

# **Exhibit G**

**Public Correspondence received as of  
November 20, 2014**

**From:** James D Reed [mailto:james.d.reed@state.or.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 06, 2014 9:15 AM

Hi Everyone:

Hope the start of the hunting season is going well! Thanks for another outstanding year in Hunter Education; the numbers of graduates continue to hold steady and are rising. The Youth Pheasant Hunts were a great success this year, we had a 11% increase over last year's numbers even with the hot weather.

Updates:

- In December, Hunter Education Program will be presenting to the Wildlife Commission an update in hunter education rules. This involves updating the language on the length of course. We are updating this to accommodate an Adult only online course; this would allow adults to take the online course and receive their hunter education certificate, no field day would be required. The plan is to launch the Adult Course January 1, 2015.
- The next change is that the Program will be adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> online course option for the public. This option is <http://hunteredcourse.com/> they charge \$13.00 and is a timed course and narrated course like the other two courses. This is a well done course and covers 95% of the test questions on our test. It also allows the student to download a study guide. This course should be ready to launch November 1. We will be sending out the sample Certificate for this and the other course as a reminder of what the completion certificates look like. We will be updating the web page to accommodate these three course offerings.
- Last week we send out a survey for the 2015 Statewide conference, please take some time to complete this survey. This will help with the planning of the conference. The conference is April 24-26 2015 at the Wild horse Casino in Pendleton.
- Mark your calendar for the end of the year training conference. The date is **Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>**. More details will be sent out shortly.

Thanks for all the fine work that you accomplished this year. Please email or call me if you have any questions on the above update.

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**From:** Thomas Tankersley <Tom@twslaw.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 07, 2014 9:02 AM  
**To:** James D Reed  
**Cc:** Bruce Waltz (bpwaltz@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** RE: HE updates

Dear James,

I know that you put a lot of thought and effort into new programs, so I am reluctant to make a major suggestion at this late date. However, I am concerned about offering an adult online class without any chance for ODF&W's Hunter Ed program to meaningfully influence or evaluate gun handling before certifying someone.

In the 20+ years I've been teaching classes my teaching partners and I have had the chance to observe quite a few adult hunters taking the class. A significant number (certainly not all, probably not even most) have developed dangerous firearm safety habits.

I think that it would be very helpful to the adult hunters (and those who are relying on ODF&W certification) to require them to attend and pass a traditional type range day before receiving their cards. For most the refresher would be useful. For a few, it would be an important screening. We would never know, but it might prevent serious injury or worse.

It makes sense to offer a more convenient path to certification for adult hunters. I'm concerned that the new program, as described in your email, will not provide meaningful instruction or evaluation of gun handling skills. Your instructors still sometimes refer to the program as "Hunter Safety", even though it has evolved to cover other important topics, because that remains a vital part of what we teach.

I apologize for the late input. I understand that there are pressures to lower barriers to hunting participation, but the new program appears to go too far, especially since other states that require adult certification rely on Oregon to meaningfully evaluate hunters before issuing a card.

Thank you for considering my input and for all you do for our program.

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