

# **Exhibit C**

## **Coquille Valley Wildlife Area Management Plan**

**Supplemental  
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Director Melcher, Chairman Finley and Commission Members  
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Director Melcher, Chairman Finley and Commission members:

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Coquille Valley Wildlife Area Management Plan. As the largest adjacent landowner to the CVWA as well as a Stakeholder Committee member, I have been involved in the process for some time. As a rancher, we make a large percentage of our living off from the Coquille Valley property and the impact of the CVWA Management Plan is very important to us as well as any future owner of the property. I recommend the following additions and/or clarifications to the draft CVWA Management Plan.

Purpose of the Plan: Page 4 and 5: The first goal should be to ensure no adverse impact to neighboring lands, drainage, and the local community from wildlife management, mosquitos, ground and surface water, recreation, and hunting. Also, there should be a statement included that ODFW will work cooperatively with the corresponding drainage districts to preserve drainage for agriculture use within the District. For the sake of clarity, it would be beneficial to define neighboring land uses: agriculture production, industrial uses, timber production and rural housing.

Page 9: "ODFW is committed to being a good neighbor." The CVWA Management Plan needs to define what a "good neighbor" means. A good neighbor builds and maintains adequate fencing to keep livestock on their lands. A good neighbor removes beaver dams from the drainage systems on their property for the benefit of all landowners within the District. A good neighbor provides transparency concerning proposed actions. ODFW, as a good neighbor, shall ensure the partners and contractors have respect for neighboring properties and members of the District and provide no adverse impact for the sake of the project.

For Clarity: The Beaver Slough Tract sits in the Coaledo Drainage District.

The "Vision Statement" should include no adverse impact to agriculture, timber, industrial or rural residential lands.

Page 11: CVWA Establishment: Change third sentence to reflect reality. The TNC did not transfer the 37.21 acres of land along North Bank Lane to ODFW to improve public access. It was an outright purchase from ODFW. See attached deed. The TNC could have helped broker the deal which could be said if that is true.

Page 14: Fifth paragraph Clarification: Much of the winter flood water inundating the Coquille Valley varies from one to seven feet. During the early fall/winter and late winter/spring months, the lower water levels provide for feeding opportunities for waterfowl.

Page 22: Mammals: This section needs to include nutria. Should populations of nutria, beaver and muskrat increase damaging infra-structure and hindering drainage, ODFW SHALL CONTROL THEIR ABUNDANCE AND ACTIVITIES.

Page 30: First paragraph, last sentence: Based on the economic and social impacts to the Community of Bandon and its residents from the mosquitos at Bandon Marsh Restoration, the last sentence should be changed to reduce these impacts should there be a mosquito problem with the CVMA project. "ODFW WILL USE MORE AGGRESSIVE MEANS SUCH AS BTI AND REDUCED WATER LEVELS TO CONTROL MOSQUITOS." There was discussion at the Stakeholders meeting as to what constitutes need for mosquito control and how it is determined. Who and what is the complaint process? The restoration agencies and contractors do not live in the area and therefore do not end up being impacted by this issue.

Page 48: Adaptive Management 6-Step Process. As a neighboring landowner, I think it would be prudent for ODFW to have a landowner complaint process in place for issues created by the wetland restoration project whether it be mosquitos, ground and surface water inundation, trespass from recreational use and hunting, livestock trespass, weed management, nutria and beaver issues, etc. The process could be a simple form or written complaint going to either Charleston Office or Umpqua (Roseburg) with a short timeline (10 days for example) for ODFW to investigate and address or resolve the issue with landowner(s) or drainage districts.

There was quite a discussion among the Stakeholders about the use of water craft in the CVWA. It was felt that there should be "*no use of motorized water craft or boats*" in the CVWA for a number of reasons.

If you need further explanation of any of these suggestions, feel free to contact me. I had hoped to attend your meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> but other obligations prevent me from being there.

Thank you for your consideration and time. I sincerely hope you will consider the above suggestions to changes in the CVWA Management Plan.

Sincerely,



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