

Exhibit C

2015-2016 Game Bird Regulations

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence received as
of August 6, 2015**

ODFW WildlifeInfo

From: Kole Lane <kolefowl@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 2:31 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Spring Snow Goose Season

I have a question regarding Oregon's spring snow goose season. It is obvious that fish and wildlife knows there is a problem with snow geese by adding the spring season. I was wondering if there will ever be a negotiation period or if you guys will take public input on possibly adding electronic calls and taking plugs out. I have a large number of farmers in the Nyssa/Adrian area that are willing to get involved because of the damage they do. Hunting these geese truly does help farmers out with this problem. I understand you have a snow goose season but these birds are too smart to hunt without electronic calls. It truly makes a huge difference to use e callers because these birds have seen decoy spreads all year long, making their way back to their breeding grounds. Last year I watched the majority of the snow geese come off Fort Boise WMA as well as Roswell Marsh and fly across the state line into Oregon. I truly believe these birds know it is safer there because there is no e callers and significantly less hunters. This seemed to happen more frequently as the season went on. I know the farmers would appreciate having these birds out of their fields. Look forward to hearing back from you guys.

Thanks,

Kole Lane

Jack Archer and Anna Nolen
34 North Frontage Road
Tygh Valley Oregon 97063

Roy Elicker, Director Headquarters Office
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive S.E.
Salem, Oregon 97302

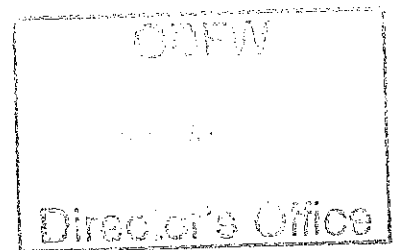
21 July 2015

Dear Mr. Roy Elicker,

This communication is to address our continuing concerns regarding the up-coming goose hunting season on Pine Hollow Reservoir. You may reference our previous letters to you dated 21 October 2014 and 18 November 2014 to review the issues.

We had hoped you would provide a permeant solution to the problem of living under threats of fall-out from direct shots at our home during hunting season. This situation is the direct results of your hunting regulations. Our fear is this violence will be allowed to continue until someone is shot!

The current early goose hunting season on Pine Hollow Reservoir for this year is approaching very soon.

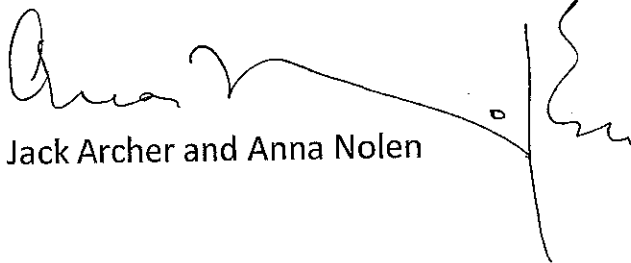
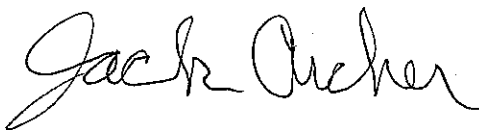


We were hoping you would enact a no hunting safety zone on the east end of Pine Hollow Reservoir in the crowded residential settlement before this year's goose hunting season began. People could still safely goose hunt on the lake using the south boat launch at Pine Hollow Reservoir, which is a non-residential area, with public lake access if a hunting zone were to be established there. Developing a hunting zone at the south boat launch would not impact hunter's lake access and this action would provide protection for us from such violence each hunting season.

In conclusion please ask yourself how you would feel with the violence of hunters shooting at you and bullets pouring down upon your home and yard year after year with very little service, very little protection, no defense and the on-going threats of retaliation against you?

Please address and correct this egregious problem before another goose hunting season begins!

Sincerely,



Jack Archer and Anna Nolen

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Tygh Valley, Oregon 97063
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Roy Elicker, Director Headquarters Office
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive S. E.
Salem, Oregon 97302

18 November 2014

Dear Mr. Elicker,

This is a follow-up communication to our October 21st letter to you describing goose hunting concerns on Pine Hollow Reservoir. We are very pleased with the response to our concerns.

Jeremy of The Dalles O.D.F&W coordinated meetings with Oregon State Police, White River O.D.F&W, and Wasco County Sheriff Office to address our problem of being shot at and enduring hail-storms of pellets raining down on us from goose hunters at the reservoir. The combined agencies developed a plan to promote better education for hunters and to provide an increased law enforcement presence at the reservoir.

John Katzenstein, of Oregon State Police, visited Pine Hollow Reservoir and provided reckless endangerment education for some of the hunters that were shooting at us. Officer Katzenstein followed up with a telephone call to us communicating his interface to the offending hunters.

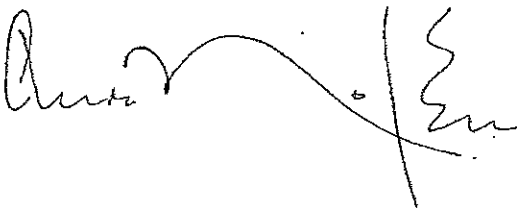
Jeremy also followed up with a telephone call to us describing having coordinated the three agencies and their actions taken to address the problem.

Hunting continues at Pine Hollow Reservoir and I am thrilled to report we have not experienced any further issues of being shot at since education has been provided and police presence was enhanced.

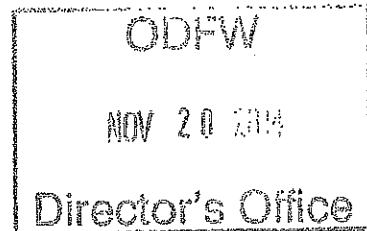
Retaliation continues to be a large concern, especially during any absence from our property.

We want to express our sincere thanks to your office, to Officer Katzenstein and to Jeremy of The Dalles O.D.F&W for prompt and effective interface to the egregious problem of goose hunters shooting at us.

Sincerely,



Jack Archer and Anna Nolen



Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Sage-grouse Hunting in Oregon
Attachments: OR SG Hunt Letter 30 July 2015.doc

From: Clait E. Braun [<mailto:sgwtp66@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2015 1:43 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Sage-grouse Hunting in Oregon

Michael Finley, Chair
Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Medford, OR 97504
odfw.commission@state.or.us

Mr. Finley:

A letter is attached that discusses sage-grouse hunting management in Oregon and compensatory versus additive mortality. Please contact me if you have specific questions. My name and credentials can be easily accessed on-line through use of a search engine such as Google.

Respectfully

Clait

Clait E. Braun

Michael Finley
Chair, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
1521 Nottingham Circle
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Dear Chairman Finley:

I support the science-based approach to management of sage-grouse in Oregon as practiced over the last 20+ years by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Before I continue, you may wish to examine my credentials. I worked for the then Colorado Division of Wildlife from 1969 through mid 1999 when I retired. During much of this period I was responsible for sage-grouse research and management throughout Colorado. Further, I represented my agency on region-wide technical committees and worked extensively with Federal and State agencies. I annually made recommendations on sage-grouse hunting to our Wildlife Commission, responded to their questions, and had both their support and the support of my agency. I have been recognized as an authority on sage-grouse throughout the range of the species and am well published.

One of my long-term studies in Colorado involved banding over 9,000 sage-grouse in a 200-mi² area from 1973 into the early 1990s in an effort to understand if hunting affected sage-grouse abundance in subsequent years. We manipulated season length starting the first or second Saturday in September (2 to 30+ days) and bag/possession limits (1/2 to 3/9), collected wings from hunter-harvested sage-grouse, and used permits, check stations, and wing collections to measure hunter activities and harvest. The results of this effort have been published in a series of technical papers in the scientific literature. The gist of this effort was that we could not detect any effect of harvest on spring population size in the subsequent year which varied annually based on reproductive success in the previous year and overwinter survival. All of the evidence was that hunting was not additive mortality but was compensatory. Reanalysis of this data set by others in recent years using more modern statistical tests supported our findings that hunting was compensatory mortality. I did suspect that hunting after 30 September could be additive. In other words, the longer the season continues into October, the more likely harvest mortality could affect population size in the subsequent year. This was not demonstrated in our studies but has been suggested by more recent studies.

Oregon had developed the best conservative approach (short season length, low bag and possession limits, permits required, wing receipts requested with prepaid envelopes) to science-based harvest management for sage-grouse of any State. They annually count the number of males in selected areas open to hunting (Hunt Units that have low numbers of males counted are not open to hunting) and base the number of permits to be allowed in each Hunt Unit by assuming that the number of males counted represents a high percent of those present which we know is not true. This reduces the number of permits allowed in an effort to keep the harvest to about 3% of the expected fall population. The average annual survival of sage-grouse in Oregon (1993-2013) in

hunted populations is about 45% for males and 55% for females. Similar data for populations of sage-grouse that are not hunted are not available but I would be surprised if they differed based on band recoveries and survival rates in Colorado. (Estimated survival rates from wing collections and band recoveries in Colorado vs. those only from wing collections in Oregon are similar.) I have assisted personnel with ODFW with analysis of the wings they annually collect from sage-grouse starting in 1993 and continuing through 2013. Their data collection system is outstanding as is their use of the data that are obtained. Collection of harvest data allows ODFW biologists to examine the reproductive performance and overall health (survival/mortality, age and sex ratios) of the sage-grouse population by Hunt Units. These data are important over time and cannot be reasonably obtained with adequate sample sizes by trapping and radiomarking individual birds.

I understand the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is under court order to decide whether to list or not list Greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act. My experience with Gunnison sage-grouse in Colorado (about 4,000 birds are thought to exist and the species was listed in 2014 as threatened) indicates that listing of Greater sage-grouse (the species in Oregon) is highly unlikely. Why? There are still good numbers across a broad range of states and the counts in all states in spring 2015 seem to be up.

My professional view is that hunting has not been demonstrated to negatively impact spring population size or subsequent recruitment of either species of sage-grouse. There is a large suite of habitat and weather-related issues that affect sage-grouse populations. Hunting has been demonstrated to be compensatory even for a heavily-hunted population in Colorado. The harvest management system in Oregon is designed to provide maximum population protection while allowing a quality hunting experience in the high desert in Oregon during a delightful period of the year.

I encourage you to continue to support this limited season and to go afield this fall to see how it works in practice. I suspect that ODFW would welcome your presence at their annual wing bee in Hines/Burns this coming winter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully

Clait E. Braun (signed)

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Brandon Reishus

From: Ed Tarbell <edhtarbell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 2:44 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - 2015/16 Waterfowl Season Proposals

Brandon, good work! You are making things happen! Ed

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2015, at 2:31 PM, Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us> wrote:

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Brandon Reishus

From: Worth Mathewson <slpress@macnet.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 2:46 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - 2015/16 Waterfowl Season Proposals

Brandon, What about the collared dove? Still not a game bird? You guys are making a very large mistake! Hard to understand! Worth Mathewson

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Brandon Reishus

From: Ray Bellant <rbellant@aventuretec.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 3:11 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - 2015/16 Waterfowl Season Proposals

Brandon,

Thank you very much for sending this to me and also, for the tough job you all do. You can never make everyone happy but I think this is mostly very good progress with the geese. Hope it is adopted and appreciate the concessions VERY much! - Ray

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President & CEO
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On Jul 31, 2015, at 4:31 PM, Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us> wrote:

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Brandon Reishus

From: Pete Gutbrod <gutbrodpete@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 3:46 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Retaking goose test

Brandon

I just had my cell explode with texts because all my hunt buddies saw the article about the bird changes. All was good until they saw the part about retesting to hunt geese. I have and am a huge supporter of all you have done and want to do. BUT that said, you lost me (and many others) with this slap in the face idea. Many of us have played this check station game for almost 20 years and no one in my group has ever been checked out or even had a violation with waterfowl. We have done our part to help the Dusky's, followed the rules, done what you folks have asked, and in return we get essentially punished for that by being told we have to retake the ID test ?? What is the point Brandon? The geese subspecies have not changed. Dusky's are still Dusky's. Cacklers are still cacklers. I am pretty sure we can identify the Dusky and not shoot them since we have been doing that for years. I do not support you on this and am not a fan of this part of the goose program changes. It seems senseless and demeaning to hunters who have done nothing wrong. Its is very disappointing at best

Respectfully
Pete Gutbrod

Brandon Reishus

From: Bryan <bryanmeg@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us
Subject: Goose Regulations

Mr. Reishus,

I have seen the new proposed regulations for our Valley Goose hunting.

I see that we will be required to retake the goose ID test. I cannot support this part of the proposal.

I have been following the rules and correctly identifying geese for years.

With the new rules the penalty as I understand it for taking a Dusky is a fine instead of lost privileges. It seems I have even more incentive to correctly identify each goose.

Having to retake the test is just not needed and a waste of our time.

I know this have been a difficult process and do appreciate your work on this issue.

Bryan Turner

Brandon Reishus

From: Eric Strand <eric@s2calls.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 4:36 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - 2015/16 Waterfowl Season Proposals

Brandon,

Thank you for sending this, great work!

Eric Strand
503.750.8271

Sent from my iPhone

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Brandon Reishus

From: Guess, Alan <Alan.Guess@datalogic.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 5:06 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: RE: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - 2015/16 Waterfowl Season Proposals

Require all NW Permit Zone hunters to re-take and pass the goose identification test before hunting this year. – Really ?
What is the reasoning there ?

From: Brandon Reishus [mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us]
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From: Vane Dickey <vddab@wbcable.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2015 5:18 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Brandon Reishus

Brandon

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Respectfully

Vane Dickey



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Brandon Reishus

From: hogwild32@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 5:17 PM
To: Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us
Subject: NW goose changes

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Pete summed up my feelings as well,

Bill Wilson

Brandon Reishus

From: dvonflue@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2015 8:19 AM
To: Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us
Cc: Von Flue, Doug
Subject: Goose changes for 2015

Brandon,

First I would like to express my appreciation for all the work you have done on the goose hunting "issues". I wholeheartedly support most of what you have managed to accomplish and new recommendations. I know you have probably heard "it all" by now but I would like to take the opportunity to voice my personal opposition to the requirement that hunters who have already passed the "goose written test" be required to retake the test. I started hunting geese in the second year of the NW goose hunting program. I remember memorizing all the bill lengths, the acronym CATLDVW for smallest to biggest (even used that as part of a password) and et.al from the book. It was my experience the first couple of years that I was really having a hard time determining a Dusky from some of the rest especially in certain light conditions. So many birds were passed just because I wasn't sure. However, as time passed, things began to "click" and I learned and it became easier and easier to identify the birds based on a lot of experience with sounds, wings and their beat, getting a good look at the breast, size of bird, size of group, landing pattern, and all the other nuances et.al. you pick up in the field and not necessarily in the book. So, although I have not been able to hunt the last two years because of medical issue, I believe I have not lost my ability to identify the birds and know from experience that if I can't identify them then let them go and be satisfied because believe me, there are plenty more where those came from..... So in those respects (there is actually more) I would like to voice my opposition to having to retake the "goose test". At this point it will do nothing practical to help me identify birds and I will be required to spend time unnecessarily remembering the book or whatever the literature is now that is used for the test. To me, this is like DMV calling me and asking me to retest the drivers exam. While I don't remember every exact driving rule/law I would put my drivers ability/safety far above some 16 year old who had just passed the test. Who would you feel safer with driving your child to daycare: yourself or your 16 year old daughter who just passed the DMV test? I don't want to belabor the point as it appears obvious to me. Lastly, It does not appear there has been a problem with bird (Dusky) numbers with the current hunters who have already passed the test or the numbers would not be there to support a hunting season to begin with much less an extended season. Where would the problem with current hunters be then if numbers vs. those already hunting, support the other recommendations for increases in goose seasons? So in closing, I would like you and the powers to be, to reconsider the requirement that those who have passed the gosse test already, are required to do so again. Thank you for your time and I am hoping for your reconsideration of this specific requirement.

Respectfully,

Doug Von Flue
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Brandon Reishus

From: Brad Schaal <bradley.schaal@frontier.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2015 4:10 PM
To: 'Brandon Reishus'
Subject: RE: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - 2015/16 Waterfowl Season Proposals

Brandon,
I have a question and a couple of comments about the proposed regs -
How do the proposed NW Oregon and SW Washington Dusky regulations compare to Alaska and British Columbia? Will the Dusky be off limits in AK and BC too?

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I will not miss going to the check station however! That is a major plus for this season. It added over an hour to the end of every successful hunt and often meant we had to quit early to give us time to pick up decoys to get there before it closed.

Thanks for listening.
Brad Schaal

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From: K M Buckley <knmbuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2015 8:21 PM
To: Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us
Subject: New goose hunting regulations

Brandon,

I would appreciate an explanation as to why hunters that currently possess a NW Goose Permit will need to take the test over again.

I strongly disagree with the concept that taking another test would help me identify geese better. I have been hunting geese in the NW zone since this program began. Being out in the field on a continual basis and seeing birds in their natural environment was more educational than taking a test with historical information and pictures.

Kelly Buckley

Brandon Reishus

From: ted vacek <tedvacek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 6:51 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - 2015/16 Waterfowl Season Proposals

Brandon,

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From: Reyes, Matt <ReyesM@Keizer.org>
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 1:24 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
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Thanks for the update Brandon. Question, " It would be a wildlife violation to shoot or possess any dusky Canada geese", will there be a fine established for the taking of a Dusky Canada Goose? Secondly, "Require all NW Permit Zone hunters to re-take and pass the goose identification test before hunting this year", Why? Revenue? I feel this to be a requirement that is invalid. It would be more appropriate to require a more secure way to make sure the permit holder is actually taking the test and not one of his friends, I know it to be factual that this has happened? Saw it take place at my place of employment.
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Geese

Brandon Reishus

From: cornduck@msn.com
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 3:44 PM
To: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us
Subject: RE: GAME BIRD INFORMATION LIST

THANKS BRANDON,

That was exactly what happened. I will put you in the approved list.

If you can, I would appreciate that the question "What is the justification for Oregon to be one of only two states in the entire nation not allowed to use electronic decoys for migratory birds?" be put to the commission.

Noting that we are not asking "electronic decoys in general but for migratory birds specifically. It is not an issue of spinning wings since those are allowed in mechanical version anyway. Believe it time to start the dialog at least.

If in fact , it helps people new to waterfowling have just a little more success and keep them hunting it would be beneficial in the long run since the rest of the states have said that there is no appreciable difference in harvest affecting the overall population.

THANK you for all your efforts. I know that if it were just the biology it would be easier, but the politics makes Your job very difficult.

Thanks again,

Neal

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From: Brandon Reishus
Date: 08/03/15 15:03:41
To: cornduck@msn.com
Subject: RE: GAME BIRD INFORMATION LIST

Hi Neil,

My list already has your address. Perhaps the message I sent out last week made it to your junk folder

Brandon Reishus

From: Owsian, Anthony E. (Portland) <Anthony.Owsian@va.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 7:49 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - 2015/16 Waterfowl Season Proposals

Importance: High

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Don't understand this. When a motor vehicle law changes do all Oregonians have to retake their driver's license? If anything I've gotten better over the last 30 years in identifying waterfowl. Please make that point for me at the meeting on Friday. Please feel free to use my analogy. Please be our voice.

It's my responsibility to read the regulations every year. You make it easier by identifying the changes on a separate page in the regulation and through these emails.

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Tony Owsian
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Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:41 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW Migratory Game Bird Program - 2015/16 Waterfowl Season Proposals

I think this proposal sets forth a lot of great compromises between all involved parties. Thank you Brandon for your diligent, hard work.

-Sara Rossi

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