Exhibit F

Public Correspondence received as of April 7, 2017
Hello,
I read your website on turkey hunting with interest and as a rural property owner who is continually handling turkey hunters who are illegally hunting on our property and leaving wounded birds. I am concerned that your website does not seem to address safety issues and trespassing issues that put homeowners in danger with off road shooting and trespassers; both with bows/ arrows and guns. I am disappointed that very little, if anything is addressed to hunters who trespass, shoot from the back of pick ups onto private property and then jump over fences onto private property to retrieve turkeys. Your site states: “All you need to spring turkey hunt is camo, a call, and a shotgun.” I might ask that is really ALL a hunter needs to spring turkey hunt? Maybe permission to hunt on private property might be added and when NO HUNTING or NO TRESPASSING signs are posted all along a fence line that just might be an indicator that a private landowner does not want hunters on his or her land. So when it is stated on this site that “You can hunt for six weeks (April 15-May 31) ANYWHERE in the state” then someone might actually take that to mean that anywhere means anyone’s private property. One might think that is a “no brainer” but, trust me, it is really not...

In the past 25 years we have seen deer/turkey hunters come and go and are always amazed at the disrespect that is shown landowners and how dangerous hunters approach an area where there are residences all over where they see turkeys. I personally have had off road shooters shoot arrows from the back of trucks when I am out on the property and have had them land dangerously close to me, so close I could see the person’s face/truck. We have had off road shooters dislodge their weapon from the back of a truck, onto our property, using a shotgun to kill hens with 10-12 poults alongside them, jump the fence and attempt to take the hen/poults after completing a flock kill. All this was done while I was about 200 feet away. A few years back a neighbor across the street was almost shot by a hunter shooting from the road and the landowner, had he not been talked down, almost shot the off road hunter!! When you live where this kind of thing happens, it obviously intensifies concerns and fears for everyone’s safety.

Maybe the MOST Important aspect of hunter training/information is information my father and brother taught me and that is respect for others property, safety above all for everyone, never leave a bird/deer that is wounded, etc.. No turkey/deer is worth the life of a homeowner. So when I look at your site and see literally nothing that addresses these serious issues, I am greatly concerned. If one really thinks about it, if a hunter is hunting with residences all around and a bird is wounded, WHO will get to deal with that problem when the bird seeks cover behind a fence on private property? The hunter just leaves and WE, property owners, get to deal with it.

Education is everything in this world to me. I would really encourage those who produce the information on your websites to take the above concerns seriously and address this issue, along with information that could easily be misleading, especially to young people who think “No Hunting” signs should be ignored, that when you say a hunter can hunt turkeys ANYWHERE, inexperienced and uneducated hunters read that literally. Why am I saying that. I have had more than one hunter come on the property and QUOTE a couple of items on the turkey hunting ODF site and their RIGHT to hunt without permission ANYWHERE. That is why I just read your site. Of course, off road shooters know they are breaking the law and just don’t care. Hunters who hunt in populated areas (and I mean populated with people) quadruple the chances of something going wrong.

I hope you take my concerns and criticisms in the way they are intended: and that is just to encourage some changes. Your website might be essential for educating the how/when to hunt, where to hunt/costs/dates, but I believe it really needs a lot more emphasis on safety/legality, not just for the hunter(s) but for those who might be injured/killed by trespassers or those shooting out of trucks who take the rights/safety away from private property owners. There are
Brandon Reishus

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 7:51 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: FW: Motorized decoys for waterfowl

-----Original Message-----
From: Terry [mailto:tttimeinc@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 11:43 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Motorized decoys for waterfowl

To whom it concerns!
It's time we get with the times and change the law on motorized decoys for waterfowl and make it legal to use again!!
It's ridiculous we are one of three states in the world where it is not legal to use motorized decoys we are better than that and smarter than that.
Please take into consideration and make the obvious and correct decision and make the right change so we can use motorized decoys for waterfowl!! Thanks you for your time and attention in this matter.

Terry Massey Sent from my iPhone
Brandon-  
FYI  
Roxie

From: ken@riousa.com [mailto:ken@riousa.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 9:33 AM  
To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us  
Subject: Make Crow Season Earlier, Next Year

Hello,

I believe it would be advantageous to have crow season begin with the earliest bird hunts.

There are many crows in the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, but cannot be taken during the Fee Pheasant hunt in September, or the Early Goose Season.

Crows are quite the predators and egg-takers. If we could legally take/shoot crows, while afield in the Wildlife Areas, or wherever hunting occurs, we could help improve the population of game and song birds.

"When I was a boy"... we used to hunt crows in the filbert orchards. Dwindling orchards and expanding human habitation, along with other factors, have led to an ever-expanding crow population, thereby increasing the pressure on other wildlife populations.

"I believe" an earlier season would be most beneficial.

Thank you.

Ken
In reading the regs for poss of a loaded firearm in the game bird regs you left out a subsection that is listed in the ORS. This subsection to the ORS was added last year in July 2015 and comes right after the concealed weapons exception. This law exempts law enforcement officers and honorably retired law enforcement officers.

F R Bailey
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Winchester OR 97495
roger7906@yahoo.com
Hi,

I would like to suggest that the Department include a photo/drawing and description of the Spruce Grouse in the bird hunting manual. I recently learned of someone being cited for taking a Spruce Grouse in Union County when they thought they were taking a Ruffed Grouse. I’m not sure many hunters can readily identify a Spruce Grouse, not being at all familiar with the species and the fact that when they are encountered in the wild they may be in shadows, underbrush or in flight and cannot be readily discerned as not being a legal species.

All protected species that may be confused with legal game birds should have information in the manual stating that they are protected, with information on how best to identify them in the wild. It is not fair to hunters to be cited for a violation they had no knowledge of how to avoid because it was not stated as such in the manual. It also needs to be plainly stated as to where these birds are likely to be encountered so hunters can be especially careful in those areas.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

John F. Davis
755 N 13th Ave.
Elgin, OR 97827

541-437-8851
Hi Brandon,

I’m not sure when your next meeting is for ODFW’S recommendations on the dove season but I want to update my suggestions.

A split season is a step forward. I suggest an early season **encompassing only the first two weekends in September.** For 2017 that would be Saturday, September 2 through Sunday, September 10. Another option, maybe even better, would be a 4 day early season on **only the first two weekends** thus saving even more days for a late season. I’m guessing that probably the vast majority of the current harvest occurs on those two weekends.

Then a late season beginning the first weekend in November and running as late as possible.

Of course it would be much less complicated, logical and I believe biologically sound to run the season from September through the end of January. Really is there any conclusive evidence to refute harvesting up to the same proportion of the population as for say waterfowl? If so perhaps you could ask the Feds to turn sh it. I for one would like to see it.

Thanks for your efforts on Oregon’s behalf!
Dear Members of the ODFW Commission,

I'd like to ask you to consider extending the early spring youth turkey season. Normally a youth season occurs the weekend before the typical opening date of April 15th. This youth season assumes that parents get weekends off from work and can take their children hunting. Would you please consider opening the youth season the week prior to the regular opening date? This would allow people who have weekends off to take their children hunting and still give people who work weekends (and children are fantastic students so they can miss a day or two of school) to take their kids hunting.

In a way to limit take (if that's a concern) you could only allow one turkey to be taken during the youth season.

Thank you for considering this.

Respectfully,
Sean Carothers

Sent from my iPhone, please forgive brevity and spelling errors.
To all concerned mule deer biologists:

I live in New Bridge, OR. Prior to that I was a resident of Halfway, OR for many years. In that time I've witnessed the steady decline of our mule deer herds. Over the years I've written you multiple times on the detrimental effect of the late chukar season on wintering mule deer. In deep snow years, as we are currently experiencing, deer are continually driven uphill by bird hunters. Chukars are the non-native species here. Please consider an emergency closure of the chukar season immediately. Mule deer are already struggling and the winter is still young.

Sincerely, David Andrus
Hello,

I would like your local biologists to look into closing chukar season December 31st 2016. We have had a great number of snowfall the past month. Chukar are all on the roads where killers not hunters have easy pickings. I could of killed my limit every day the past 2 weeks off of the roads around Baker County. Please look into this.

Thanks
Ryan Elms
Brandon Reishus

From: tjthedrafter@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Brandon S Reishus
Cc: Qualman, David
Subject: Waterfowl seasons, shooting hours, etc.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Brandon,

A mutual friend of ours, David Qualman, gave me your contact info. David encouraged me to reach out to you to give you some feedback/observations/ideas about waterfowl seasons, regulations, and shooting hours here in Oregon.

Concerning seasons:

Duck season has started mid October since I can remember. I know its totally anecdotal, but I truly believe climate change has shifted waterfowl migration times later - at least on the the pacific coast. Here in the southern Willamette Valley at the 160 acre club I shoot at, we start off shooting local ducks for a week or so, then usually have very little activity until late December. Typically it continues to improve from then through the end of the season. Many times we see the greatest numbers of waterfowl migrating after the season closes. I'm curious as to why the Fed/state have not shifted seasons to follow migration patterns a little better?

Goose seasons:
I appreciate the increased simplicity of the regulations. I still question the closures within the season and how they vary from zone to zone. Seems like we are "micro managing" the individual flights. I do understand the Fed framework limits the total number of days we can hunt. Are you just spreading the hunt days out? Also, goose and duck should open together.

Shooting hours:
Shooting hours at winter solstice should more closely follow the day length. Currently there is nearly a three week lag after solstice before hours begin to get earlier. With decoy shy birds later in the season, sometimes the first minutes are 90% of the hunt. Also, the time shift each week should happen after the weekend, not Saturday morning. Curious as to why geese are always 8:00 versus, say 10 minutes after ducks. If its for positive ID, 10 minutes or even 15 should be ample. Sometimes all the geese have flown by 8:00...

Overall:
The number of rules and regulations that govern our hunting and fishing has increased dramatically over the years. While I understand the need to protect resources, I also understand that the complex web of rules and regulations has made it harder and harder for the average person to comply 100%. There must be a tipping point where non compliance or partial compliance outweighs the benefits of the increased number of regulations? Certainly management goals can be met with a less complex 'average' framework?
The changing hunting experience:
In my 39 years of hunting, I have watched the cost of licenses rise along with an increased number of required tags. Costs of ammunition and sporting goods are reaching levels we never though possible. Access to quality hunting areas diminish. Pressure from anti hunting groups grows. Yes, there are still good places to go and quality experiences can be had. But it takes more research, time, money, and perseverance to access these. Adding over complicated regulations to the mix does not help.

I realize that you are limited in your ability to make changes and that making changes is a process. I just wanted to give you feedback from one long time Oregon waterfowler. I am happy to discuss this or any other related subjects further.

Thanks for your time.

T.J. Forrester,
Eugene, Oregon
(541) 484-5365
Hi Justin,

We have monitored several areas closely and have evaluated if closing the season would have any biological impact on the chukar population, but have decided not to close the season early. Chukar season will be open through the end of January. Law enforcement has increased their presence in areas where people are shooting chukar off the road, but if you witness an incident please let Oregon State Police know.

Kelly Walton
Assistant Game Bird Biologist
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4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
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Office: (503) 947-6322

Kelly
Can you please reply to this one?
Thank you
Roxie

Have you thought about closing the Chukar season early this year? Besides the weather killing them off, I am worried about people shooting them off the road along Brownlee. Has there ever been a winter feeding for the birds? Can citizens drop seed?

Thanks

Justin
Elk Mountain Tents
www.elkmountaintents.com
541-316-8368
From: Kelly M Walton [mailto:kelly.m.walton@state.or.us]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:36 PM
To: elkmountaintents@yahoo.com
Cc: ODFW WildlifInfo <odfw.wildlifinfo@state.or.us>
Subject: RE: Chukar Season

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From: Elk Mountain Tents [mailto:elkmountaintents@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 2:59 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Chukar Season

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Thanks

Justin
Elk Mountain Tents
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541-316-8368
I just got off the phone with a business owner in Richland, Oregon that I get hunting and fishing information from. I asked him this morning about chukar hunting. What he told me was shocking and I hope part of it isn't true. To avoid all the "He said" I'll just put some of his comments below but in my own words.

The chukars are starving to death and those left alive aren't worth shooting because of all the weight loss. We've had 40 days of snow and cold weather. None of the south slopes are bare and the chukars are congregated around the roads. We tried to get the game commission to close the season last month but they wouldn't. Guys came on over and continued hunting. The road from here to Huntington is littered with shotgun shells. The guy who drives the garbage truck said he had seen a lot of whole birds just thrown away. It will probably take a couple of years before the chukars bounce back.

If you were contacted, why wouldn't you close the season? Do you ever provide feed for those birds during hard times like you do deer and elk? Would you like volunteers to help with that?

Thank you for your time,

Jim
Mr. Tokar,
Your concern about turkeys on your property was forwarded to me. From the pictures you sent it appears that several of the birds are not wild turkeys, but a domestic breed called ‘bourbon red’ and several others also appear to be hybrids. Someone in your neighborhood has apparently unlawfully released these birds or allow their birds to freely roam the neighborhood. The department does not have the authority to remove domestic breeds of turkeys because they are considered personal property. Unfortunately, that does not help you and the turkeys can still be a nuisance regardless of whether or not they are wild turkeys. Your local ODFW office (Central Point) will have the best advice for reducing the risk from these turkeys, but it sounds like you have already spoken with them. In situations like this, it takes a neighborhood effort to resolve the nuisance problem. Two things must be done, removal of attractants and then hazing. The attractant is probably food that is being made available by your neighbors, either intentionally or unintentionally (intentionally spreading grain for the turkeys or allowing access to pet or livestock food). Hazing can take many forms, but squirting them with a garden hose, spraying with a ‘super soaker’ or a motion activated sprinkler can all be effective, as well as scare devices such as mylar balloons or tape.

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From: David Tokar [mailto:dltokar@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 3:36 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Re: Wild Turkeys

David Tokar
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Central Point, Oregon
97502
541 826-2332

On Jan 27, 2017 3:30 PM, wrote:
I tried everything I know to get these wild turkey's to go some place else.
I talked with the local ODFW in Central Point and was told they were not going to do anything. Gave me and my landlord permission to Harass the turkey's to make them leave. It has not worked.
These turkey's probably 25 are destroying our property and damaging our new vehicles.
Brandon Reishus

From: Bob Foote <bfoote@acosta.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 2:53 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Cc: Kelly M Walton
Subject: RE: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon,

The only thing I will comment on are the shooting hours in the NW Zone. By changing the hours I don’t believe it will have an adverse effect on the harvest of Duskies. I believe the old 8:00-4:00 rule was the idea is having it lighter to be able to identify birds accurately and check station timing. Suggest to liberalize the shooting hours.

Would like to see someday the liberalization of Mallard Hen harvest as well. While as sportsmen we always try and take drakes where we can but the Hen Mallard limit seems to go against any biological benefit. There are more mallards than most duck species and yet none of the other species restrict hen harvests. Seems that they are the poster child of conservation and thus the rationale but it really doesn’t make sense.

Bob Foote

From: Brandon Reishus [mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Cc: Kelly M Walton
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Hello,

My name is Jeff Easton and I received an email containing the proposed changes to the 2017/2018 season. I am somewhat disappointed in the Pintail reduction, as we have a major influx in the area I hunt. I would have been more apt to see 2 Pintail Drakes only, which is the major take I see (in my group of friends I should say). In regards to the shoot times on goose, and the edible portions, I am in support of both of those proposals....and they both are a common sense move.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Jeff Easton
Like the change in goose shooting hours, not a fan of the reduction in number of pintails from 2 to 1.

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Brandon Reishus

From: Ray Bellant <rbellant@actionet.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: RE: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Thank you, Brandon. I don’t have a lot of discourse with any of this but still wonder if there are so many cacklers which need controlling, why not shut off large geese hunting sometime in the late season, maybe about 28 Feb and just let hunters take 6-10 cacklers ONLY for the rest of the late season. Or, something along those lines; just an opportunity to take cacklers only in greater numbers while protecting ALL of the large geese, and thus not risking the Duskeys or nesting Greaters, etc? I know you don’t have the answer at hand, but just an idea to plant.

Many thanks for all you do and for providing the opportunity for discussion. MUCH appreciated! ☺ Ray

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From: susan Massini <jmassini@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Hi Brandon
When is this state going to join the rest of the United States and allow motorized decoys for waterfowl hunting? We are one of only two or three states where they are not legal. The daily limits are set to allow hunters to shoot seven ducks. We should allow Oregon hunters the same advantages as the rest of the country.
Thanks
Jerry Massini

Sent from my iPad

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From: Graig Spolek <spolekg@pdx.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Oregon’s game bird regulations. Overall, they appear to be very reasonable.

I do want to go on record as protesting the reduction of the bag limit on pintails from two birds to one per day. The change will have no effect on pintail population. There is substantial scientific evidence that harvest has no effect on population of waterfowl. See the work of Ben Sedinger for details.

Graig Spolek

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From: jay.kassab <jay.kassab@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 7:52 PM
To: Brandon Reishus; Brian Dion; Dave Mumford; DENNIS CARNEIL; Heidi Jill Sturmer; Heidi Sturmer; Jason Kay; Jerald Strawn Wk Ph; Ken And Jane Smith; Larry Fotheringill; Lylejordan; Mark Nebeker. odf; Momsccell; Mrd; Pam; Russell Pearson; Sally; Stephanie DeFrance Dillard; Vance; louis raffin; zlaire5@icloud.com
Subject: RE: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

I can tell you first hand..that whoever is thinking of reducing the pintail limit should have their head examind..i was on sauvie island 3-5 days a week the whole duck season and i saw almost 5-8 pintails for every other kind of duck combined...that is just Stupid..but as WE ALL KNOW..the O.D.F.W is not always the Smartest of Humans..and You All, Already have your minds made up..

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device
-------- Original message --------
From: Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>
Date: 2/6/2017 2:37 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>
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From: Matt Alex <matt.j.a@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 8:38 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon,
Thank you for continuing to keep us waterfowlers informed.

It's a bummer to hear about the pintail limit being reduced to 1. Hopefully this isn't a long term change.

On the other hand adjusting the Permit Zone shooting hours is great and I hope to see that implemented. I'm sure the rest of the goose hunters will appreciate the opportunity to take advantage of early arriving flocks.

Myself and other hunters have been pleased with the increased hunt options, generous limits and other changes that have been put in place the last few years. Keep up the good work.

Matt Alex

Sent from my iPhone

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Regarding Pintails- If you hunted Sauvie Island this season you would see there is no shortage of Pintails.

I hope this helps

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 6:56 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Cc: Kelly M Walton
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Brandon, Thanks for sending along this. Sorry to learn that the pintail limit will be cut. But if they need help, it is a good thing. You might be interested in the shoveler kill this year at Mark’s. We got 285-290. That must be some sort of record for the valley! Best, Worth

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Brandon:

Thanks for the notification.

I have no comment on the proposed seasons or bag limit.

The revised shooting light for the NW goose zone would be an improvement, and will allow more harvest on the smaller species/subspecies. They tend to fly earlier than the bigger geese.

I'm glad the commission is considering changing the definition of Edible portions of a game bird. There isn't much meat on the legs and thighs of most ducks, but enough to make the effort to salvage it. However, there is very little meat on the rest of a duck carcass. The proposed new definition would add some common sense to what is considered edible.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 8:11 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon,

Thank you for the proposals, glad to see the shooting time change for NW season is in there. What is the deadline for submitting comments?

Paul Donheffner
OHA

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 8:39 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon, is Oregon securing any public hunting access to larger dry land farms as Washington is doing in the Patterson area? The current transformation of Potlatch tree farms to corn is a wonderful opportunity which hasn't existed since your predecessor, Brad Bales, negotiated that in the 1980's. The pintail limit is the right tool for all but the west coast and the gulf states! Regards, Ed Tarbell
Sent from my iPhone

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Now that the state of Alaska is enforcing the wanton waste rule of edible game bird parts I was happy to see Oregon speak up! I enjoy eating every part of game birds and know this is difficult to enforce. But do emphasize this law in your new 2017 synopsis to get hunters thinking about it and knowing other states are checking more and issuing citations!

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From: Bob and Barbara <canessab@pacifier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 4:04 PM
To: 'Brandon Reishus'
Subject: RE: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon,

Thanks for the update on future waterfowl regulations. I do think defining edible portions of game birds is a good idea since I think most hunters always assumed that the breast, legs and thighs were the edible portion of the bird.

Bob Canessa
Seaside, OR

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Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Cc: Kelly M Walton
Subject: RE: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon,
Thanks for the update. Below are my comments.

I don't recall the harvesting of geese being included during the September Youth Waterfowl hunt, I think it's a great thing to give the young hunters that opportunity.

I think we should start looking at only including 1 hen mallard in the 7 duck bag limit, I feel the harvest of hens reduces the reproduction of local mallards. There are hunters that do not care if they shoot hens which is counterproductive if they really thought about. I myself discourage the shooting of any hen ducks. I also believe that by reducing the limit to 1 hen mallard in the bag limit it would help reduce the sky busting that I have witnessed. There is no way that most of them sky busting hunters know what they have shot until it is in hand. Which brings me to my next rant, when are limits going to be put on the ammunition you can hunt ducks with? The introduction of the 3 ½” ammo has done nothing but increase the sky busting and the killing of waterfowl, I have witnessed hunters shooting at distance that should never even be entertained. I've witnessed ducks sailing for a long distance into non-retrievable areas because of this and guaranteed the hunters are using 3 ½” ammo.

I think it would be a great idea to introduce a no dog no hunt regulation on state and federal wildlife areas, I have witnessed to many birds not being retrieved because the hunter cannot find the bird nor makes an attempt because of laziness. Think about it, I guarantee I could not fire a shot at Summer Lake, take my dog for a walk and come back with a limit of ducks, done it before, it really sucks knowing that waterfowl is going to waste.

I think it's great that the governing bodies are looking at increasing the shooting hours in the Northwest Permit Goose Zone, however I very strongly disagree with that proposal. Please let me explain, geese are very hard to identify in perfect lighting conditions let alone adverse conditions. I am probably one of the very few goose hunters that would be in favor of going back to the 8/7:30 shooting hours, the less lighting you have the more chance there is in mistakenly harvesting a Dusky Canada Goose. I know people will say then just target smaller geese and I understand that philosophy however we know that doesn't happen. I just don't want to see us go backwards in our attempts to protect the Dusky and have goose hunting closed all together as it was in the late 80's and early 90's.

Thanks again for the update.

Mathias H Reyes

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One last thing, has ODFW thought about doing an organized youth hunt through the Department? I know there are hunters like myself that would be more than happy to participate. Matter of fact aren’t there several private properties that ODFW has helped develop? Maybe those property owners should be required to open their property up for such a program. We need to somehow promote the sport, if not licensing revenue is going to continue to decrease. Just think we should pass down the heritage.

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From: Ron Mountain <mountar@mail.wou.edu>
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Learning to hunt ducks in the Grasslands of California in late 50's it is easy to understand why the Sprig (pintail) is my favorite duck.

If the field data showed reduced numbers in the Spring of 2016 why weren't the bag limits reduced for the 2016/2017 season?

I have read that our Pacific Flyway population is in no trouble. However, we are being cut back because of low production from other flyways. An interesting side note is that the other flyways had the same 2 pintail bag limit this season. Do we now think we can stockpile Pacific Flyway Pintails that will somehow help the numbers in the other 3 flyways? I read once about a Pintail that was banded in California and was recovered in a trap, in Hawaii of all places. I'm thinking that's pretty rare. Do Pacific Flyway Pintail band returns show a significant number of birds being taken in the other 3 flyways?

Here in the West we are having a heavy rain/snowfall winter. Why not wait until after the 2017 Spring surveys are done before making the decision to reduce the bag limit?

Respectfully,

Bob Alcantara
6161 SE Eastbrook Dr.
Hi Brandon

Thanks for sending the information. In regards to the considered changes of the NW permit zone I would be in favor of liberalizing shooting hours in the permit zone for the 17/18 season. This will likely help increase harvest on growing populations of geese. If this consideration is approved I would also be happy to work with you to add additional language/pics specifically regarding ID in low light into the goose guide for the purpose of conservation of the Dusky.

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Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Snipe report

Brandon,

Regarding snipe I can’t give you a personal report this year. I wasn’t able to get out as my wife got a new hip and I was busy taking care of her. And don’t have much information from other hunters. The fellow that I float the South Santiam with went in January right have the cold spell ended. That would have been around the 22nd. He got five but said there weren’t many. He guessed he saw about 40 total. As I have mentioned, when we have done this float in February we have always seen well over a hundred.

Mark Knaupp shot his place on February 11th. He killed his limit. But he said it was because the snipe were flushing very close, and he was shooting very well. In total, he didn’t think he saw many more than 15.

Rick Wagner joined Mark’s club this year mainly to be able to hunt snipe. He went six or seven times during the season. He saw very few snipe, numbers such as 5 or 6. And he covered a lot of ground. Today, the 19th, when I checked with him he said that yesterday, the 18th, he spent the better part of the morning and walked about all of Mark’s ground. He saw 7 snipe, and got one.

Lastly, on the farm down at McCoy, where I trap beavers, I only saw a very few snipe in January, and none in Feb. That is odd, as there always have been good numbers there.

My guess is that the snipe are late getting up here this year. Or if numbers are around, they are somewhere else?

Due to some years when they are late in coming up, is there any chance you could run the season for the entire month of Feb.? That might help?

Hope you were able to get out after them this year. Best, Worth Mathewson
I was given your proposals for the upcoming season.

Would like to make a few suggestions:

1. Confused by the Northern Pintail reduction to one. Is this a concern for the Pacific Flyway, or is it an effort to increase numbers for other flyways, if so would this reduction benefit other flyways.

2. Would like to see the goose season run concurrently with duck season. When duck season ends it seems to me little effort is put into the last season. Also, would like to know if the last season is really that beneficial for reduction of degradation for seed growers. I have grass fields and found that the geese sit out in the middle and rarely will decoy into large layouts of decoys next to cover.

3. Edible Portion- In theory this is a desired idea, however for many that have traditionally not done so, will probably continue their old ways and become criminals.

4. Would like to see electric decoys be reinstated. To my knowledge we are one of very few states that don’t allow them. If they are to effective in killing of birds then we should not allow mechanical ones either. The thing that concerns me is the safety factor. I hunt out of a very small blind, with dog, gun in one hand and cranking a wheel for my spinning duck decoy in the other. Also, kill to many ducks that get caught in my lines at night.

Thank you for allowing us to share our concerns with you.

PS Would you please put me on you list for future mailings.

Bob Deuth
Bobdeuth@aol.com
Brandon Reishus

From: Deuth, Brent <Brent.Deuth@xerox.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: RE: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Hi Brandon,

Appreciate the opportunity to comment on the upcoming regulations. Here are a few thoughts that hopefully you will consider:

1) Pintail reduction to 1. I am assuming this is a federal mandate. Doesn’t seem that the pintail numbers are down in the Pacific flyway. Seems like the flyways should be managed separately. Reducing pintail in the Pacific flyway won’t help the central flyway.
2) NW Goose changes. Reduce the 3 week gap from goose season 1 to goose season 2 Here are a few ideas:
   a. Coincide with duck season.
   b. One week gap between 1 and 2 and pull in the end of the season.
   c. Season 1 Oct 28 thru Nov 26 (Sunday after Thanksgiving). Season 2 Dec 9 through Jan 7 (closed 12 days but only 1 weekend) and season 3 Feb 3 thru March 10th. Still 96 days.
   d. Reduce to 2 sessions. Season 1 Oct 28 through Dec 31 and season 2 Feb 3 through March 7
3) I think the “edible portion” definition sounds good on paper. Would be a shame to get a violation because you didn’t keep a teal leg. I would hope hunters make every effort to eat all the bird.
4) The group of hunters I hunt with all wondered if using battery powered wind ducks could be brought back. Sounds like most states allow them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thanks
Brent Deuth

From: Brandon Reishus [mailto:brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>
Cc: Kelly M Walton <kelly.m.walton@state.or.us>
Subject: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

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Thanks again for the opportunity to comment.

It is a shame not to provide realistic regulations to allow for Mourning Dove harvest especially when they are so under harvested. Over the past 5 years I have documented arrival of Mourning Doves in large enough numbers to hunt beginning around November 1st on my farm near North Plains. The same holds true for observations on Sauvies Island Wildlife Area which I believe managers there will verify. I suspect this holds true for most of Oregon West of the Cascades. It is almost the same as not having a season at all if it is not open when the doves are here.

So how about 9 days, encompassing the first two weekends in September and then last 6 days in October through January 31, exactly 107 days.

If not at least a split season would be a step forward. I suggest an early season encompassing only the first two weekends in September. For 2017 that would be Saturday, September 2 through Sunday, September 10. Another option, maybe even better, would be a 4 day early season on only the first two weekends thus saving even more days for a late season. I’m guessing that probably the vast majority of the current harvest East of the Cascades occurs on those two weekends.

Then a late season beginning the first weekend in November and running as late as possible.

Of course it would be much less complicated, logical and I believe biologically sound to run the season from September through the end of January but you informed me that that the Migratory Bird Treaty limits seasons to 107 days. Really is there any conclusive evidence to refute harvesting up to the same proportion of the population as for say waterfowl? If so perhaps you could ask the Feds to furnish it. I for one would like to see it.

Reducing the Pintail limit to one is equally disappointing. Pintails are by far the most numerous large ducks in Washington County, Oregon and I suspect in most of the Pacific Flyway. At times I had about 5,000 ducks on my property and almost all were Pintails. And I did shoot a banded one from the NW Territories. What evidence is there that Pintails are in so much trouble in the Pacific Flyway?

Thanks for your efforts on Oregon’s behalf!

Hi David,
February 27, 2017

Brandon S. Reishus
Migratory Game Bird Coordinator
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The Oregon Hunters Association represents over 10,000 sportsmen in 26 chapters statewide. We are writing to comment on the Draft Migratory Game Bird Season and Associated Regulation Concepts that have been released for public review and comment. There is no objection to the season dates, which are simply date shifts from prior seasons.

We want to strongly support the modified shooting hours for geese in the Northwest Permit Zone, which will change from 15 minutes after sunrise and 15 minutes before sunset to a much simpler sunrise to sunset. This change, which is consistent with federal framework and the State of Washington rules, is a very good move. The current regulation leaves 45 minutes after the open of duck hunting before it is legal to shoot geese in the NW Permit Zone. The extra 15 minutes creates quite a bit of frustration as hunters watch waves of geese take off and fly over after sunrise but before legal time. This shooting time modification is a good one, which we wholeheartedly support.

Regarding the definition of edible portions, while the proposed change is less restrictive than the current rule it still has problems. If the change is made and applies to all game birds, there is still going to be difficulty fully complying for certain species. For example, doves, pigeons and teal have legs so small as to be difficult, if not impossible, to harvest meat from the legs/thighs. A basketful of legs, surgically removed, might produce enough meat for a burger. From a practical standpoint, the change is still going to have hunters in violation for certain small species.

We believe Washington's definition, which requires the "breast meat" at a minimum is a better standard. It reads: (66) "To waste" or "to be wasted" means to allow any edible portion of any game bird, food fish, game fish, shellfish, or biggame animal other than cougar to be removed unfit for human consumption, or to fail to retrieve edible portions of such a game bird, food fish, game fish, shellfish, or biggame animal other than cougar from the field. For purposes of this chapter, edible portions of game birds must include, at a minimum, the breast meat of those birds. Entrails, including the heart and liver, of any wildlife species are not considered edible. FWC 77.08.010 (66)

OHA would recommend that the Commission consider adopting the Washington language with regard to edible portions of game birds and simply require "at a minimum" that the breast meat be retained to avoid "waste".

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Paul Donheffner
Legislative Committee Chairman
Cc: Doug Cottam
Hello —

I’m wanting to see if the ODFW can add an exception into the Youth Turkey east of the cascade range. The youth hunt is set to take place April 8th & 9th. I’m wanting to see if we can add a exception in for human closer areas for big game wintering grounds. With the accompany of a two adults and youth with a valid turkey tag to walk in access the weekend of April 8th and 9th. We aren’t talking about a lot of human presence at best.

Thanks for all you guys do – just hoping to be able to take my nephew hunting on a youth hunt but can’t because the areas are closed until April 14th – I think change could be simple and have little to zero impact on anything.

Thanks
Danny Olson
I have the following comments on the regulations:

1. Coordinate the closing of ducks and geese in the eastern zone. You did this several years ago and I loved it.

2. Increase bag limit on Canada geese from 4 to 5 during the regular hunt.

3. Increase early season Canada hunt from 5 to 6.

4. Need a depredation hunt on hunt in Jefferson county for the month of February.

5. For the late hunt on geese for Harney and Lake counties, reduced white front bag limit from 10 to 5.

6. Coordinate with Greg Walden to get legislation on having the spring snow goose hunt in Lake and Harney Counties for the month of March. The geese are seldom there in February. I know the many ranchers would support this.

Please let me know if you have any questions. thanks!

Doug Jones
Redmond, OR

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Brandon Reishus

From: ed tarbell <edhtarbell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2017/18 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Proposals

Brandon, I’m disappointed in the change and reversal of the "edible waste" proposal. The legs are the best tasting part of a goose and other game birds for cooking as a majority of hunters would agree. Once again the commission has let a few people of power and position dictate that Oregon as a state will go against the federal law of wanton waste. You would be increasing more respect for the bird and better care of the game bag by hunters by adopting your original proposal. You know the waste that goes on in our sport by hunters who are killing more than there share and some clubs who shootem but not eatem thus taking none home but having a member with signed transportation slips delivering to an oriental restaurant.

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To: Brandon Reishus <brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us>
Cc: Kelly M Walton <kelly.m.walton@state.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:56 AM
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Thanks, Brandon, for a chance to comment.

My only thought is that I appreciate you keeping the edible meat issue simple, and mandating only the breast meat as the legal definition. I commonly take more than that on geese, and the larger ducks, but for the small ducks, like teal, there really is no other usable meat than that.

Even on geese, serious hunters are more and more using those cleaning devices that attach to your vehicle trailer hitch and rip out the breasts and wings, leaving the rest with the carcass. Apparently the new ones are so good, that its really a simple 30 second cleaning job. A big hit with the white goose hunters who have to process all those birds in a good day.

Hope you are doing well under your new leadership, and I will be sure to drop by to see you if I have a chance to get down to ODFW.

Roy

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