanded bag limits would not have an adverse effect on deer and elk populations.

I told Mr. Klapperich I would pass along his suggestions but also encouraged him to submit his comments directly to the Commission.

Brian Wolfer
District Wildlife Biologist
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Brian.h.wolfer@state.or.us

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: Hunter Reporting

From: robert velez [<mailto:olzama13@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 10:16 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Cc: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Hunter Reporting

I am not sure who I need to address to get this taken care of, maybe this may be my way of venting my frustration, but I am not sure why I am getting a fine for not reporting my hunts. My hunter ID is 170228, and I have studious in reporting my hunts on yearly basis.

Since the online system went into effect in 2007 I have been reporting my hunts and have done so every single year. In 2012 that was no different, but the system, for some reason did not register my data.

Instead, this year, I have a fine on my ID that relates that I did not report my statistics. When I clearly report them every single year. Unfortunately, the personnel at the ODFW office related that I could not seek a resolution without a confirmation number. And yet again, unfortunately, with the preponderance of confirmation numbers that I get for paying my bills and thousands of other transactions, I did not save it. Fortunately, for most other sites, they email the confirmation number to your account for tracking. With your system, that was related to me was third party, this is not possible as it would have increased the cost and delayed the rollout.

So basically you are asking hunters, who in some cases may be technologically challenged, to navigate through a myriad of technology, that even your department doesn't completely understand and control, then keep track of detail information themselves? Additionally, what about hunters who do not own or have access to a computer or may not have the requisite skill to use technology. Is there a paper form of this survey? Because even with terminal and telephone options, there is no paper confirmation available. Why were people not fined for this before there was a computer system? How did this become legal?

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Thank You
Stephen Nelson

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: : Website and reporting hunt results

From: Krystle Thelen [mailto:krystlef1982@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 2:29 PM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: Website and reporting hunt results

I am extremely upset with the ODFW website!

When a person does not own a cellular phone or a land-line phone they rely on emailing. When your website doesn't allow to report via email or bring up a hunters info via their name and birth date it gets even more frustrating having to try and locate the hunter ID number when not everyone can remember it (like some people cannot remember their own social security number). Or they live way out of town and don't ever bring their hunting info in to town with them when they do not have internet either where they live. Needless to say, my fiance and I were trying to report our unsuccessful year of hunting on the website and were unable. However a family member was able to report their success via your mobile link through their cellular phone (again, we do not own a cellular phone nor the internet and because we live in a rural area the mail is slow going). I just wanted to let someone know our frustration we had and to see if there might be a "back door" way of accessing our information let alone our reporting status through a password or secret questions so that, for example myself with the worst memory known to man, can enter information like this without having to get into all our hunting belongings, in which was put up in storage, just for our hunter ID numbers. Bi-Mart, Wal-Mart, Cabela's and etc. sporting good stores always ask for your Oregon Drivers Liscence number and they can always access your information that way it would be much easier if the hunter themselves could do the same.

Sorry for complaining and the inconvenience this may have caused,

Krystle J Thelen

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Reporting of my time on tags so not to be fined

From: Frank Brown [<mailto:frankbrownrentals@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 8:41 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Reporting of my time on tags so not to be fined

This is a waste of my time and an invasion of my privacy. The state needs to stay out of my business.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Green Reminder Postcard

From: Nathan Wells [<mailto:nathanwells97058@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2014 10:35 AM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: Green Reminder Postcard

Hello,

I would like to thank the Department for sending out the reminder postcard that I recently received. I have seen the posters at the sporting goods counter for a month, but the card sent to my house (where I keep my computer) was very helpful.

I would most like to thank whomever designed the card; specifically the bright green color to get my attention, easy to understand instructions and Hunter/Angler ID # prominently printed at the top of the card.

Thank you for making compliance with the new regulations easy and hassle free.

Regards,
Nathan Wells

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: reporting system

From: Don Leighton [<mailto:leighton.house@minetfiber.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 3:28 PM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: reporting system

How about getting rid of the mandatory reporting system? We hunters and fishermen jump through enough hoops to enjoy our outdoor activities without threat of penalty if we don't report. I'm at an age where I don't get out much anymore, but still buy an elk tag every year. I got a phone survey call, but I'm still having to report my non results and you are wasting money on postage.

Cut the crap, please. And I suspect the permit system encourages cheating. Make life simpler, not harder, please.

Don Leighton

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Fines for not reporting not hunting

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

From: D. Ingold [<mailto:sta36@kcf22.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 9:45 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Fines for not reporting not hunting

Gentlemen,

I moved to Oregon in 2000. I have been a lifetime hunter and conservationist starting in my early years in Kansas where I was born.

I am a bird hunter and have not been big game hunting in at least 30 years HOWEVER when I came to Oregon, I wanted to help with the conservation efforts of the ODFW (and others) so from the beginning I have purchased the Sports Pac even though I have never hunted anything but birds in this state. MY LOGIC was simply that the extra cost of the Pac would help in your management efforts and I had virtually no intention of hunting anything but birds. When you threatened me with a fine for this generosity (if I failed to tell you that I didn't hunt big game in any given year) I have now chosen to drop the purchase of the Sport Pac in favor of the minimal hunting license with upland game stamp.

I hope your logic pays off for you in the long run but it will not be with my help as you have become just another government agency who feels they are superior to the people they serve. If you want my help, you can't beat out of me nor threaten me and expect any positive results.

My expectations of getting any personal, somewhat relevant response to this email are somewhat less than zero.

Darrell Ingold
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541-430-8050
email: sta36@kcf22.com

Roxann B Borisch

From: Thomas Thornton
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2013 9:32 AM
To: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Controlled hunt experience
Attachments: ODFW LETTER.doc

From: Eva Waters [<mailto:eva@oigp.net>]
Sent: Saturday, December 21, 2013 1:31 PM
To: Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us
Subject: Controlled hunt experience

Attached is a letter outlining the hunting experience of my husband, Rick Waters, of his late November controlled bow hunt for Mule deer.



This email is free from viruses and malware because [avast! Antivirus](#) protection is active.

December 21, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Just 20 given and I got one of the coveted mule deer bow tags for the West Beulah 165R unit. Over eight years of applications at \$8 a pop finally paid off in what is considered, for Oregon, a trophy mule deer hunting opportunity. My excitement and anticipation knew no bounds for this special opportunity.

While this unit is an area I have hunted regularly, I still took the time & considerable expense to scout out the hunting area for potential animals and camping locations on three separate occasions. Due to my age, 58, and the time it takes to draw the tag, I approached this opportunity as a hunt of a lifetime.

My wife & I arrived late Friday, the day before opening day, Nov. 8th, and had no trouble locating a centrally located camping spot far from any main road. This was a new spot for us, as there were rifle hunters in our regular spot, and opening morning found me putting the final touches on our camp before heading into the woods. I had no worries though, because my season lasted for 12 whole days and I was sure there would be plenty of opportunities. There were a few camps remaining from the second season rifle elk hunt but not a lot of road activity. Late Sunday morning the last of the rifle elk hunters meandered down the road and my hunt began in earnest. Monday through Thursday I saw deer everyday, and while not all of them were trophy class, seeing them kept the excitement, adrenaline, and interest up. Tuesday gave me an excellent opportunity at a trophy class buck, which I managed to undershoot, and Wednesday gave me another opportunity at a nice buck, but then there was an equipment malfunction, which I don't care to talk about. All in all Monday through Thursday were great hunting days; lots of sightings and shooting opportunities if you wanted to take them, relaxed animals made for great photo ops, and no pressure from other hunters.

Then came Friday, several camps were set up overnight and there was a definite increase in vehicle traffic. Still spotted deer but you could tell they were more alert and not at all relaxed and didn't linger once spotted. On Saturday I heard shots and when I asked what season was on, found out there was a cow hunt for East Grant. From Saturday, November 16th till the close of my hunt on Wednesday, November 20th, bow hunting opportunities for mule deer became non-existent. It is most difficult to bow hunt for deer while there is a rifle cow hunt occurring in the same location. There were cow hunters everywhere; on the road, off the road, in camps, in the woods, in vehicles, on quads, everywhere we went we saw cow hunters.

There is nothing wrong with cow hunters, but there is something very wrong with having a rifle cow hunt overlapping what is considered a "trophy" mule deer bow hunt. It was very frustrating and most disappointing to have over half of my season being overlapped by other rifle hunts. This policy needs to be reviewed and adjusted. Either shorten the rifle hunts, move them to later or earlier in the year, or move or shorten the bow hunt, but **DON'T EVER** overlap a rifle and bow hunt.

No need to ever expect me to apply for this tag again, as there was too much effort and cost expended for just four days of quality hunting time.

A Very, Very Disappointed Lifetime Oregon Hunter,
Rick Waters
615 Latigo Ranch Rd.
Williams OR 97544

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Cougar Quota Zone A

From: jreeves@frontier.com [mailto:jreeves@frontier.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2013 10:11 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Cougar Quota Zone A

To whom it may concern:

It appears that the cougar quota for zone A was once again met and season closed in 2013. I believe this is the third consecutive year of meeting the quota which is good, but closing the season down is ridiculous. I believe it is time to re-evaluate the cougar quota for this zone. I believe that populations may have been underestimated in zone A and the quota needs to be increased. I know for my family and I who live in rural North Bend, Oregon in Coos County, the amount of cougar sightings and livestock predation issues has increased dramatically in the last six years. We have had several incidence of predation of our sheep and goats by cougars on our small family farm. Also the significantly decreased deer population in our area would indicate the overabundance of cougars. Not to mention we have cougar sightings in our area very frequently.

Zone A is a very large area and either the quota needs to be increased or this zone needs to be divided into two zones, both with a quota of 120 cats.

These cats need to be harvested and hunters need to be given every opportunity to do so. By closing the season you may be taking away someone's chance at harvesting one of these animals. This is a dis-service to Big Game populations in Oregon and livestock and pets. Please take immediate action on this matter.

Respectfully,

Josh Reeves
94708 Rhody Hill Ln.
North Bend, OR 97459

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Hunting and Fishing License fees

From: Greg Wood [<mailto:greg.rosemariewd@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 8:28 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Hunting and Fishing License fees

Is it possible that huge increases license and tag fees are responsible for the decline in fishermen and hunters? Is it possible that; especially in the economically depressed areas of the state, that these fees combined with the unleashing of bow hunters in the 1980's aggravated poaching thus creating the huge decline in Mule Deer? Is it possible that the ODFW has hired a think tank that doesn't truly understand the basic grade school business principal of diminishing returns? How many young fisherman will never know outdoor sports because their parents are no longer willing or able to pay huge fees for one person much less for an entire family, thus furthering the declines? Is the agenda to create the the "Kings Deer" and the "Kings Fish"? If so congratulations your succeeding!

Roxann B Borisch

From: Thomas Thornton
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 3:23 PM
To: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: ELK HUNTING

From: john ivanoff [<mailto:jivanoff61@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 8:12 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: ELK HUNTING

hi there,lots of b.s. floating around after the 210y&210x elk seasons. we here on the north coast are concerned about the disabled hunters targeting cows. i would like to see odfw go back to the trophy bull elk hunt . the disabled hunters are blasting away at multiple targets and ruining this hunt.there was very little law enforcement in the saddle mt unit this year. how about all hunters with valid tags hunt just bulls,and if the disabled are not successful, let them hunt cows with the rest of the cow hunters. simple .i would think odfw would still reach the M.O.s plus tag sales would still be the same. reduction of tags for 210y&210x will penalize the rifle bull hunters for just hunting bulls.everyone in my party could get disabled tags but we think odfw already kills too many cows-just for tag sales. you may contact me at this e-mail address or call me @ 503-440-1377. thank you , JOHN IVANOFF ps.do you really know how many cow elk die during archery season ?

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Quota on cougars

From: Gordon Myrah [<mailto:drmyrah1@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, December 08, 2013 7:00 AM

To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us

Subject: Quota on cougars

We are over-whelmed by cougars in SW Oregon. At least one moved into our neighborhood last spring. Our favorite doe who has consistently given birth to twins was found dead. We counted 12 deer on our property in May. There were none seen by the end of July.

I do not believe that Cougars will ever be endangered anywhere in the state. I also think we should be able to hunt them with dogs again 24 hours/7 days per week/ 365 day a year!

Dr. Gordon Myrah
437 Winchuck River Road
Brookings, Oregon
541 469-0269

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Tag Reporting

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

From: Terry Brumley [mailto:tyeebrumley@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 8:03 PM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: Tag Reporting

Dear Director,

I have been buying the SportsPac ever since was first introduced. From the start, I never utilized all the tags. The last few years I considered cutting back and buying just the tags I will use but I figured what the heck - the department needs the money and I support wildlife and fisheries. I worked briefly for Cal. Fish and Game and the Forest Service as a biologist for nearly 30 years. I've hunted those 2 states and, Alabama, Nevada, and Idaho. I have watched regulations become necessarily more complex as the numbers of game populations diminished. It has finally gotten to where there is a bit of anxiety when you are out in the field because of the concern that you missed something in the regulations. People in many of your offices have the same concern and cannot guarantee that their recommendations are 100% correct. A friend who has been a leader in the community for decades in supporting law enforcement of wildlife regulations and habitat improvement missed a regulation this summer and got a citation at the mouth of the Umpqua River - "beyond the mouth, inside the mouth, or to the bridge... 1 hook, multiple hooks, wild coho, or king, or, or..." No big deal, we support the department. His coho was confiscated and the OSP officer threw it in his boat with all the others that were confiscated because many fishermen that day could not understand the regulations.

I understand all of this but there has to be a great effort to make fishing and hunting as easy AS POSSIBLE. I accept it will never be easy but there has to be greater effort to do this. Okay where is the punch line? I missed reporting for some of the 2012 tags I did not use. My fault. I accept it. I can keep better track of this or quit buying tags I don't use. The latter choice doesn't help the department nor me, in the long run. My fear is that there are many people like me and a percentage will drop out - every year- as hunting quality goes down and complexity goes up. Please, take a hard look at this issue. It is getting a lot simpler to go golfing.

Thanks for reading my input. Please take it as input to improve the system. Maybe if you only collected data when it is really needed. We all know that only samples are usually needed for statistical analyses.

I did report on my sage grouse tag this year - even sent in a wing.

Good luck. Our future hunting/fishing depends on you.

Terry Brumley

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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Keno and Rouge units general season change

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

From: Robert Clements [<mailto:clemenr10@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:32 PM

To: odfw.comments@state.or.us

Subject: Keno and Rouge units general season change

Hello

Please concenter changing the Keno and Rouge units to draw controlled hunts. I have been hunting these units for the last 9 years. I have seen only cow Elk and stringy bucks. The Dear and Elk populations are so depleted that the quality of the animals and the abundance are in a sad and sorry state. Big dear are far and few between to find and bull Elk of any size are run down with quads and pickups. Most of the hunting is done on the roads in these units. I have seen groups of hunters descend on 6 Elks with guns hanging out the window while others are screaming around hoping for a shot or sitting on game trails while in the comfort of their trucks. One behind the other hunters are hoping for the kill.

It is amazing the amount of people who try to take game during the general hunt and frankly it is unfair to the animals to sell them at the expense of their very existence. Not only that most of the hunters are never going to bag and are left with the frustration of a mismanagement of resources leading to poaching and disregard for the law. The herds are butchered every year and have not been given the chance to rebound.

Please close off these units to the general hunt and allow a quality hunt for those who draw the controlled tag. I believe these units will produce great numbers of quality animals if given the chance to rebound.

I also believe within 5 years they will be on the top of the list of desired tags to draw in the state of Oregon.

Thanks in Advance

Robert Clements

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: My concerns

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

From: Dale Miller [mailto:hiflyerdm1@bctonline.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 10:51 PM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: My concerns

Every year it is increasingly more expensive and difficult for hunters in Oregon. For the past several years I have purchased the sports PAC which includes most of the big game tags as well as the fishing tags and bird tags. What concerns me is that a lot of these tags are worthless to me. I hunt exclusively in eastern Oregon where all deer and elk hunting is controlled hunting except for a few general hunts for spike only elk. During these controlled hunts my bear and cougar tags are useless because if I don't have a tag for the controlled hunt area, I can't carry a center fire rifle or a muzzle loader. You sell the bear tags saying the season is specific dates, yet you are robbing me out of almost two months of that season through all of the deer and elk seasons.

Throughout deer and elk seasons are good times for hunting bear and cougar. It is difficult at best to draw tags. To be penalized on the tags that good money was paid for! because a controlled hunt tag was not drawn, is ridiculous. If someone is going to illegally shoot a deer or elk, they don't care what the rules say. This rule only penalizes the honest hunters.

My next concern is the cooperative road closures. As a 65 year old hunter, it is increasingly difficult to travel on foot, much less having to pack meat out. Living on social security and veterans disability I can't afford to own horses or pay someone to bring horses in. I know of many hunters my in my age range who have just quit hunting because of this. I also know a number of hunters who just got fed up with Oregon and hunt out of state. It is my understanding that the majority of income for odfw comes from sales of licenses and tags. You are cutting your own throat, as more and more of these hunters quit buying licenses. In Idaho, you are allowed to use motorized vehicles to retrieve game, in road closure areas. Why can't Oregon do this?

I have been told by OSP troopers that this would be an enforcement issue. I say bull. If they catch a vehicle on a closed road, someone better be able to show them downed game. Simple as that. Instead of increasingly adding regulations that add enforcement issues how about trying some regulations that actually improves a hunters chances of having a successful hunt.

Idaho sees the value of hunters and takes care of them. Oregon gives the perception that they will gladly take your money but don't want you to hunt. What a crying shame.

Sent from my iPad

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Cascade Elk Hunting

From: Victor, Bill [<mailto:bvictor@columbiaforestproducts.com>]

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 11:37 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Cascade Elk Hunting

Commissioners, BAD MANAGEMENT OF THIS RESORCE. My money will go out of state before I consider hunting this season again. Low elk numbers, unlimited tags, do not make for quality hunts. Thanks for reading. Bill

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: Comment for the record.

From: kfallspat@charter.net [mailto:kfallspat@charter.net]

Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 9:00 PM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: Comment for the record.

I understand that you are considering the use of cross bows for archery hunting. As a person with a disabled shoulder, this would be very welcome. To once again be able to archery hunt would be great. I would not be in favor of complete open use of cross bows, as there is no need for this. For persons in the senior age group or with disabilites, it is worth consideration. Thank you, Charles Gallagher. Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: Crossbow hunting

From: Dan Ramming [mailto:djramming@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 8:31 PM

To: ODFW Commission

Subject: Crossbow hunting

Hello,

After giving this topic much thought I would like to stand behind the use of crossbows in rifle hunting seasons only!

The mechanical advantages that a crossbow bring to hunting should never ever allow them to be used in archery seasons. I just finished watching a show where they were using a cross bow completely outfitted with a bi-pod and scope. The advantages that this would give even a handicapped hunter would allow this person to shoot consistently and accurate at ranges up to 100 yards, and possibly more. This would take away the spirit and vision of the archery hunt.

I recently read where for the first time in history of elk hunting in Oregon, during 2012 hunting season archery hunters had a higher success ratio than rifle hunters. A large part of this success is due to more high tech archery equipment on the market being used. Adding crossbows to archery seasons would be over the top on offering a mechanical advantage.

For years the crossbow has been called the perfect poaching weapon and with the new mechanical advantages on today's crossbows this would make them even more lethal. With half or possibly more than half of the animals in Oregon each year being poached (killed illegally according to the Oregon State Game Police and ODF&W) do we really want a better poaching weapon being added to the mix?

Along with peoples ideas of the hunt changing from for the love of the hunt, to I must kill something, people are accepting and copying white tail deer tactics, which include tree stand use, the use of decoys and the worst of all in my opinion which is baiting. Whether it is sitting on an artificial water hole, a bale of hay, salt, grain or apples I find this unethical and a practice that should be made illegal. Why should we give these hunters and poachers another mechanical advantage to hunt already depleting herds of deer and elk?

I would like to thank you all for your commitment of time to the game commission and thank you for taking the time to read this message.

Best of luck with your tough decisions.

Happy trails,

Dan Ramming

Bowhunter with 46 years of experience

Life Member and past president of my local OHA Chapter

Life Member and project person RMEF

Retired Hunter Education Instructor 19 years

Member Traditional Archers of Oregon

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Hunting rules

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

From: randykoehne@yahoo.com [<mailto:randykoehne@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 5:23 PM

To: OSP Fish And Wildlife Division

Subject: Hunting rules

There are several changes I would like to see considered for hunting.

Let us change time to buy hunting license and tags, where we can purchase them Up to the last day of that hunt. If I should want to spend just one afternoon, or two and spend the full amount, let us.

Allow oregon hunters to use crossbows for hunting. Does this arrow go so fast that it is More dangerous then some high powered rifles Thank you Randy koehne

Sent from my iPad

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: Comment on western Oregon deer tags for your consideration

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

From: Peter Barnes [mailto:peter@reporterbarnes.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 2:35 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Comment on western Oregon deer tags for your consideration

Dear Commissioners,

As you consider revisions to Oregon's big game hunting regulations for 2014 and future years, I wanted to suggest a minor change I feel would enhance the process for acquiring a tag for western Oregon's general deer season. Let me first say that, as a relatively new resident, I've generally found Oregon's fish and game regulations to be reasonable and fair. Further, ODFW's online resources and the availability of its workshops have made me feel very welcome as I explore the resources of our wonderful state.

This fall, I planned to purchase a general rifle season deer tag and try my luck in the Coast Range. As the opening weekend was beset by storms, I put off the purchase of my tag until after the season began. At that point, though, I was not allowed to do so. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility as a hunter to know and understand the rules, and I have no one but myself to blame. That said, I would respectfully ask that the Commission consider changing the regulations in future years to make western Oregon deer tags available for purchase throughout the general rifle season. The existing purchase deadline is confusing to new and relocated hunters for two reasons. First, many other states allow tag purchases throughout deer season, leading newcomers like myself to believe they can be acquired in the same timeframe here. Second, tags for other Oregon species, such as upland birds, can be purchased throughout the season. In my case, I had studied the season dates and species-specific rules for black-tailed deer but overlooked the tag purchase deadline, as I assumed their availability would be similar to that of tags for other Oregon species or deer tags I'd purchased in Idaho and Virginia.

I am not a biologist. Nonetheless, it seems that allowing in-season tag purchases would have a minimal impact on the conservation efforts of ODFW. For data purposes, I see no reason why the same analysis of tag purchases could not be delayed by a month to accommodate a revised purchase deadline. For management purposes, I cannot imagine that an increase in tag sales created by making their acquisition more convenient would be large enough to have an effect on deer populations, particularly given the low success rates for harvesting black-tailed deer.

I appreciate your time in considering these suggestions, and in serving on the body that ensures our hunting and fishing resources in Oregon will remain bountiful for years to come. It's my hope that with this small change, we might be able to share a small part of this resource with a wider group of potential hunters in the future.

Sincerely,
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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Deer closure during Cascade elk season

From: Geoff Cooper [<mailto:gkcooper99@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 8:01 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Deer closure during Cascade elk season

Dear ODFW,

Is it really necessary to close deer hunting season in the Cascades just because Cascade elk season is open the week of Oct 12-18? It just so happens that is the week that my son and grandson and I with our deer tags want to hunt, and we prefer to hunt the Cascades, but we can't because somebody seems to think hunters can't tell an elk from a deer.

I suggest that poachers and lawbreakers know very well what they are up to, and for the rest of us this week-long closure of Cascade deer season for the supposed benefit of elk hunters seems unreasonable.

Please consider allowing deer hunting with a valid deer tag through the entire month of October in the Cascades.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: 2014 Regulation changes

From: Jason Darrah [<mailto:jason@gobarehoof.com>]
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To: ODFW Commission
Subject: 2014 Regulation changes

My name is Jason Darrah and I am an Archery hunter in Central Oregon. I noticed on the list of regulation changes the committee is considering legalizing Crossbows for disabled hunters. I don't have a problem for allowing disabled hunters use a crossbow, but my concerns are that would become the foot in the door that eventually legalize the crossbow for non-disabled hunters as well. I already feel that modern archery equipment is having a negative impact on the sport I would ask that we leave Crossbows out of Oregon all together.

I think the commission should look to tighten up regulations on types of archery equipment allowed as well. I think there needs to be regulations on minimum arrow weight, as with the continued innovations being made with bow speeds people are continuing to decrease the arrow weights believing with the increase of speed they are maintaining enough KE (Kinetic Energy) to get sufficient penetration. A study done by Dr. Ed Ashby for the African game department show the KE has no effect on penetration; momentum is better factor for penetration. Many people check their arrow speed by using a chronograph at about 10ft or so which is not a good indicator as a light fast moving object will have more drag on it than a heavier slow moving object of same dimensions so by the time that arrow reaches 30 to 40 yards the Momentum a light arrow would have would be severely decreased. I believe the commission should review the white papers that are freely available which were written by Dr. Ed Ashby, if this information was good enough for the African game department I would have to believe it could have relevance for Oregon as well. I believe this could have a positive impact on the amount of game lost each year by archers using arrows that are too light.

Thanks,

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