Exhibit E
FURBEARER TRAPPING and HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE
As Of June 12, 2020
Hello ODFW,

Oppression is oppression. Trapping beavers and inflicting suffering on them is just another example of dominating another sentient being. Please stop. Don't we have better solutions by now?

Thank you!
Diana

Diana M.Hulet
www.dianahulet.com
Pronouns: she/her
Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I'm an Oregonian and proud to live in the "Beaver State." Beavers are an important part of our cultural and ecological landscape, and they're crucial allies in the fight against climate change. That's why I urge you to protect them — for both their own benefit and the valuable services they provide to people and other wildlife. As part of your review and update of the state's furbearer regulations, I request that you end commercial and recreational beaver hunting and trapping on federally managed public lands in Oregon, including national forests, BLM lands, national monuments, wildlife refuges, national parks and national grasslands.

We can already see the impacts of climate change in Oregon in the frequency and severity of drought, wildfire and flooding. And we know that restoring riparian ecosystems will be crucial to mitigating those harms. But our current hunting and trapping policies hurt one of our most important partners in that restoration. Beavers build dams for their own benefit, but in doing so they create habitat for a host of other species. Scientists have shown that beaver dams also improve water quality, trap and store carbon, and could provide important groundwater storage for dry climates.

For all these reasons, I'm asking you to please close federally managed lands in Oregon to commercial and recreational beaver hunting and trapping, where these remarkable animals can provide the greatest benefit.

Sincerely,
Luciano Graniello
Metairie, LA 70010
lvgraniello@libero.it
Dear ODFW,

Please put an end to hunting and trapping of beavers on public lands. They are an asset to the health and diversity of our forests and help to store water.

Regards,

Gordy Molitor
Portland, OR
Chair Mary Wahl
Commission Members
Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302

odfw.commission@state.or.us

Subject: Beaver Closure on Federal Lands -- Comments on Proposed Rulemaking, Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Regulations

Dear Chair Wahl and Members of the Commission:

As OFWC revises furbearer trapping and hunting regulations, I urge you to take the following action to protect Oregon's state animal, the Beaver, an original Ecosystem Engineer:

- **Support the petition to ban commercial and recreational trapping of Beaver on federally managed public lands.**

*This ban would not prevent private landowners or state land managers from allowing commercial and recreational trapping and hunting.*

Beaver help create wetlands and improve water quality, groundwater recharge and improve fish and wildlife habitat. This ban would be consistent with ODFW's core mission to protect Oregon's fish and wildlife and restore natural ecosystems and help optimize ongoing aquatic restoration efforts with partners statewide.

Please support this petition.

Thank You.

Lynn Herring

lynnhe@outlook.com
Roxann B Borisch

From: Susan Stutz <susan.stutz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:50 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Beaver trapping NOOOO

As a voting citizen in Oregon, I am asking that no trapping or killing of our state animal, the beaver, be allowed.

1. I support the petition to ban commercial and recreational trapping of beaver on public federal lands
2. Beaver are a critical part of a healthy ecosystem including creating wetlands, improving water quality, groundwater recharge and improving fish and wildlife habitat.
3. Protecting beaver is even more important in an age of climate change as beaver dams will be critical for retaining water that will be released by earlier melting snowpack.
4. Protecting beaver on public federal lands rather than making them available for commercial and recreational hunting is consistent with ODFW’s core mission to protect Oregon’s fish and wildlife and restore natural ecosystems.

Susan Stutz

Susan Stutz
susan.stutz@gmail.com
PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE
Received June 11, 2020 to June 12, 2020

Subject: Beaver Closure on Federal Lands
9 individuals submitted the attached letter
(List Attached)
I support the petition to ban commercial and recreational trapping of beavers on public federal lands.

Beavers are a critical part of a healthy ecosystem, creating wetlands, improving water quality, and improving fish and wildlife habitat. Protecting beaves is even more important in an age of climate change, as their dams will be critical for retaining water released by earlier snowpack melt.

Protecting beavers on public federal lands is consistent with ODFW’s core mission to protect Oregon's fish and wildlife and restore natural ecosystems. I urge you to protect beavers in the great beaver state.

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Subject: Please Ban Beaver Hunting and Trapping on our Federal Lands

23 individuals submitted the attached letter
(List Attached)
Dear ODFW Commission,

I am writing to request that the Commission ban commercial and recreational beaver trapping on our federal lands in Oregon. These critters provide critical ecosystem services across the state, and help build our state's resilience in the face of climate change. Restricting ongoing beaver hunting and trapping dovetails the extensive aquatic restoration investments in this state with state wildlife policy. Further, beavers provide critical habitat for many imperiled species, and contribute to the Department's mission to protect threatened and endangered wildlife.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,
Brenda Dickey
1530 NW Woodland
Corvallis, OR 97330
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Subject: In Support of Requested Amendment to OAR 635-050-0070 Regarding Beavers
20 individuals submitted the attached letter
(List Attached)
Dear Commissioners, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,

As an Oregonian who values the water, fish, and wildlife that federally managed lands provide, I ask that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission act now to protect these values from the impacts of climate change.

Please amend OAR 635-050-0070 and close commercial and recreational beaver trapping and hunting on all National Forests, Bureau of Land Management lands, National Monuments, Federal Wildlife Refuges, National Parks, and National Grasslands in the state of Oregon to commercial and recreational beaver trapping and hunting.

Beaver are an essential water security and habitat resiliency partner. They build and maintain critical ecosystem infrastructure. They are key to helping address Oregon’s water security and fish and wildlife habitat needs and provide one key mechanism for helping Oregon address climate change. These benefits will occur at little to no cost to the taxpayers.

The science is clear on this issue – the Commission can either act responsibly now, or answer for the ever-increasing impacts to wildlife, fish, and communities later. We implore you to make the right decision and ban beaver trapping on federal land immediately.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Amie Lamb
6505 SW Scholls Ferry Rd
Portland, OR 97223
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Subject: Public Comment in Support of Banning Beaver Trapping and Hunting
13 individuals submitted the attached letter
(List Attached)
Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge you to support the proposal to ban commercial and recreational beaver trapping and hunting on all federally managed public lands in Oregon including National Forests, Bureau of Land Management lands, National Monuments, Federal Wildlife Refuges, National Parks, and National Grasslands.

As the “Beaver State”, it’s imperative we not only honor their cultural connection to Oregon, but also their ability as ecosystem engineers to improve water security, create and restore habitat like wetlands, refill groundwater, slow stormwater flow, and more. By allowing beavers to do their ‘busy work’, our state can help mitigate some of the worst effects of climate change like drought, flooding, and loss of fish and wildlife habitat -- all projected to get worse without bold solutions. Beavers should be a part of that solution.

That’s why I’m asking you to please support this proposal, amend the furbearer regulation, and end all commercial and recreational beaver trapping and hunting on Oregon’s federal public lands.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Ms. Lesa Dilorio
106 South 224th Dr Buckeye,
ciaodiiorio@yahoo.com
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Trapping animals for any reason other than to eat is completely unnecessary. Even if you are planning to eat an animal, there are more humane ways to kill it.

Please do not allow people to continue trapping animals for sport or for their pelts. If you are unable or unwilling to ban trapping completely, please make strict rules to minimize the animals' suffering.

Thank you!

Valerie

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android
We support the proposed amendment to end the hunting and trapping of beaver on all public lands in Oregon. Beaver are vital in combating climate change and reducing the threat of wildfires. Their dams store water from rain and snowmelt and raise the water table. Their ponds provide habitat for numerous mammals, fish and insect populations. Beaver create habitat that benefit all.

Belinda Larsen  
Barbara Coughlin

Sent from my iPad
Dear Oregon Wildlife Commissioners:

Decades of scientific studies show the undeniable positive effects of beaver on environments, wildlife, water storage, and flood mitigation, and the ODFW is on record as being cognizant of these benefits.

In *Living With Wildlife: American Beaver*, ODFW states that the vast majority of beaver trapped today are for damage control. Since we are requesting a ban only on federally managed public land and most damage-control trapping is likely to be on private land, the effects of the ban on beaver trappers will be minimal. The average of 147 commercial furtakers who trap beaver annually will continue to do so on non-federal land.

The current *Oregon Furbearer Regulation Proposals* claims scarcity of available beaver habitat on the lands proposed for closure. I'm skeptical of this and I would like to point out that organizations are partnering with federal land managers on projects specifically designed to create beaver habitat, such as the ONDA programs with the BLM on Bridge Cr. and the South Fork of the Crooked River and with the Malheur National Forest on Summit Creek, West Summit Creek, Wiwaanyatt Creek, Beach Creek, Camp Creek and others. Increasing numbers of riparian zones are being protected by livestock exclosures. A proposed change in the 21” rule on National Forests will allow cutting of large trees, especially white and Grand fir which shade out riparian areas, and will promote beaver habitat recovery. But current trapping regulations permit taking of beaver even during mating season, unquestionably suppressing population growth and inhibiting dispersal.

The high level of support for this ban by scientists and land managers is indicative of the beaver's importance to Oregon watersheds and biodiversity and to water availability for towns and agriculture, especially in the face of persistent drought and other climactic changes.

In light of the avowed awareness of the importance of beaver to our state by the ODFW, I find it disheartening that the Agency resists a change that has obvious benefits and little downside, even to the few furtakers who would be effected, and it seems to me that the Agency should welcome changes that align so well with the Oregon Conservation Strategy at so little cost.

Please approve this request and lets move towards a more healthy environment both for wildlife and Oregonians.

Thank you,

Wally Sykes
Joseph, OR
Dear Odfw, please consider using best science practices to protect instead of target beavers. All flourishing is mutual. What is the reasoning behind considering killing these creatures? Surely some of you at ODFW (did you know that your reputation among thousands; in fact, it’s your new name: Oregon Department of “Fucking” the Wildlife is very very bad) know that your propensity is to adhere to the imbalance and invasion of wild lands. Why? What is your ethic?

What you do has a connection to suffering. It’s time to acknowledge that humans have killed and invaded and finally, upset all balance in the diversity on this earth. Witness the pandemic.

I am angry that you seem to lack moral and ethical courage. Alas. These beavers don’t deserve your handing their lives over. Damn you.

Linore Blackstone
llblackstone@comcast.net
Dear ODFW Commission,

Ban the trapping and hunting of beavers on all federally managed public lands in Oregon, including lands managed as National Forests, National Monuments, National Parks, National Grasslands, Federal Wildlife Refuges, and BLM lands.

Beavers are instrumental keystone species that support healthy forests and ecosystems. They are water system engineers that help retain water in rivers and watersheds, which helps mitigate some of the worst effects of climate change, such as drought, flooding, and loss of water wildlife habitat. Additionally, Oregon has long had a cultural connection with beavers. Supporting beaver rehabilitation will improve Oregon water security, slow storm water flow, refill groundwater reserves, and restore wetland habitat.

Please support this proposal, amend the furbearer regulation, and end all commercial and recreational beaver trapping and hunting on Oregon’s federal public lands.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Ms. Corinne Fargo
3115 SE 20th Ave  Portland,
corinnefargo@gmail.com
Dear Commission,

I was shocked to hear trapping and killing of Beavers was being considered on public federal lands in Oregon.

As a resident of Beaverton (and proprietors of the Beaver Den Guest Wing, an Airbnb participant), we are much enamored with the little critters, and recognize the vast ecological good they do through damming, creating marshes and moderating spring melt & overflow. Since Beaver hats have been out of style for centuries, we see little to be gained by killing them.

It seems entirely consistent with the mission of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to protect Beavers, and therefore we are in support of the petition to ban trapping/killing of Beavers here in Oregon, on federal lands, which after all are supposed to be there for public enjoyment rather than commercial trapping - of the State Animal, no less.

Yours truly,
Jon & Linda Twichell
From: kit collins <kit.collins@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:39 PM
To: ODFW.Commission@state.or.us
Subject: Beaver trapping

Please ban the trapping of beavers and other fur bearing animals. Trapping is cruel and causes much suffering for the trapped animal. Animals chew their legs off trying to escape, are attacked by predators, and experience intense pain.

Any human who has accidentally stepped into a trap can vouch for that.

Please make the compassionate choice and not support animal cruelty.

Thank you
Kit Collins
33190 SE Regan Hill Road
Estacada Oregon 97023
I am writing to ask you to not eliminate the trapping of beaver in our National Forest Lands.

I am not a trapper but I do recognize that to let this proposal go forward will take away any management of the beaver out of the hands of professionals.

Please vote against this proposal.

Thank you,

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Via Email: odfw.commission@state.or.us

June 11, 2020

Chair Mary Wahl
Commission Members
Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
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RE: In Support of Requested Amendment to OAR 635-050-0070, Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Regulations

Dear Chair Wahl and members of the committee,

My name is Gene McCarthy. I am a legal intern for Cascadia Wildlands. I live in Eugene, where I attend the University of Oregon School of Law and where Cascadia’s principal office is located.

I have been following the conversations with the Department regarding the revision of the beaver management plan, and I have four principal points to make regarding the new draft plan.

First, beavers are ecosystem engineers that play an important role in maintaining healthy watersheds. Their improvements to riparian systems do a great deal to assist the state efforts to meet the goals set out in the Governor’s 100-year water vision (Health – clean water for all who live in Oregon; Economy – sustainable clean water availability; Environment – adequate clean water to sustain wildlife; and Safety – water supplies and flood protection systems from Oregon’s communities).

Second, the work done by beavers naturally makes ecosystems and communities more resilient to certain natural disasters, like wildfire, flooding, and drought. Their knack for water storage slows runoff and allows streams to hold more water, extending water availability during drought and preventing flows from overwhelming downstream areas during floods. The wetlands created by beavers also create wildfire safe havens for wildlife and livestock on public lands.

Third, it would be a costly oversight reject this amendment, as the State would waste important resources trying to mimic beaver activity on public lands. Beaver’s natural ability to restore and maintain riparian systems is much more efficient and effective than we could hope to imitate. The tax dollars used to solve the issues created by the absence of beavers could be saved by protecting beaver populations on public lands with minimal oversight costs to taxpayers. The current regulations allowing hunting and trapping on public lands are not saving any significant portion of the commercial beaver industry in Oregon. As of 2016, the commercial takes on public lands only accounted for five percent of the income related to beaver trapping.
Further, it is important to highlight that the proposed amendment only applies to federally managed public lands and would not prevent private landowners or state land managers from allowing commercial and recreational trapping and hunting. Equally important is the fact that the proposed amendment would not prevent removal of beavers in response to damage on federally managed public lands in the event that non-lethal solutions to a conflict are inadequate.

I would urge you to consider taking up this amendment as closing commercial and recreational beaver trapping and hunting on federally managed public lands in Oregon would create a multitude of benefits for the local ecology, water systems, and accompanying state restoration efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Gene McCarthy
Cascadia Wildlands
Hello,

I am writing to support the petition to ban commercial and recreational trapping of beaver on public federal lands.

Beavers are a critical part of a healthy ecosystem including creating wetlands, improving water quality, groundwater recharge and improving fish and wildlife habitat.

Protecting beavers is even more important in an age of climate change as beaver dams will be critical for retaining water that will be released by earlier melting snowpack.

Protecting beavers on public federal lands rather than making them available for commercial and recreational hunting is consistent with ODFW’s core mission to protect Oregon’s fish and wildlife and restore natural ecosystems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol

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Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Even though I was raised in a big city, my family taught me to treasure remarkable wildlife. Sadly, Oregon, and too many other states, has a long history of over-hunting. It has significantly diminished and even eradicated some of Oregon’s wildlife populations, like sea otters.

I strongly support the ban on commercial and recreational trapping of beavers on public federal lands and hope you will as well. Beavers play a very special role in our natural areas throughout Oregon. Many other species depend on beaver activities.

The entire world is facing the staggering impact of climate change. Oregon has been suffering from drought conditions for years. Beavers are our natural allies in managing wetlands, improving water quality, and providing habitat for fish and other wildlife at a time when Oregon needs it most.

I truly hope you will recognize the many benefits of banning commercial and recreational trapping of beavers at this crucial time when wildlife populations are declining in Oregon. Please be the leaders of stewardship that we need to see in our state and in the world.

With respect and appreciation,

Richard L Slaven, Ph.D.
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Beaver Closure on Federal Lands

I have done volunteer work with ONDA to create artificial beave dams. I have seen the resulting success when beavers return to an area.

Beavers are extremely important to an ecosystem. They are environmental engineers who are extremely successful in restoring water systems.

Lu Pinson

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I’m against the cruel practices involved in trapping wild animals and urge ODFW to end these activities immediately.

Barbara Siples
Portland Oregon
Dear Committee,

Please see my attached testimony for the ODFW Furbearer Regulations Amendment. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Chelsea Stewart-Fusek

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RE: Testimony for ODFW Furbearer Regulations Amendment

Dear Committee,

For the record my name is Chelsea Stewart-Fusek and I am a law student and a legal intern for Cascadia Wildlands in Eugene, Oregon. I was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest and the issues that impact our watersheds and ecosystem are very important to me. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

I support the amendment to ban the commercial and recreational trapping of beaver on federally managed public lands in Oregon and there are a few items I would like to highlight.

First, some of the public comments in the record state that if the ODFW saw a need for beaver conservation efforts, the agency would have already begun to address the issue. To be clear, the ODFW has indeed acknowledged the need for beaver conservation as evidenced by its species conservation plans. For example, ODFW’s own 2016 Coho Conservation Plan stresses the importance of beavers to the conservation of Coho salmon. It reads: “Increasing the number of beaver dams in areas where dams are limited that create high quality rearing habitat will create stream complexity and increase the coho smolt capacity of populations.” In that same plan, the ODFW committed itself to informal beaver conservation measures such as educating landowners about non-lethal damage-control measures. The ODFW states that the purpose of this outreach plan was to increase beaver dams. I commend the ODFW for taking these initial steps and implore the agency to take another important step for the creation of coho salmon habitat by banning beaver trapping on federally managed public lands.

Second, public comments have expressed that the amendment does not rely on sound science, but this is not so. For one, I have little doubt that the ODFW relied on sound science when it created its coho conservation plan. Additionally, the National Marine Fisheries Service recently wrote a letter of support for beaver conservation on public lands. The letter states that “the removal of beavers is thought to have had a significant population impact on coho salmon.” The agency points to studies conducted in the Stillaguamish basin in western Washington. These studies are from the Northwest Fisheries Science Center and the University of Washington and they show that the greatest reduction in coho salmon smolt capacity originated from the extensive loss of beaver ponds in that watershed. Further, the list of science-informed organizations in support of banning beaver trapping in Federal Forests and watersheds is long and includes Umpqua Watersheds, the National Marine Fisheries Service, Siuslaw National
Forest, MidCoast Watersheds Council, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, among others.

Third, it is important to note that it is not known how many beavers are taken on private lands for damage control and the number is presumably large. This makes it even more important that we protect beaver populations where we can, such as in our federally managed public lands.

Lastly, would like to stress that this amendment would not impact current beaver trapping regulations on private or state-owned land. It would also not prevent federal or private land managers from trapping beavers for the purposes of controlling damage, such as to culverts, and would assist otherwise expensive restoration efforts at no cost to the taxpayer.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Chelsea Stewart-Fusek, Cascadia Wildlands