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Director Melcher, Chair Finley, and Commission members;

For two years (2016-17) stakeholders met throughout the state of Oregon seeking solutions for elk damage on private agriculture and timber lands. Three changes in policy kept rising to top as ways to best mitigate current issues.

1. Elk damage tag, and kill permit changes.

A. damage tags: can be used as a way to control population.

Currently landowners can only use damage tags to address problem elk, without taking into account the over population in a given area. Even when a management units are at or below management objective levels, an over burden can still be experienced on individual property owners where herds need to be reduced. This could also serve to move elk from private to public lands with constant pressure being applied in private Ag land areas.

B. damage tags: available for hunters to access more than one landowner's property at a time. (Block of cooperating landowners)

Currently a landowner can only be issued damage permits for his property; if the elk hop the fence to an adjoining property owner the elk are safe. With cooperating landowners these elk could then be pursued on to other private lands (if other landowner is in agreement) in order to be more effective in removing elk, and for hunter success.

C. kill permits: landowner or agent can utilize meat for their own or others consumption.

Currently kill permits can be issued to landowners, but the landowner is responsible for delivery of the dressed carcass to a meat cutting facility, and given to charity. The only change would be to allow the kill permit holder the option of keeping the meat for himself, or giving it away to others. This would help as many remote areas in Oregon become overwhelmed with elk, and run out of charitable dollars to help with processing. This also could help with many people who wouldn't consider going to a food bank, but would help to field dress an elk for the privilege of taking home the meat. This could also help the landowner by allowing someone else to help with processing. By not doing away with the charitable option, this becomes a viable solution to help landowners with a permit already available.

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