

Exhibit B

**Public Correspondence received as of
April 5, 2018**



Roxann B Borisch

From: bigbillw41 <bigbillw41@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 5:23 PM
To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Spring goose season

I'm not sure who to contact with this but this is the first email I have found. I am a hunter that comes to Oregon for the spring goose season. I have been going for the last 6 years, and have noticed that although the number of birds stays constant, the opportunity to harvest has gone down steadily. It seems that more states now have a spring season and this is making the birds very educated. The use of electronic calls and decoys has made them more wary of the big spreads of decoys with limited vocalizations coming from them. The use of electronic calls has helped greatly here in Nevada. I know it's hard on the guides trying to make a living and not being able to get the birds they used to. The guide I go with is even considering stopping guiding for the spring season if it doesn't get better. I'm not saying change everything from the way you have it, but I think the electronic calls should be considered. I would hate to see a great source of revenue and enjoyment go by the way side with a possible easy fix. Thank you for your time.

Billie Williams III

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Roxann B Borisch

From: zerelda walton <zeewalton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 8:56 AM
To: ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Cc: david.a.budeau@state.or.us
Subject: 2017 Draft Turkey Plan comment

3 years ago I retired in Portland and moved to Grants Pass. After seeing so many turkeys, I made the decision to become turkey hunter! Bought came clothing, learned to call and have been unsuccessful in 3 years to harvest a tom turkey. The problem is not lack of birds! The problem is lack of public access to hunt turkeys in Josephine County. The majority of the birds are on private property! The 5 people that I personally spoke with all harvested their turkey on private property. Someone they knew let them hunt on their private land. My point is that I wonder if OFW should not include as part pf mandatory reporting of turkey harvest, not only what game unit the turkey was taken in but also "*was the turkey harvested on public or private land*"! I think this would be important information going forward in future turkey management. I personally believe that as many as half of the turkeys harvested in Oregon are taken on private land! Also each regional office should have maps that show public hunting areas that contain turkeys! In Josephine County you can drive most any rural road and see turkeys but the land adjacent to the road is fenced, often posted and often blocks public (BLM etc) that is directly behind the private land.

Thank you

Royal DeLand

royaldeland@gmail.com

Grants Pass, Oregon

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Thank you for your comments

From: Richard Beaudro [<mailto:richard@trhunter.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 11:26 AM
To: 'ODFW Commission' <ODFW.Commission@state.or.us>
Cc: "president@laneaudubon.org."@domain.invalid
Subject: RE: Thank you for your comments

Dear Commission,

Would you consider discussing changing the hunting start dates (for Fall 2018) to a later time and season ending dates (for winter 2019) to end sooner for the Oregon waterfowl hunting season? I'm noticing on the coastal lakes especially Siltcoos Lake that the migratory waterfowl are arriving much later and in smaller numbers. Hence the waterfowl have significantly shorter times to feed and gather back strength from their flight migration before the stress of hunting season begins.

Richard Beaudro

Brandon Reishus

From: David Sill <DMSILL@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Fw: Calif. 2nd period dove hunt

From: David Sill
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 4:37 PM
To: brandon reishus ; Curt Melcher ; Curt Mykut
Subject: Calif. 2nd period dove hunt

The latest DU California Migration Report referred to a 2nd period dove season apparently starting around Nov. 11.

Does California get a "2nd period" dove hunt while Oregon does not?

I have closely monitored dove numbers at my farm and vicinity in Washington County for several years and to some extent on Sauvies Island Wildlife Area. While it used to be in the 1950's that huntable numbers might sometimes be available around September 1st , I believe, it is not the case now.

As usual this year there were hardly any available in August, September and October. If the limit had been 50 it wouldn't have made any difference because there were so few around.

And, also as usual, this year huntable numbers showed up on November 1st and have been increasing. Last year they topped out at about 500 on my 65 acre farm in mid January.

I believe there is no scientific reason to continue denying Oregonians, especially youths and those new to wing shooting, from enjoying more days in the field and further supporting wildlife conservation now and in the future.

What can be done?

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Turkey Bow Season

From: Jordan Zettle [<mailto:jordanzttl@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 10:54 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Turkey Bow Season

Has Oregon ever considered doing a bow only turkey hunt in late-March or early-April? May be an interesting way to bring in some more money and open up new opportunities for bow-specific hunters.

Thanks!

Jordan Zettle

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Costs

From: kirkman3@juno.com [<mailto:kirkman3@juno.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 11:10 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: [Kirkman3@juno.com](mailto:kirkman3@juno.com)
Subject: Re: Costs

Good day ODFW:

While reading through the Regs.. booklet regarding fishing and game bird hunting, I began to truly look at the regulations.

Specifically, DISABLED VETERAN AND UNIFORMED SERVICE. Our number two son is in the Oregon National Guard, a Sgt., and twice deployed; keeping in mind he had two close calls while over seas, so it is of great importance the above offer, should anything happen to him.

I also hold in great regard all the folks that have stepped up and VOLUNTEERED for our country, to receive little to nothing... good for them.

But I bring to your attention for your consideration the FIRST RESPONDERS. I am a retired Firefighter/Medic (near 40 years) L.O.D.I. Disabled. I can't work, could no longer do my job, so I was retired under SS Disability.

Firefighters are little to no different than Military. You step up to do the job, help where needed, experience ugly events, for people you don't know and will never know.

Still, after L.O.D.I. firefighters receive little to nothing for the sacrifice after a Line of Duty Injury-Disabled. You might take the time to look at the Veteran Firefighter, COP, Medic; who has given all for so little.

Mr. T. Kirkman, Captain/Medic
First Battalion, "Alpha" Division
3rd. Engine Co., 2nd. Medic Unit
L.O.D.I. Disabled, Retired

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Brandon Reishus

From: Joe Reed <joe.reed@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 12:28 PM
To: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us
Subject: Motorized Wing Decoys Legalization

Hi Brandon,

I hope waterfowl season and the holidays are treating you well. I am writing you to request that ODFW legalize motorized spinning wing decoys. I'm sure you get this request from time to time but I think it's time for Oregon to join the rest of the country in this space. There is a lot of energy on this topic right now in the duck hunting community in Portland. Many of us would like to see the current law changed. What is needed to make this happen? Do I need to contact other state representatives or gather signatures? Please let me know. My arguments for legalization are the following:

1. We are already using spinning wing decoys now. They are either powered by the wind or a pull string. The law is only a matter of convenience from my perspective for keeping a dog out of the pull string. If you are also running a jerk string, then there are two strings to keep the dog out of. This law change could also resolve a potential safety issue as well in my opinion.
2. To me they seem to be effective Oct through mid Dec. After that the birds are pretty educated so I'm not sure that harvest numbers will be drastically increased if that is a ODFW concern.
3. It is only one of many tools that duck hunters deploy and can also work against hunters after the birds are educated.
4. They are legal in all states except Washington, Oregon, Pennsylvania. California has them legal after Dec 1. Maybe Oregon could at least mirror California if a full season legalization is not in the cards?
5. Our fishing and hunting license fees continue to increase. It's time for ODFW to give something back.

Thanks for your consideration. Please let me know what next steps are needed to foster this discussion at ODFW. Have a happy new year.

Joe

Brandon Reishus

From: Worth Mathewson <slpress@macnet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Doves

Brandon,

I was over at Ballston the other day and stopped in to visit with a farmer who has his place just outside of town. He had 30 plus collared doves around his shed. Typical winter flock. And he told me that friends were coming to shoot them. That should wipe out many in this region. This has happened before. A couple of years ago two shooters shot over 40 at this farm. I think you told me that you didn't think winter shooting was common in the valley. I am willing to bet it is. It amounts to a big shame to waste what could be an excellent game bird. Given a set season and limit, the bird could someday offer valley wing shooters something to actually hunt. Best, Worth

Brandon Reishus

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 9:00 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Cc: Roxann B Borisch
Subject: FW: Motorized Spinning Wing Deoy Legalization

Hi Brandon, can you please see Mr. Reed's comments below and provide any necessary response.

Thank you, Michelle

From: Joe Reed [mailto:joe.reed@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:35 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Motorized Spinning Wing Deoy Legalization

Hello,

My name is Joe Reed and I am an avid duck hunter in Hillsboro Oregon. I spend much of my fall and winter chasing ducks on Sauvie Island, Columbia and Willamette Rivers, Lewis and Clark NWR. I am writing the ODFW commission today to request legalization of motorized spinning wing decoys. They are currently banned only in Oregon and Washington. As of Nov 22 2017, Pennsylvania recently joined the rest of the country in legalizing these decoys. California allows them after Dec 1st through the remainder of waterfowl season. Currently pull string and wind driven decoys are allowed in Oregon. By switching to motorized decoys, we are making a change for increased convenience and improved safety of Oregon duck hunters with negligible impact of harvested birds. If any action is needed by me to foster this discussion at ODFW please let me know as I am happy to respond. Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Reed
Hillsboro OR

For reference these are the type of decoys I'm referring too. I am in no way affiliated with either of these companies.

<https://www.mojoooutdoors.com/index.php/products/spinning-wing-decoys>

http://www.luckyduck.com/Lucky-Junior-II-_p_377.html

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Legalization of Motorized Spinning Decoys in Oregon

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

From: Jean Nassar [mailto:jean.nassar@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 9:00 AM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Legalization of Motorized Spinning Decoys in Oregon

It's my understanding that the Commission might re-consider the ban on Motorized decoys at your April 2018 hearing. I'd like to weigh in with an emphatic YES to allowing such decoys in Oregon. I've hunted in Oregon for over 21 years and have belonged to numerous clubs on and off Sauvie.

Every club I belong to had a number of manually operated (i.e. crank operated) spinning decoys in their setup. The club I belong to right now had 3 different places to hunt with 3 blinds in each spot. Every blind is set up with a crank and spinning wheels for a total of nine altogether. At any point of the day, all nine spinners may be going on at the same time. At this point, all this ban is accomplishing is enriching chiropractors and physical therapists from hunters with bum elbows after manually spinning these things for hours on end.

Thank you

Jean Nassar

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Proposed change to legal turkey hunting weapons

From: Robert Crutchley [<mailto:munroe47@charter.net>]
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 5:58 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: don.whittaker@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed change to legal turkey hunting weapons

Mr. Whittaker and members of the Commission,

I contacted the Wildlife Division by telephone and spoke with a lady named Jill. When I told her that I wanted to suggest a small modification to the hunting regulations, she supplied me with these two email addresses. After you read my suggestion, if you think I should contact someone else, please let me know who that would be.

I have been a muzzle loader enthusiast since the late 1960's. I build my own traditional round-ball rifles, with fixed, open iron sights, with which to hunt and to target shoot. I have built five rifles and just recently completed a .32 caliber "squirrel rifle." As I was building this rifle, I thought I would use it mostly for target shooting, but I also intended to hunt squirrels with it, and I thought it would make a fine turkey rifle too. That brings me to the main point of this letter. When I checked the hunting regulations, I was quite surprised to find that the rifle would not be legal for turkey hunting in Oregon; a shotgun is the only legal firearm for that game bird. I was even more surprised to find that a rifle (.22 rim fire) is a legal weapon for grouse.

The sport of muzzle loading has changed drastically since the introduction of the modern inline muzzle loaders a couple of decades ago. Much of the tradition that was part of the sport is largely ignored by inline shooters, and I have no problem with how they choose to pursue the sport, but I like celebrating the history and tradition of this type of firearm. Part of the tradition that was enjoyed by young boys and men alike, primarily during the 18th and 19th centuries, was hunting turkey with a muzzle-loading rifle. Marksmanship was paramount then, and a head shot was the only acceptable way to take a turkey. It was a matter of pride to hit only the head and to spoil no meat on a turkey or a squirrel—which meant creeping in close before taking the shot. I was looking forward to that same challenge when I took this new rifle out hunting for the first time.

I respectfully request that small-caliber muzzle loaders be legal for hunting turkey in Oregon. If the concern behind the current weapon restriction is partly because turkey are found closer to residential areas than are grouse, I would like to point out that small-caliber, round-ball rifles use light charges of black powder and are low-velocity, short-range weapons. The ball that my .32 caliber rifle shoots weighs only 45 grains, and its velocity decreases rapidly after a relatively short distance. I think ammunition could be restricted to round balls, 40 caliber or smaller, which would be more than adequate for turkey, but would not "carry" for long distances.

Please consider my request, and if you have time, please contact me to let me know what you think about it.

Sincerely,

Robert Crutchley
(541) 660-8260
munroe47@charter.net

2-3-2018

To whom it may concern.

Hi! My dad brought me a shotgun towards the end

of quail season to use around the house. I didn't get any

but guess what! They came out on February 2nd. I

was wondering could you please consider a special

youth season extension that goes through the first week

of February? I and probably many other ~~young~~ young bird hun-

ters would appreciate it very much! Thank you!

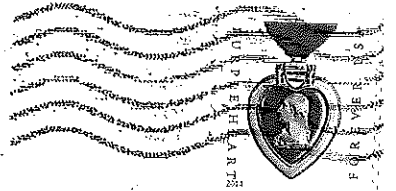
Respectfully,

Anna Hager

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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Waterfowl regulations - motorized decoys

From: garyk [mailto:4salmon@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:41 PM
To: ODFW Commissioners, All <odfw.commission@state.or.us>
Subject: Waterfowl regulations - motorized decoys

Members of the Commission,

Please add my comment to the official record.

I support the current regulations prohibiting motorized decoys.

At some point, to uphold the ethics of 'fair chase' we have to draw a line. Hunting should not become another 'motor sport'.

I encourage you to maintain the current regulations.

Gary Kish
Columbia County

Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: April Agenda (Oregon Game Bird Regulations; Rule Making)

From: Evan Alcantara [<mailto:evan.alcantara@westerndatarecovery.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:09 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: April Agenda (Oregon Game Bird Regulations; Rule Making)

To whom it may concern:

There has been a recent push on one local website concerning the use of motorized decoys for hunting waterfowl. I want to thank the ODFW for setting a great example when these were originally outlawed and strongly urge you to keep these regulations the same. The simple cliché, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" is about all that needs to be said here.

I think you will find that the arguments coming from the people who want these devices legalized, come from a place of wishing it was easier to kill ducks. There is no other need for them, and the associated negatives cited on the social media page are weightless. I've hunted in multiple states where these are legal and their truly is no comparison between manual and battery powered spinning wing decoys. You will be told repeatedly that they are the same, and that is simply not true. Only ignorance or a self serving mindset would allow someone to think that a flip of a switch is equal to that which needs continual motion from a person to function.

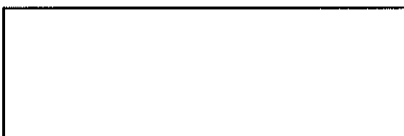
Locally produced mallards and other species, along with early migrating Pintail will see a drastic increase in harvest. Something I can't imagine anyone who cares about the resource would want to see.

Sport hunting has no place for battery powered mechanical devices and I sincerely hope the ODFW will keep in place the laws which forbid their use in the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Evan Alcantara

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Evan Alcantara
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Western Data Recovery
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Roxann B Borisch

Subject: FW: Battery Powered Decoys

From: Randle Stetzer [<mailto:dukndog@msn.com>]

Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 1:31 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Battery Powered Decoys

Dear Wildlife Commission,

I am aware of a movement a foot wanting to bring back the use of battery operated decoys for waterfowl hunting. I am personally dead set against going down this road again. I think the threshold of fair chase needs to be held on this issue, not only for waterfowl but big game as well. Please feel free to contact me on this if you have any further questions or concerns.

Regards,

Randy Stetzer
503-367-4713
dukndog@msn.com

*Take A Few Minutes To,
Watch The Sunrise In The Morning.
You May Not Make A Living At It,
But You Will Be Richer For It.*

Roxann B Borisch

From: Paul Mikesh <Paul.Mikesh@pgn.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 10:39 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Motorized Waterfowl Decoys

I understand that this subject may come up at your April meeting.

Personally I am opposed to the use of motorized decoys here in Oregon. I do have some experience with them having witnessed their use and used them myself in Arkansas and Virginia. They are extremely effective and will result in more birds being shot at and harvested. Both have negative impacts on waterfowl hunting. More birds will be shot at therefore educating ducks faster to decoy spreads/hunting. Second more hunters would use them exasperating the earlier point. Mediocre hunters would harvest more ducks increasing the overall harvest which could result in shorter seasons, or smaller bag limits. While I do use a cord operated spinner and spreader rig the amount of effort required to use these devices effectively limits their popularity among most hunters.

Paul Mikesh
Columbia City

Brandon Reishus

From: Robert Carroll <rcw480@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:25 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon

The proposed changes are good.

- Two pintails per limit is welcomed.
- Six Canada geese limit is for sure needed.

I hunt Sauvie Island and there are thousands and thousands of Canadian geese using that island.

Thank You

Bob carroll

On Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 3:06 PM, Brandon Reishus <Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us> wrote:

Waterfowl hunters and other interested individuals,

You are receiving this email because you have indicated you would like to stay informed about the Migratory Game Bird Program at ODFW. If you wish to have your contact removed from this list please let me know. Additionally, please share this email with other interested individuals or have them contact me to be added to the list if you believe they would like to receive these updates.

I hope you all had an enjoyable duck season and for those of you participating in our late goose hunting seasons, good luck!

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will be adopting game bird seasons and associated hunting regulations for the 2018/19 season this April. **I have attached a draft document outlining potential hunting season proposals** from the Department in order to solicit public comment. Draft proposals, based in part on your public comment, will be available in mid-March and comment on the final proposals will also be welcomed. The Fish and Wildlife Commission will meet in Astoria (details here: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/>) to adopt final 2018/19 game bird regulations on April 20, 2018.

Brandon Reishus

From: Murphy McHugh <murfsretired@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:48 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Hi Brandon,

Yes please up the pintail limit. We see more Pintail than Mallards around Eugene to Monroe. Six geese would be a start, some days there are just too many.

Thanks for your work.
Murphy

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Season Dates

We envision dates for migratory game bird seasons will be proposed as no change from last year, except for minor date adjustments to allow for calendar shift.

Brandon Reishus

From: Salisbury, Todd M <todd.m.salisbury@intel.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: RE: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon,

Thank you for the opportunity. Here are a few comments.

1. NW late season starting Feb 9th? Generally I thought it started 1st Saturday of February.
2. It has been explained to me, the reason why there is no goose hunting on Sauvie Island Wildlife Area (SIWA) is to control depredation of private property. So public land hunters are locked out from harvesting geese to benefit a few. The few then charge exorbitant fees to hunt the private property. There are many hunting blinds on SIWA which border private property. The public land hunter sits back and watches, from a distance of less than 100 yards, private land owners harvesting geese. This just doesn't make any sense. There are hunt clubs adjacent to Steelman on the westside; Deadwillow, Footbridge, Pope Lake, Rentenaar, Hunt, Stutzer, and Johnson on the Eastside. Even the North Unit has a private hunt club in the middle of it. If the Dusky Goose flag gets thrown into the argument, I don't buy that. This would suggest public hunters are worse at identifying Dusky Geese from private land hunters. In fact, I am sure someone harvesting a Dusky on public land would get flagged at a much higher frequency than someone on private land. I am not suggesting turning SIWA into full on goose hunting like it is for duck hunting. But I do believe opportunistic bagging of dark geese on certain units/blinds in SIWA (while duck hunting) should be allowed. Please have this brought forward.

-thanks
Todd

From: Brandon Reishus [mailto:Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Brandon Reishus <Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us>
Cc: Kelly M Walton <Kelly.M.Walton@state.or.us>
Subject: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

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Brandon Reishus

From: Allan Hopp <allanh@hoppinsurance.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 4:10 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: RE: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Great to see the return of the 2 pintail limit. From Banks to Corvallis we saw large numbers of pintail wherever we hunted.

Allan Hopp

From: Brandon Reishus [mailto:Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Brandon Reishus <Brar we huntedndon.S.Reishus@state.or.us>
Cc: Kelly M Walton <Kelly.M.Walton@state.or.us>
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Bag Limits

Bag limits for 2018/19 are unchanged from last year with the following exceptions:

1. Approved Federal frameworks for the 2018/19 hunting seasons allow an increase in the bag limit for pintails back to 2 per day, within the overall bag limit of 7 ducks. This increase is based on the status of pintails observed during spring 2017 surveys and applies across all four flyways as called for by the US Fish & Wildlife Service's Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy.
2. The Department will consider pursuing an increase in the bag limit for Canada geese in the Northwest Permit Zone. Prior to the beginning of the hunting season, the Department will be examining the results of surveys conducted in Alaska this spring to assess the projected size of the cackling Canada goose population this fall. If the estimated population is larger than 2017's the Department may increase the bag limit from the current 4 Canada geese per day to 6 Canada geese per day. Dusky Canada geese would remain closed to harvest.

Brandon Reishus

From: Ed Tarbell <edhtarbell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 4:25 PM
To: Brandon Reishus; birdj@lanepowell.com; peterhallclearpine@gmail.com; jmtess@heritage-consulting.com; Dave Smith; seggiman6
Subject: Re: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Bob Foote <bfoote@acosta.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: RE: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon,

These all look great to me. I run a duck club in Washington county and all of these proposals would be favorable to all the people I hunt with. The Pintail limit was a painful for a couple weeks when they were thick. Would have been nice to be able to shoot a second sprig each day. The Cacklers have been very plentiful, I actually remember when they were closed to hunting and you very rarely say any. One observation, we have shot a lot more Tavs this year than normal. Not sure if this is just an anomaly of our area but seem to be more around. There is no doubt the total goose flight is increasing every year, it is truly the good old days, just not sure how many hunters are actually targeting them.

Also starting to see a few more snows and specks trickle in the valley, really glad to see that, I hope the specs someday get thick here, I love to hunt them.

As always I appreciate these updates and I share with my hunting buddies.

We are still killing the geese but no one else seems to be.

Bob Foote

From: Brandon Reishus [mailto:Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us]
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From: Dave Smith <swimbait@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 6:42 PM
To: 'Brandon Reishus'
Subject: RE: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Hi Brandon, this is Dave Smith. From strictly a hunting standpoint, my number one "complaint" is that goose hunting totally sucks these days, now that we have 7 day a week hunting. I'm sure the farmers love it, and that's good, but I really, REALLY miss hunting, and doing it right. Being able to pattern birds, and decoy them perfectly. It still happens, but not with the frequency it used to. There's 8 million people out there, now that there are no check stations, sky-busting horribly and sneaking fields. The birds are heading to the cities, or adoption snow goose style behavior instead of breaking-up and flying around low in smallish flocks. I guess all good things have to come to an end, especially with good hunting, whether it be blacktails, or mule deer, or geese, etc, but I thought I would throw that input your way in case it would be of any interest. Keep up the great work and thanks for all you, and the rest of the department does. Dave Smith

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Brandon Reishus

From: Greg Grace <ggrace31@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 6:59 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

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From: Worth Mathewson <slpress@macnet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 7:31 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon, Thanks for sending this along. Very good news about the pintails. But I didn't notice that it has been decided to list the Eurasian as a game bird. Something you just overlooked? Best, Worth

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Northwest Permit Goose Zone Closed Areas – Tillamook County

Brandon Reishus

From: Brent <sprig_1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 7:33 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Thank you for sending this along. I support the draft concepts as they have been presented.

Brent Nicolas

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From: Graig Spolek <spolekg@pdx.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 11:17 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon,

Thanks you for soliciting input from me and other waterfowl hunters; I believe, as a body of careful observers, we have a good sense of bird populations.

The proposed seasons are reasonable. The pintail limit should be increased to four rather than two, based on observable pintail populations in Oregon, I hunted several locations this year, ranging from Umatilla to the coast and throughout the Willamette Valley. Pintail populations are large and stable. And since there is no correlation between hunting harvest and population, greater harvest should be allowed.

And while the federal guidelines purportedly are designed to provide long term waterfowl population management, the switching in pintail limits from two in 2016 to one in 2017 and back to two in 2018 shows that fiddling is still occurring. A comprehensive management strategy apparently does not exist.

My best,

Graig Spolek

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From: Owsian, Anthony E (Portland) <Anthony.Owsian@va.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 1:38 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Cc: Kelly M Walton
Subject: RE: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Why can't we get scaup back up to 4 per day? Is it really still that bad, because we don't see a shortage in our neck of the woods.

r/,

Tony Owsian
Gresham, OR

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Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Brandon Reishus <Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us>
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From: CHARLES CLOSE <close2charles@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 9:27 AM
To: brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us
Subject: Fwd: Fw: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations
Attachments: 2018-19 Migratory Game Bird Season and Regulation Considerations.pdf

Hi Mr. Brandon Reishus,

Thank You for all the hard work you have done the last 2 to 3 years ! Removing Check stations , changing start times for NW goose hunting and now bringing back the 2 Pintail limit and the possibility of a 6 goose bag limit. WOW!! Great job! Thank You Again! If I can be of any assistance in any way please contact me.

Charles Close

Phone #503-363-5030

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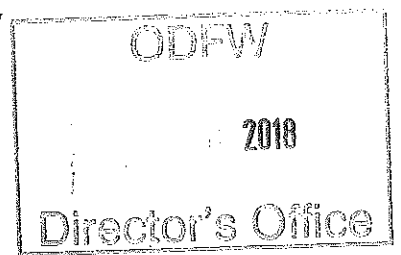
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Alfred Bettman
1700 Danner Loop Road
Jordan Valley, OR 97910
541-586-2822



February 24, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern about the massive explosion in the Canadian Goose population.

Once considered a beautiful and majestic game bird, they have now become quite a nuisance, due to the major increase in their population.

Right now, while we're still in the gripes of winter, their damage is minimal. The only major problem at this time of the year, is that the honker's massive appetite and aggressive nature make it hard for other birds to compete for a limited amount of food.

The fields where I am feeding cows literally have thousands of geese in them. All of my surrounding neighbors have the same situation.

Since the Canadian Goose is no longer a migratory bird, (the birds are nesting right along Jordan Creek), I am hoping that something can be done to get their numbers back in check.

Sincerely,

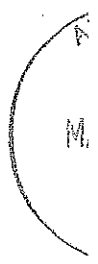
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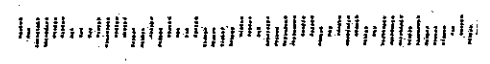
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Roxann B Borisch

From: Wayne Bergquist <WBergqui@jhkelly.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2018 6:06 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Motorized Duck Decoys

Categories: Forwarded to Wildlife

ODFW,

Please consider the use of motorized duck decoys in Oregon. We are one of last holdout states not utilizing them and I can't think of a reason that we are not allowed to do so.

I would also like the commission to consider increasing the pintail limit from one back to two for the 2018/19 season as I certainly don't see any shortage of them where I hunt.

Thank you

Wayne Bergquist

Sent from my iPad



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March 18, 2018

Brandon S. Reishus
Migratory Game Bird Coordinator
Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE
Salem, OR 97302

Dear Brandon:

The Oregon Hunters Association has reviewed the proposed 2018-19 Migratory Game Bird Regulations and offers the following comments:

1. We support restoring the bag limit for pintails from 1 to 2 per day, as proposed in the draft.
2. We also encourage ODFW to raise the bag limit for Canada geese in the NW Permit Goose Zone from 4 to 6, if the population surveys point to an increase in fall goose populations over 2017 numbers.
3. We would also suggest that some additional thought be given to taking a hard look at the goose season framework in hopes of ending the in season closures, especially between period 1 and 2, and the closure of period 2 prior to the end of normal duck season. From my observations, period 3 gets very light hunting use and those days might be more effectively applied earlier. Are there ways to get extra days for "damage hunting" outside of the regular waterfowl framework? If there are any creative ways to do this, it's worth a look.
4. Finally, we support the changes in Tillamook County to give additional cackling goose hunt opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Paul Donheffner
OHA Legislative Chairman
Member, OHA Wildlife Committee

Roxann B Borisch

From: Deuth, Brent <Brent.Deuth@xerox.com>
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 11:22 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Motorized duck decoys

To ODFW Commission.

With the upcoming meeting in Astoria on April 20th, I would like to voice my support to allow motorized duck decoys. With 48 states allowing battery operated decoys I would like to see Oregon allow this as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brent Deuth

Roxann B Borisch

From: Bob Deuth <Bobdeuth@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 9:59 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Motor Decoys

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Please reconsider this ridiculous regulation.
I watch hunting shows, from Canada to Louisiana see
Nothing but spinning decoys.

To me it's also somewhat of a safety reason. I hunt out of
A one man blind, with dog, duck call, gun, and spinning wheel .
I don't have enough hands.



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Roxann B Borisch

From: John Alto <jalto@altochevron.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 1:11 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Battery powered decoy wing spinners and battery powered Quiver magnets

ODFW commission members

I am writing this in support of a request to the Fish and Wildlife Commission for approval of motorized waterfowl decoys.

It is my opinion the banning of motorized decoys in Oregon has created a safety hazard that needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

An Oregon Duck hunter sitting in a duck blind has lots to do.

1. one hand is used to position the duck call while calling ducks and geese.
2. In Oregon, and not in 48 other states, one hand is used to pull the string that flutters the decoy wings.

The problem here is there is no hand left to control the muzzle of the shotgun. This unsafe situation would be eliminated by allowing battery powered waterfowl decoys once again in Oregon.

I urge the Commission to lift the ban on battery powered decoys for this reason as soon as possible.

Thank You

John Alto
21370 SW Langer Farms Parkway
Suite 142
Sherwood, Oregon 97140

Brandon Reishus

From: Doug Jones <dougjonesdr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 8:51 PM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

Brandon,

The following are my comments:

1. Recommend making eastern Oregon goose hunting and ducking hunting with compatible dates, including the split season. That would mean eastern Oregon would be included into zone 1 instead of zone 2 for duck hunting.
2. I know you have heard about the goose damage on crop lands in Jefferson County from geese. I am here to tell you it is real! I recommend the daily Canada goose limit be increased from 4 to 5. It would be a token to work with the farmers.
3. I saw more pintails this year during the spring snow goose hunt than I ever have before, plus the valley was loaded this past fall. Hence, I support increasing the bag limit from 1 to 2.

Please call me if you have any questions. thanks!

Doug Jones
541-490-4705

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From: jay.kassab <jay.kassab@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 8:18 AM
To: Brandon Reishus
Subject: Re: ODFW 2018/19 Migratory Game Bird Regulation Considerations

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Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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I hope you all had an enjoyable duck season and for those of you participating in our late goose hunting seasons, good luck!

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will be adopting game bird seasons and associated hunting regulations for the 2018/19 season this April. **I have attached a draft document outlining potential hunting season proposals** from the Department in order to solicit public comment. Draft proposals, based in part on your public comment, will be available in mid-March and comment on the final proposals will also be welcomed. The Fish and Wildlife Commission will meet in Astoria (details here: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/>) to adopt final 2018/19 game bird regulations on April 20, 2018

Season Dates

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From: ed tarbell <edhtarbell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 1, 2018 6:42 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Battery Operated Waterfowl Decoys

Commission Members:

I and a 2/3 majority of Oregon duck hunters are requesting approval of battery operated waterfowl decoys at the 4/20 Astoria meeting. In reviewing the decision to not allow in 2004 when 47 states approved including the USFW, Oregon failed to survey its hunters nor conduct a statistical study. A massive 165 page USFW study was conducted in 2005 involving all states and over 10,000 duck hunters. I hope you will look at it on the right hand side of your OFWD Waterfowl page. It's telling you what isn't a problem nationwide, adding a small battery to a decoy.

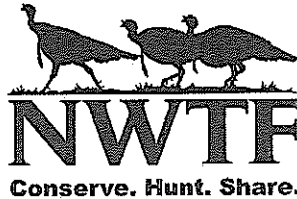
Today 48 state allow battery operated decoys. However their effectiveness and use continues to fall. As every new piece of technology emerges in the waterfowl word there is some excitement but then the ducks wise up fast. Many hunters today feel these moving hunting tools can be a deterrent just as a duck call or shinning face can be. In speaking with game wardens and hunters in other states the same answer comes up "No Problem". We have bag limits.

Every fear that Oregon based its quick gun decision regarding a moving duck decoy has failed to materialize yet with a majority of hunters of all ages especially the 11-17 year olds wanting another tool why hasn't the Commission reviewed the ban. The bird population especially geese continues to grow and consume farmers crops. Bird numbers today are higher than anytime in the past 50 years yet harvest averages have declined along with duck stamp sales and Oregon license sales. Oregon remains below its 50 year mean average yet the population is exploding. I suggest deregulation of rules will stimulate license and equipment sales increasing revenue. Take a youth waterfowl hunting with a battery operated decoy that he operates himself. With a bird or two in the bag for dinner he will be hooked. Its all about recruitment then access. The revenues will follow.

If a battery convenience for a small minority of waterfowl hunters helps recruitment especially youth and doesn't affect the bird population the decision is one of common sense. 48 other states and the governing government agency made that decision many years ago. Remember mechanical duck attractors have always been legal so the birds are not going to see anything new adding a small battery. Many hunters will continue to use floating decoys, field decoys, flags, calls and pull string decoys. I don't think you will hear any talk about allowing a battery into our tool box once approved. It's a non discussion subject elsewhere in all the flyways. We only want a level playing field for all waterfowl hunters.

I am not opposed to a temporary ban on any new technology in the hunting and fishing world whether it's a lighted fishing plug, a lighted rifle scope or, a lighted arrow. But please survey the users, the biologist, the game wardens and the USFW in a reasonable amount of time. I think someone has forgotten about Oregon's declining waterfowl hunters, the lack of public access and only a very small number of open state and federal hunting areas. Its time we receive some progressive news!

Regards,
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A public hunter



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April 4, 2018

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission:

The Oregon Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) supports the reduction in minimum shotgun gauge for wild turkey hunting from 20 gauge to .410 gauge. This change aligns with the NWTF's mission of the preservation of our hunting heritage, by removing a barrier for youth to engage in turkey hunting. Small statured hunters and new shooters are often challenged by the weight of larger shotguns, leading to reluctance to shoot 12 and 20 gauge shotguns.

New developments in .410 gauge ammunition have increased the power of the load, improving the utility for turkey hunting. Tungsten-based loads are heavier than lead, and at small shot sizes, particularly 7 and 9 shot, carry high pellet counts that are very effective for turkey hunting. In other words, smaller shot size equates to more pellets per shell. These heavyweight loads outperform lead in tissue penetration and velocity decay over distance.

The NWTF recognizes that youth and other inexperienced hunters should be mentored to select shots at the appropriate distance, including practicing still target shooting with the ammunition they plan to use on the hunt. Crippling loss occurs with all gauges of shotgun during turkey hunting because hunters misjudge distance or overestimate their ammunition. We believe that this proposal removes an important barrier to introducing new hunters to the sport of turkey hunting and simplifies regulations while still maintaining fair chase for Oregon's hunters and wildlife.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Preston', is written over a horizontal line.

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