

# **Exhibit B**

**Supplemental Public Correspondence  
received as of April 18, 2018**

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** ed tarbell <edhtarbell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 4:18 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Battery Operated Waterfowl Decoys-Subject of Geese

**Categories:** Forwarded to Wildlife

Commissioners:

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**Roxann B Borisch**

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**Subject:** FW: I am for battery operated decoys. So pleas take this into consideration. Thanks

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

From: Dave Metzger <davemetzger2@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 12:48 PM

To: odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: I am for battery operated decoys. So pleas take this into consideration. Thanks

Sent from my iPad

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** ODFW Commission <ODFW.Commission@state.or.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 2:28 PM  
**To:** Borisch, Roxie  
**Subject:** FW: Battery Operated Waterfowl Decoys-Subject of Geese

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**From:** ed tarbell <edhtarbell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 4:18 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission <ODFW.Commission@coho2.dfw.state.or.us>  
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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** John Mcbee <mmcbee@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 8, 2018 11:57 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Motorized decoys

Dear sirs:

Please be aware of my strong support for a change to regulations regarding motorized decoys for hunting in Oregon.

I am a lifelong hunter in eastern Oregon and have used stationary, hand powered and motorized decoys in various forms ( when legal). All such decoys gave their inherent advantages.

For motorized decoys in particular, such decoys provide some reasonable compensation to those hunters with inability to provide motion in their decoy spread in a reasonable way. Specifically, very young hunters and very old hunters( such as my 89 yo father who continues to venture on the marsh at his ripe old age). I have used cord pull decoys and they can be effective. They are a handful for youngsters and oldsters however. Wind operated (spinners) are good, but if the wind is blowing, your pond water is moving anyway, and you don't need additional movement. The days that motorized decoys are needed is when things are dead still... a common scenario.

Having said that, I don't perceive an "unfair advantage" over wild game with these devices...by the time a duck or dove gets to Oregon they have been thoroughly schooled in Washington and Canada first. Indeed, we may be at a disadvantage without those decoys when they finally see our hunting areas.

Thank you for your diligence in considering our request for legalizing motorized decoys.

Respectfully,  
John M McBee MD FACS  
Pendleton, Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

April 11, 2018

To: 1. Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission: (Copies for Commissioners: enclosed.)  
2. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife - Director

Re: Recommendation to stop the late season, *restricted access, private land only* goose hunting seasons and return the designated goose hunting days to traditional season dates and times that allows hunting in *all* areas, including all public hunting areas where everyone can hunt.

Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department and Commissioners,  
For the past several years now, goose hunting days for white geese and whitefronted geese has been greatly curtailed to the public on public hunting areas such as Lower Klamath and many State run areas only to re-open later on to a very few rich, elite and privileged hunters in the guise of "late season goose hunts". What is actually happening, is that hunting days for these species; which are set aside for all hunters by the Pacific Flyway Council and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW), are being confiscated from the vast majority of licensed hunters (who do not have access to private land) and then awarded to an elite group of privileged landowners by ODFW and the Fish and Wildlife Commission in what are known as "late season, private lands goose hunts". This group of landowners in turn sells exclusive hunting rights to the highest paying guides and outfitters. Only those with money and/or influence can participate in these hunts. These restricted access, "private lands only" hunts for whitefront geese and white geese exclude a vast segment of the hunter population from participating. Those of us without this privilege; who by the way, must still buy our licenses, stamps and fees, see our season length cut short by nearly half, only to see it awarded later on after the season to landowners and guides who sell hunts to the rich and privileged.

What I am telling you is true. Just a quick look at the regulation booklet confirms what I am saying: The white goose and whitefronted goose seasons close in all areas in November (closed completely in December and most of January); opens again very briefly in late January; then opens *on private land only*, for an extensive period in an exclusive, late season elite hunt, where few can afford to participate. All the other areas are either closed or are not goose habitat during this time. About one half of the white goose and white fronted goose season days (those closed December/January time period) are confiscated from the regular hunting public, then doled out later in February and March, to the rich and elite who can pay for exclusive guided hunts or who has access to private land. Anyone can drive around the Klamath Basin during the late hunting season when the public hunting areas are closed and see that all the areas that have geese, are leased out to the highest bidding guides, who then charge a small fortune to be able to hunt. Since the first year these hunts were held, landowners with large goose populations quickly found out that they can lease out their property for big money and those of us relegated to public hunting areas are left out because the public hunting areas where anybody can go are closed.

All of the reasons (crop depravation and such) that were initially given to justify this travesty are just not factual. It is the dead of winter in the Klamath Basin when this elite, late hunt takes place and simply nothing is growing, so the crop depravation reasoning is not valid; the idea that there will be more geese taken is not valid since there are far fewer hunters hunting. What good are the large bag limits when very few people can hunt? In reality, high priced guides are offering exclusive hunts on private land with enormous bag limits at the expense of the average hunter who has had his season taken away. At a time when these goose populations are at all time highs and harming arctic habitat, everyone should be allowed to hunt and not have their season curtailed for the benefit of a few. This is not just wrong, it is socially unjust.

I read frequently in the ODFW webpage, where ODFW prides itself with providing maximum hunter opportunity, but this practice of closing down public hunting areas only to give our hunting season to the privileged elites, grossly undermines this philosophy. This sets a bad precedent.

I wondered why there was not more opposition to this decision and found that although many people are upset and are against this exclusive hunt, they think that this is a Federal decision that is "set in stone". This is the reason ODFW is not getting more push back. When I talk to other public hunters about this, without exception, they think this was done by US Fish and Wildlife and they do not think they have any say in the matter. Please do something about this injustice!

The *core issue* is the fact that the average public land hunter is having his hunting season reduced for the sole benefit of a few privileged hunters. In addition to the injustice, conservation goals are not supported. The Commission should either eliminate the late season hunt altogether and incorporate those "late season days" days back into the regular hunting season as set by USFW. In other words, give us back our December and January season. Or, apply for a waiver from USFW that allows hunting on all public areas during the late season so that everyone can hunt. The solution has to be that everyone has access to hunting when the hunting season is on. It is simply wrong to do otherwise.

Sincerely

John Anderson  
3715 Scala Ln.  
Montague CA 96064  
530-340-2512- Please feel free to call me and discuss this.  
[maranatha1@hughes.net](mailto:maranatha1@hughes.net)

I served as the chairman and treasurer for the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission (California) for 16 years. During my 4, 4 year terms, I worked tirelessly to protect and enhance waterfowl and hunting opportunities in the Klamath Basin. I was the lead commissioner in the grain for waterfowl project where Siskiyou County money was used to pay farmers to leave grain on the refuges for waterfowl and to promote habitat restoration projects. I have been a waterfowl hunter for 52 years and live in Merrill Oregon during the waterfowl season. I own a home in Brookings as well and hunt and fish in Oregon often.

PS I wrote about this a couple years ago and received a rather terse letter back from your biologist that simply told me I did not understand anything and to get over it. I assure you I understand the situation.

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Perry and Joan <pjjpackard@frontier.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 12:28 PM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** E.E. Wilson on other pheasant management areas

Good Morning

Please pass this email along to the appropriate party as I am not sure where to take these suggestions.

I am a 56 year old Oregon native that remembers fondly the Willamette Valley pheasant hunting opportunities that existed when I was a kid. I understand all of the issues and changes that have impacted the pheasant populations in the past 40 years, however I see an opportunity to have a glimmer of what we use to have throughout the valley in the E.E. Wilson and other put and take areas in the state beyond what currently exist.

I hunt E.E. Wilson several times a year and marvel at the perfect habitat the area offers for pheasants. I rarely go there without having an opportunity at a bird, which I know is better than average. At the same time, I have NEVER flushed a hen while hunting there, which tells me there is no recruitment occurring on the property. This is a crying shame...

My suggestion is that ODFW buy 100 to 200 hens in the early spring each year and turn them loose to nest and add to what is planted in the fall. I would be happy to pay a little extra for my tag if it meant a better chance for multiple opportunities at a bird on my trips. Plus having to pause to determine if a bird is a hen or a rooster adds to the experience in my opinion (and keeps a hunter focused). With the habitat that now exists at E.E. Wilson (I have not hunted Sauvie or other locations), I have to believe that the majority of the hens would make it through a breeding season with a clutch of young.

I know that opportunities to hunt are now very limited. Areas like EE Wilson are great for introducing people new to the sport and give them an idea of what it is like. These areas need to have their potential maximized and should be expanded however possible.

Increasing the number of these areas to expand the "shelf space" of this product is another suggestion. The duck refuges we have in the valley would seem to be good candidates for early season pheasant hunting as the refuges are largely vacant of ducks during the early fall.

I also have memories of being able to hunt ducks and geese on these refuges up until the mid-80's... I am not sure what happened there but that is a different topic...

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**Subject:** FW: motorized decoys

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**From:** [Marc.Alport@wellsfargoadvisors.com](mailto:Marc.Alport@wellsfargoadvisors.com) <[Marc.Alport@wellsfargoadvisors.com](mailto:Marc.Alport@wellsfargoadvisors.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:18 AM

**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)

**Subject:** motorized decoys

They should be legal

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**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Hall Peter <peterhall@bendbroadband.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 12:56 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** battery operated duck decoys

I am writing in support of bringing back electric decoys. I am an avid duck hunter and they are helpful in our endeavors.

Please forward this message to the Commissioners.

Peter Hall

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Jim Milanowski <jimmilanowski@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:27 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Motorized Spinning decoys

Dear commissioner,

I am writing to ask to reinstate the use of battery operated decoys. There are several reasons to decriminalize the use of battery decoys.

1. These decoys aid in more ethical shots.
2. It eliminates the need for pull strings that create a danger for hunting dogs.
3. It levels the playing field for the public land hunters who can't afford to hunt on flooded corn.
4. It will be consistent with Idaho and 48 other states, Canada ,Mexico and South America.
5. It will encourage younger hunters by improving the hunt and making it more fun.

Ducks do get wise to these decoys as they do the pull string spinners or wind decoys.

Thanks,  
Jim Milanowski

Sent from my iPhone

## Michelle Tate

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**From:** Gregory Loveland <lovelandg@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 7:17 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Legalizing battery operated motion duck decoys

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**Categories:** Forwarded to Wildlife

Dear Commission,

Please consider legalizing battery operated motion duck decoys in Oregon and Washington. I see no reason why 2 states should be restricted why the other 48 states can use these devices. For safety alone so humans and dogs do not get injured on pull strings would be a great reason. Keep youth interested in hunting with electronic devices is another great reason: more license sales, more revenue generated around the sport, and continuation of our heritage. Statistics support this decision, so I hope you will take a careful look at leveling the playing field among all states!

Thank you,

Greg Loveland

Sent from my iPhone

## Michelle Tate

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**From:** Richard Baltz <baltz526@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:20 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** No Robo Ducks

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**Categories:** Forwarded to Wildlife

As a life long waterfowl hunter. The absolute most annoying thing in the marsh are these Battery operated spinning decoys. They are worse than the hunters with no idea how to range a bird. They are ugly eye sores polluting the beauty of the marsh experience. Just say no to these gadgets. They are a negative experience for everyone in the marsh. Richard Baltz Lapine Oregon

## Michelle Tate

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**From:** Nathan Koenigsknecht <nkoenigsknecht@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:44 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us; Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2018-19 Game Bird Regulations - re:Motorized Decoys

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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Dear Wildlife Commission and Mr. Reishus,

Please note that **I support the current regulations that prohibit the use of motorized decoys** for waterfowl hunting in Oregon.

The lines of fair chase must be drawn somewhere. As managers and sportsmen we've already chosen to impose sensible limits on shooting hours, electronic calls, shotgun capacity, bore size, baiting, and other factors that affect how we pursue waterfowl. Bringing electronic motors into a decoy spread crosses a line that seems to fundamentally change the nature of the hunt.

Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for the work you do for the public and for wildlife.

Please add my comments to the official record if possible.

Sincerely,  
Nathan Koenigsknecht

## Michelle Tate

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**From:** Bird, Jeffery <BirdJ@LanePowell.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 4:50 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** motorized duck decoys

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**Categories:** Forwarded to Wildlife

Commissioners,

Please be advised that I am sending this email in support of the legalization of motorized decoys. Oregon should not be 1 of only 2 states in the country that outlaw the use of motorized decoys. The science shows that the use of these decoys does not give the hunter an unfair advantage or hurt the overall duck population. I hope common sense prevails and the Commission approves the use of motorized decoys in the stat of Oregon.

Best regards,

Jeff Bird  
503 484 7844

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## Michelle Tate

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**From:** Jim Brown <j3brown@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 3:46 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Electronic spinning wing decoys

To the members of the Commission,

Recently, a segment of Oregon duck hunters has been requesting the legalization of motorized spinning wing decoys. In 2002, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Commission expended the time and resources to determine motorized decoys had no place in Oregon waterfowling. I supported the decision then and strongly urge you to continue to uphold the law as currently written.

Waterfowling is steeped in tradition. In modern society, none of us “needs” to hunt; we hunt as a connection to the past and to pass the skills of conservation to future generations. It is this connection that the Commission must help to protect by maintaining the current restrictions on electronic decoys.

Admittedly, today’s waterfowler uses many advancements in technology: Gortex parkas (although mine leaks), neoprene waders (those leak too), training collars and unbelievably realistic decoys, to name a few. But none of these impose their presence on the marsh like motorized spinning wing decoys. The motorized decoy allows a duck hunter to rely less on learned skills and more on technology. Set it and forget it. Take a nap and it continues to work. The priority becomes how do we kill a duck as opposed to how do we fool a duck, and in that, we have lessened the experience.

Oregon has always led in the field of conservation. The Bottle Bill, the Beach Bill, and the Willamette Greenway Plan have all been innovative policies, counter to much of the nation, yet their successes are unquestionable. If an Oregon duck hunter wishes to use motorized spinning wing decoys, they have more than 40 states in which to exercise that right. Oregon waterfowling should remain fair-chase.

In closing, I have included the final paragraph from the ODFW Commission Briefing held in Medford, Oregon on May 10, 2002.

*The social question, however, may be significant. The popularity of electronic decoys has increased as prices have dropped. This raises the issue of traditional vs improved technology that the Commission has faced in the past. While the department has received some correspondence on this issue, many appear to be waiting to see what direction the Commission will provide for developing policies to address the use of electronic decoys.*

Respectfully,

Jim Brown

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Thomas Christensen <tlchristensen9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:36 AM  
**To:** Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** In opposition to motorized decoys for migratory bird hunting

Mr. Reishus,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed rule change that would allow motorized wing spinning decoys for duck hunting. I have two primary objections to the change. The first being that I believe usage of motorized decoys does not conform with the fair chase doctrine that ODFW has been a leader of with regard to hunting regulations. In addition, I believe ODFW should seek equality of opportunity with regard to construction of hunting and fishing regulations. Duck hunting is already out of reach for many Oregonians due to the high cost of decoys and other gear. Allowing motorized decoys would give further advantage to those who can afford them, while leaving the rest of us with fewer ducks in our spreads!

Please oppose this rule change.

Thank you for your time,  
Tom Christensen  
7835 SE Grant St  
Portland, OR  
97215

## April H Mack

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**From:** Michelle Tate  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 8:28 AM  
**To:** Brandon Reishus; Kelly M Walton  
**Cc:** April H Mack  
**Subject:** FW: Electric decoys

Game Bird PC

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

**From:** William Jacka Theuriet <theurietwj@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 7:12 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Electric decoys

Sent from my  
Dear law maker,

Please allow electric spinning wing decoys.

We are now using mechanical devices that present the exact same function so there is no benefit to the duck population.

Thanks

## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Cody Ballard <ballardcody14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 10:24 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Battery operated decoys

My name is Cody Ballard, and I Waterfowl hunt all across Oregon and Washington and this recent discussion of allowing battery operated decoys in my opinion is not a good ideal at all. Use of these decoys would destroy waterfowl hunting in Oregon because everybody would have them and birds would get used to them and become even harder to hunt. I love hunting ducks and geese around here and allowing battery operated decoys would take most of the fun out of it for everyone. Please take this into consideration on this upcoming debate and at the meeting on April 20th.

Sincerely, Cody

Sent from my iPhone

**Michelle Tate**

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**From:** William Jacka Theuriet <theurietwj@aol.com>  
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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Inper <Inper@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 6:05 AM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Electronic Decoys

I hunt waterfowl in Oregon about as much as anyone and have done so consistently for more than 25 years. The hunting landscape is now changing and, I believe for the worse. Fewer hunters invest the time and energy in developing basic waterfowling skills and, more importantly, the ethical framework to keep the honorable tradition alive. Hunters don't even take the time to learn proper bird identification and more citations for over-limit shooting are occurring. I believe allowing electronic decoys back into the mix will only make matters worse. We need more waterfowl hunter education not electronic gadgets.

HG Hanawalt  
Saint Helens

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

## Michelle Tate

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**From:** Verhaeghe, Carter <Carter.Verhaeghe@Rexelusa.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:39 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** battery powered spinners

Hello,

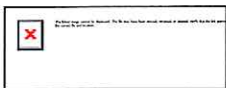
I see there is a push to allow battery powered spinners for duck hunting. Please, please, please, do not let this happen! These devices take away from the essence and tradition of duck hunting while giving the hunter an unfair advantage. Oregon has excellent duck hunting opportunities and there is no need for these here!

Thank you for your consideration.

Carter

**Carter Verhaeghe**  
*Account Manager*

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** Strand, Karl <Karl.Strand@sulzer.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 3:05 PM  
**To:** brandon.s.reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Battery decoys

Hi Brandon,

I just wanted to let you know that I think allowing battery driven decoys back into water fowling is not warranted.

I prefer a more interactive hunt and if motion is desired, it should take effort on the part of the hunter to generate the motion.

Please do not let the good decision of the ban of motorized decoys be rescinded.

Thanks for your work you do and please do the right thing.

Regards,

Karl

Sent from my iPhone

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## Brandon Reishus

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**From:** bob alcantara <turboduk@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:30 PM  
**To:** Brandon.S.Reishus@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Spinning Wing Decoys

I'm from the old school. Almost 60 years of hunting ducks. A lot of things have changed. Considerably better clothing, guns, shotshell loads, duck calls, decoys and the list goes on and on. Everything to the advantage of the hunter.

I myself do not favor the use of the spinning wing decoy. Whether it be motorized or manually operated. I can count on my fingers the times I have hunted using them. I am so unused to hunting with them that as I swung through a fast finishing wigeon this season I blasted the spinner. While I employ other mechanical items to aid me in my pursuit of ducks, the spinner to me seems out of place. For me it doesn't belong.

A number of years ago my son and I were hunting Mud Lake on the Sauvie Island Management Area. We were one of the few blinds hunting without the aid of a motorized spinner. A hunting group on the lake had 4 spinners going continuously. It reminded me of the circus.

It takes time to learn how and when to use a duck call. Where and how to deploy a decoy spread. No practice or time spent in the field needed to flip a switch on your spinner or pull a string.

Are they effective? Absolutely. Are they necessary? Absolutely not.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Bob Alcantara

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**Subject:** FW: Motorized duck legalization opposition letter  
**Attachments:** Commission letter 4-19-18.pdf

**From:** Kelly Warren <[kellywarren009@gmail.com](mailto:kellywarren009@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:53 AM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Motorized duck legalization opposition letter

Hello

Please find attached a letter stating my opposition to the proposed legalization of motorized decoys in Oregon.

If you have further questions please contact me.

Kelly Warren  
541-602-5951

**To: ODFW Commission**

I am writing regarding my strong opposition to the proposal to legalize mechanical decoys for waterfowl hunting in Oregon. I have been a waterfowl hunter since 1996 and a conservationist my entire life.

**I do not agree with legalizing electronic spinners for the following reasons:**

1. Convenience should not be a consideration for regulation changes. Convenience will only mean more people have spinners and usually those people will have numerous which happened during the last legalization in Oregon. Additionally non-motorized spinners work as effectively as motorized but less hunters are willing to put in the work or use this tool due to its "inconvenience". Hunting is supposed to be a challenge, test of your abilities to fool your quarry, and use tools strategically that can assist in harvest of game.
2. There is now a significant variety of electronic spinning duck decoys so it can be assumed that there will likely be even more than previous due to the diversity, price, and availability.
3. Other states are banning all (motorized and non-motorized) spinners on public areas due to impact on duck behavior. Examples include Arkansas, Minnesota, Michigan, and Louisiana. These regulations are being currently considered in several other states as well.
4. Hazardous trash like batteries that are required to run electronic decoys will impact our state/federal wildlife areas. Harmful/toxic trash like batteries will increase if electronic decoys are legalized. This will impact habitat, wildlife and our public lands.
5. Oregon is seeing less wintering ducks and states north of us are seeing more. Legalizing motorized decoys could increase pressure on the ducks that winter in Oregon and alter their behavior and adapt to pressure by wintering elsewhere.
6. Local breeding populations of ducks will suffer. Habitat and suitable nesting areas are becoming increasingly threatened. If legalized electronic decoys would be one more thing impacting local breeding ducks, especially during the first part of the season when they are most vulnerable.
7. There is no reason to take a risk of legalizing something that could potential have an impact on Oregons local and wintering duck populations. There is more to lose than gain from legalizing electronic decoys.

Please do not consider legalizing electronic decoys in Oregon.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Warren