

Exhibit J

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence received as of
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From: Dan Edwards <lyndan@canby.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 9:53 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Draft Regulation Simplification Proposals
Attachments: 2018_05_31 mzllder ltr.docx

I attached my comments related to proposed changes to muzzleloader hunting regulations.

6/05/2018

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

I am writing to comment on the "Draft Regulation Simplification Proposals" that you will be taking public comment on during your June 8, 2018 meeting in Baker City, Oregon. I support the effort to simplify the big game hunting regulations. Clear simple regulations will definitely help hunters better understand the rules.

However, there are three proposed changes in the draft that relate to muzzleloader hunting, which I do not support. I urge that you not adopt them in September.

Muzzleloader hunts were originally developed to provide special opportunities to hunters interested in black powder firearms and their willingness to challenge themselves by learning to hunt effectively with them. Special opportunities were in the form of more opportune times of year to hunt and often had either-sex bag limits. Muzzleloaders are inherently less efficient and shorter range weapons than modern firearms. Muzzleloaders are slower to load, have an effective range of approximately 100 yards, are subject to misfires due to weather and other conditions. It takes practice and experience to learn to hunt with them and have them be dependable. In the hands of experienced black-powder hunters and used within their limitations they are effective for taking big game.

The three proposals I oppose are:

1. I opposed allowing the use of muzzleloaders with closed ignition systems. Such a change would remove moisture from the equation without any experience or knowledge of muzzleloaders and help make muzzleloaders nearly as dependable as modern firearms and thus remove some of the challenge associated with black powder hunting.
2. I oppose allowing all projectiles except sabot bullets. There are a number of muzzleloader bullets with plastic bases, collars and other technologies designed to improve efficiency, obtain higher velocity, and extend the effective range when compared to traditional muzzleloader projectiles. These properties are counterproductive to the challenges of muzzleloader hunting.
3. I oppose allowing the use of pellet powders. By design and composition, they are more akin to rocket fuel than black powder. They are designed to be easier and faster to load, and increase muzzle velocity and effective range. Granted they are best ignited by center-fire primers, nevertheless allowing them would move muzzleloader hunting in the direction of hunting with a modern firearm, which is counter to the original reason for allowing muzzleloader hunts.

I request that you retain the current regulations and consider clarifying the existing language rather than changing original intent. The existing regulations maintain the tradition and challenge of muzzleloader hunting. These proposed changes would allow technologies designed to increase efficiency and effective range of muzzleloaders. Why put more pressure on wildlife resources that are already taxed. Bag limits for several hunts have changed from either sex to more restrictive bucks or bulls only, thus removing some of the special opportunity initially designed to attract hunters willing to challenge themselves by hunting with a muzzleloader.

Thanks you for consideration of my comments.

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From: ODFW Commission
Subject: FW: Upcoming regulation changes discussions

From: R. Meredith [<mailto:richard.k.meredith@hotmail.com>]
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Subject: Upcoming regulation changes discussions

Michelle,

I understand you may be the contact person for an upcoming Oregon hunting regulations discussions for next year. If that is true, I'd like to have ODFW discuss the adoption of preference points carrying over for any Oregon hunter who has qualified for their pioneer license. My example would be that if a person has qualified as a pioneer hunter in the state of Oregon and has 10 preference points for deer. They realize that they may not live long enough to qualify for a specific premium hunt but still would like to hunt a lower qualifying hunt. That said they could choose to apply for the lesser hunt that only needs 5 points. Instead of losing the other 5 points those points could be carried over to the next season. It seems to me these pioneer hunters deserve the chance to hunt Oregon's beautiful country a few more times. PLEASE!

Thank you.

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