

Exhibit C

**Furbearer and Unprotected
Mammal Regulations**

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence received as of
June 4, 2014**

Roxann B Borisch

Subject:

Regulation Changes for Furbearer

From: Nicole Neal [<mailto:neal.nicole@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 10:48 PM

To: ODFW Commission; odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: ***Regulation Changes for Furbearer***

It has come to my attention that ODFW is looking to change some regulations on the harvesting of bobcat.

Trapping bobcat and other furbearers is something that dates back for centuries. Its what our country depended on to start their lives and build a life around. Its said that in the 1600's fur was the biggest business! We have come a long way and now there are rules and regulations that help protect furbearers. But with the regulations that are in place right now, we have issues of cougars and bobcats coming dangerously close to our homes in town and out of town. But now you are asking to enforce more? I live 20 miles outside of Philomath and we have cougars killing livestock of surrounding farmers, bobcats that walk down the middle of the road. I was stocked by a bobcat in the middle of the day while I was getting my mail. Bobcats are a big issue out here! I cant feel safe leaving my animals out in my own yard that is fenced in because we have bobcats that will stock them! Bobcats have been seen all around out here! During caving season for cows, its not surprising to see bobcats stocking cattle. On my way to work its normal for me to see not just one bobcat but GROUPS of them together. I have lost more barn cats to Bobcats then anything else. (how do I know it was a bobcat you ask?) well when you see a bobcat with your house cat DEAD in its mouth its hard to think anything else killed it! So I am asking you to PLEASE DO NOT change the regulations that are already in place for the trapping and hunting of bobcat! Please take a look at what is happening with cougar numbers now that we are no longer allowed to hunt them with dogs, We have seen a HUGE increase of cougars in the area. Its to the point where they are grouping together almost like a pride would. We can not have the predator vs prey ratio to get out of control. This doesn't just impact bobcats, it impacts every other animal in the woods. But also the lives of the people that live around them as well.

I really hate to say it, but I think that it will only be a matter of time until a child or adult gets hurt or killed by a bobcat or cougar! And when it happens, it just might open some of your eyes to the impact that putting too many regulations on these animal could truly have!

Thank you for your time!

Nicole Neal

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: Eastern Oregon bobcat tag reduction.

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

From: Jeremy Mason [mailto:jbmason72@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2014 5:37 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Eastern Oregon bobcat tag reduction.

I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposal to reduce eastern Oregon bobcat tags from 5 to 3 cats per season. Here are a few reasons for my opposition.

1. I feel that this is "knee jerk" legislation in response to recent increases in bobcat prices. Actually bobcat prices dropped an average of 40% in the 2013/2014 season. That combined with high gas prices has a lot of trappers saying they won't be doing much trapping this year.
2. Reducing tags per person has no real effect on limiting the amount of cats taken, it just increases the number of licenses bought.
3. Eastern Oregon is surrounded on all 4 sides by areas that have NO limit at all on bobcats and those areas populations of bobcats are holding up just fine according to those areas biologists.
4. The mild winter of 2013/2014 allowed a lot of cats to remain at higher elevations where they were never even pursued by trappers.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jeremy Mason

Sent from my iPad

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: Bobcat harvest proposals

From: James Family [<mailto:rosannej@centurytel.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 6:24 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Bobcat harvest proposals

To the ODFW commission members,

First of all, Thank You, for taking the time to try to make the best decisions for Oregon's wildlife using the most up to date information available. It is my belief that the population of bobcats in western Oregon is both healthy and sustainable. The harvest of bobcats is already being limited in large part by weather, but more importantly by large private tracts of land that cannot be either hunted or trapped, these areas insure that there will be breeding populations of bobcats that will continue to disperse into the areas open to harvest. I have come to this conclusion from my own observations in the field as well as from the information I have gathered from my local ODFW biologist. I hope that you will also find that over regulating western Oregon bobcats will benefit no one, only open the door for more regulation. As a trapper it is a relief to have the option of a second card if the season is going well, for myself, I target gray fox, bobcats, and coyotes, using the same sets and traps for all three, it would really limit my multi species line if I couldn't purchase bobcat cards as needed. I have no first hand Knowledge of eastern Oregon cat trapping or populations so I would defer to the local biologists and the people that have first hand knowledge of the population cycles of the local bobcats.

Again Thank You, Brandy S. James

Roxann B Borisch

From: Michelle Tate <michelle.l.tate@state.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 10:50 AM
To: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Change in Trapping Rules

From: William Douglas [<mailto:billgoldbeach@frontier.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 5:56 AM
To: ODFW
Subject: Change in Trapping Rules

This letter is in opposition to the proposed change in the bobcat trapping rules. Please leave the rules as they now stand. If study is needed for some reason then let's look at a study. Even then what is the need to study this issue? I trap bobcats to help reduce the predator population so that elk, deer, grouse, quail and turkeys have a better chance for survival. We have 170 acres with uninhabited land bordering us.
Regards, William Douglas Gold Beach, OR
Hunter, trapper, fisher, and land owner.

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: bobcat proposal

From: JOHN M KAREN R BARNUM [mailto:JOHNMKAREN@msn.com]

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 12:42 PM

To: ODFW.comments

Subject: bobcat proposal

To whom it may concern;

5/30/2014

I am writing you about my concerns and disagreement of the new trapping proposals concerning bobcat regulations and limits.

I have lived my entire life in Central Oregon and have been a trapper here for about 45 years, harvesting mostly coyotes and bobcats.

It is obvious to me that the new bobcat limit proposals have nothing to do with sound biological evidence. Or if evidence is being used, it is not up to date data. Therefore, the proposals must only be political in nature or an emotional environmentalist ploy.

It has been my experience and also reading of materials from other experienced people concerning bobcat numbers is that harvest limits have very little effect on total numbers and survival rate averages over periods of time. Spring rains that make for better cottontail rabbit forage which in turn makes for better bobcat feed is the main reason for good survival or not of the young. However, man has no control of this phenomenon. These things have cycled for years and will continue to do so.

It is my opinion that if ODF&W wants to have better bobcat management practices there are a few things that I would suggest.

1. Shorten or do away with the bobcat pursuit season of hounds. Many young of the year don't survive this do to not being big enough to escape and being bitten by the dogs and also separation from their mothers which leads to their demise. There are young cats that never get counted or marketed do to this. Since they don't get counted it is assumed that they never existed and other recruitment problems are blamed.

2. Cougars. I and close trapper friends have found many areas that are devoid of bobcats in good habitat, along with other game animals, due to high populations of cougars. There is no doubt what the problem is in these areas. What better use of a hound and hounds men could there be than taking care of this escalating problem? It is a big problem that no one at the state level seems to take seriously.

It is past time for Oregon and specifically trained ODF&W Biologists to manage our wildlife for the good of the wildlife. Not for the good of politics, environmentalist, general fund and unknowing ignorant voters.

Respectfully,
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