

Exhibit B

**Supplemental Public Correspondence
received as of April 19, 2019**

April 19, 2019

Mr. Michael Finley
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Dear Chair Finley and Members of the Commission,

My name is Marie Gadotti, and I am the chair of the Oregon Farm Bureau Goose Depredation Committee. I have been the chair of the committee for many years, and an active participant in the Goose Depredation Issue is impacting the agriculture industry in Oregon since the late 1970s. I was also appointed to the Legislative Goose Task Force in 2009-2011.

Today the goose depredation problem has spread throughout the State of Oregon with no relief for the Ag producers. I have spent the last several weeks going to one field then another and back to the first every few hours trying to save my crops that somehow have made it through the winter that the geese hadn't destroyed yet and the wheat crop we have just planted which is just coming up (great goose food)! The hazing techniques we have used over the years are not effective anymore the cracker shells only work for a short time, they lift-off and come right back. Hunting is an essential tool for us, and we cannot afford any lessening of that resource.

One of the reasons I am before you are because of the results of last year's Cackling Canada Goose and Dusky Goose Counts; both dropped by 30%. We sent testimony to the Pacific Flyway last September about the considerable impact these low numbers could have on management objectives of both species in the future. A couple of them could reinstate Check Stations, reduce the current 7 Day a Week Hunting and reduce or restrict the current larger hunting areas. We listed several options to enhance the count accuracy of any goose species.

We suggest and ask that you support additional tools for counting birds. Number one is the resight collaring program, and we ask that resources are made available for another resight project to reduce data variability. We also requested and asked ODF&W to support GPS Collars to determine distance and timing of migration, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to conduct multi-day surveys or sophisticated surveillance equipment on the aircraft to reduce human variability.

I am enclosing the testimony submitted last September for reference. We also want to stress the severity of the depredation to a wide variety of Ag crops that are being devastated by geese. As the Chair of OFB Goose Committee, we will be inviting the Pacific Flyway council to a site tour later this year when they are in Portland.

I look forward to ongoing work with the Commission and Flyway Council to mitigate the damage to Oregon farmers.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: Upland game bird proposals
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Subject: RE: Upland game bird proposals

Mikal,

Here is a letter of support from the FS for the proposed changes to the game bird regulations. Sorry this is so late. I hope you can still use it. Thanks.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to the proposed regulation changes. The Forest Service understands the importance of the fall turkey hunts as a tool to manage turkey population especially when it comes to nuisance issues. The Forest Service supports ODFW proposed changes to the fall turkey regulations, and the intention of these changes to deal with nuisance populations.

In addition, the Forest Service understand the need to simplify hunting regulations, to allow hunters a simpler less complex opportunity to hunt our public lands. So the consistency in naming conventions of Hunt Mangement Units will be beneficial.

Lastly, the consistent opportunity for youth hunting that ODFW is providing definitely reinforces the R3 mission of Recruitment and Retention of new upcoming hunters.

We commend ODFW's and Mikal Cline's efforts on their hard work with not only providing hunting opportunities, but coordinating this effort with the public and public agencies.

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April 7th 2019

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Dear Ms. Cline,

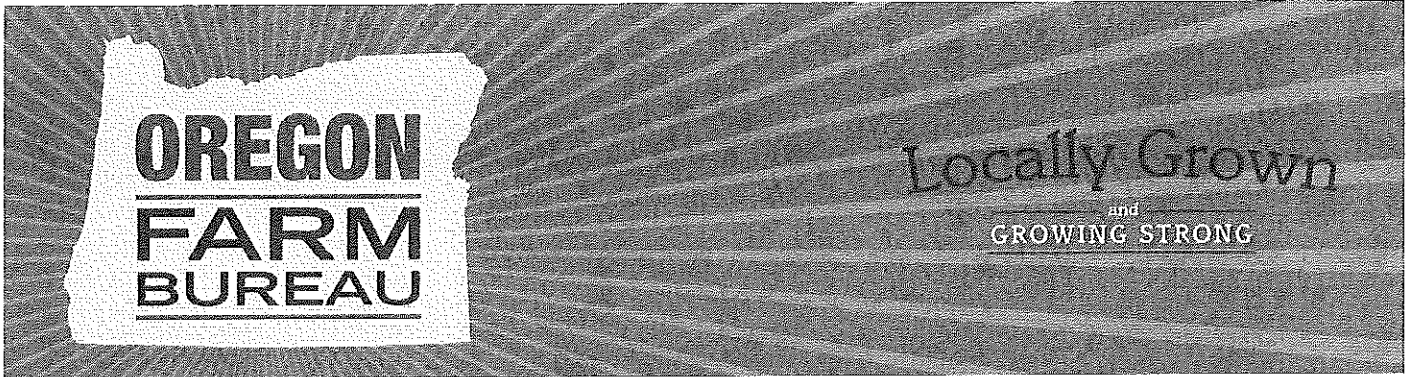
Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. The NWTF supports the proposed regulation changes you are making. We do hope that whenever possible all bird hunting regulations will be simplified and streamlined so that hunters can enjoy hunting without excessive burden from complex regulations. We also feel you should not reduce turkey tag prices with the exception of emergency hunt situations. We do hope that you will continue to adjust regulations to deal with nuisance turkeys before they cause heavy crop depredations or are seen as a nuisance by landowners or the public.

We are very happy to see your commitment to youth pheasant workshops and adult hunting workshops in 2019 and we would like to assist you in these efforts if any help is needed.

We applaud ODFW and Mikal Cline on their efforts to coordinate with NWTF and the public on these matters.

Yours in Conservation,

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Pacific Flyway Council Committee
September 2018 Meeting
Flagstaff, AZ

Chair Josh Avey and Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony to the Pacific Flyway Council. As a reference, the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFB) is the state's largest general agriculture association, representing over 7,000 farming and ranching families in Oregon. For decades, OFB has been actively engaged in discussions concerning Canadian goose management and the need to address goose damage to crops.

My name is Marie Gadotti an Oregon farmer and currently Chair of the Oregon Farm Bureau Goose Depredation Committee. I have personally attended council meetings, subcommittee meetings, and traveled to Alaska a few years ago to advocate for Oregon. I was also instrumental in forming the Oregon Goose Task Force in 2009. I want to thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on issues that have real impacts on Oregon.

Canada geese are voracious grazers, causing millions of dollars of crop damage each year to Oregon's family farmers. In 2016, OFB participated in the review of the Pacific Flyway Council Management Plan for the Cackling Canada Goose together with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). We advocated for the maintenance of a statewide hunting season for Canadian geese in Oregon to bolster avian hazing efforts on the farm and reduce depredation.

I write today as the council examines hunting regulations for all migratory game birds. I wanted to highlight concerns with the 2018 Cackling and Dusky population count, method of counting, and the limits of current hunting regulations.

Goose Population Count

According to the United States, Fish, and Wildlife's (USFW) Waterfowl Population Status, 2018, published August 20th, 2018 – the Cackling Canada goose population experienced a dramatic 30% decline. The 2018 fall population estimate was 203,700

which was 30% less than the 2017 fall population estimate of 289,900. It is worth noting over the 2009–2018 time series, the population trend is a positive 2% gain.

I take great concern with the accuracy of the 2018 population number of 203,700, a 30% population loss without a significant environmental event. In talks with ODFW staff, I understand this could be an outlier, and I ask the council to treat it as such. These drops occurred before in the early 2000s and recently in 2011 which was two years later recorded a population increase of 50%.

The Dusky goose population is another primary concern to Oregon farmers, and it is critical to highlight the similar trend in population. The 2018 fall population estimate was 10,800 which was 20% less than the 2017 fall population estimate of 13,500. This is important to note because, in my opinion, the trend of decline between both populations indicates that the estimating population's methods are susceptible to serious variability.

Goose Estimation Methods

It is my understanding that population survey is conducted as an aerial survey conducted this year on the earliest date in surveying history for both populations. I want to raise concerns with this early survey dates because, in the winter grounds of the Willamette Valley of Oregon, it is our observation that the migratory birds are staying later into the spring and potentially not finalizing their journey to the nest sites as the survey date is moved earlier in the spring.

I want to implore the Council today to consider in the wake of variable population counts and unreliable data points to explore additional methods of estimating the population. I understand earlier this decade USFW conducted a mark-resight collar project to help readjust the formula and use collars to estimate the population better. Also, to my knowledge, USFW did not conduct the project to its fullest capabilities. Oregon Farm Bureau requests the Council to consider dedicating the resources to another mark-resight project to reduce data variability.

While the mark-resight efforts are resource heavy, we ask the Council to in-addition explore different methods. These could include targeted GPS collars to determine distance and timing of migration, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to conduct multi-day surveys or sophisticated surveillance equipment on the aircraft to reduce the human variability.

Goose Hunting Regulations

I have long testified that the hunting season is too short for Oregon and with the reduced sales in hunting licenses the daily bag limit should be increased to aid population control. While we have our deep disagreement regarding the population goal of 250,000, any authentic population decrease cannot be attributed to hunters. The 107-day limit is too few days to manage the population effectively, and with limited time in September, hunters are not able to disrupt migratory patterns further entrenching the impacts on Oregon agriculture.

The resident geese population is a growing concern for Willamette Valley farmers. Each year more birds are nesting in the Valley but are still regulated under the Migratory Bird



Treaty. Oregon Farm Bureau requests the Council create clear and robust language and management plan for resident geese. These geese encourage the migratory population to remain in the Valley longer and travel further south than traditionally experienced.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony. Oregon Farm Bureau and I are looking forward to the 2019 Pacific Flyway Council meeting in Portland, OR. I want to personally invite you to take next year's opportunity and visit local farms that are impacted by the Council's decisions. Oregon Farm Bureau will gladly work to arrange tours and meetings with farmers to get an on-the-ground experience. Also, I ask the Council to make time for public testimony to hear directly from farmers.

Thank you, and I look forward to hosting you all in Oregon next year.

Sincerely,

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