

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ken Taylor <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:57 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunt supports conservation and sustainability.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is based on sound population science and contributes to the state's conservation efforts. Hunters provide crucial data that helps biologists track and manage bear populations. The 2025 recommendations from ODFW reflect a balanced approach to wildlife management. Closing the spring bear season would harm the bear population and other wildlife. I encourage the commission to support the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Ken Taylor

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Kelby Miller <mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:54 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Back ODFW's 2025 Big Game Season Plan

Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of Oregon, a hunting license holder and a stakeholder of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife I strongly encourage you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations recommended by the professional staff of ODFW.

The biologists within ODFW have followed their statutory obligations (ORS 496.012) in recommending regulations that maintain species at optimal levels and to provide optimal recreational benefits.

I am strongly opposed to suggestions from politically motivated activists to eliminate the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model indicates that bear populations are resilient and growing, and maintaining hunting opportunities and harvest is in the interest of balanced bear and prey populations. The spring season had a success rate of only 17% and 70% of the harvested bears were males. Managed spring bear hunting is contributing to a stable and healthy population.

Please implement the big game regulations as recommended by the professional staff at ODFW.

Sincerely,

Kelby Miller
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Klamath Falls, OR 97601

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jonathan Bonnet <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:51 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's spring bear season and conservation efforts.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is an important part of responsible wildlife management. The data collected from hunters helps biologists track bear populations and make informed decisions about their health. The 2025 regulations are based on this science and should be adopted to ensure a sustainable bear population. Eliminating the spring bear hunt would ignore the valuable data that shows it is necessary. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Bonnet

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mitchell Lauterbach <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:45 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand with science: support the Oregon spring bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's black bear population has grown by 28% in recent years, and the spring bear hunt plays a key role in managing that growth. The biologists at ODFW have carefully designed the 2025 regulations based on population data. These regulations are crucial for maintaining a healthy balance in the ecosystem. Political pressure to close the hunt is not based on science. I urge the commission to follow the data and support the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Mitchell Lauterbach

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Steven Welborn <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:45 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect spring bear hunting in Oregon with sound management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential wildlife management tool in Oregon, backed by years of data and careful study. Hunters provide critical population data that biologists use to ensure the bear population remains healthy and well-managed. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would disregard the valuable data that proves its necessity. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Steven Welborn

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Steven Welborn <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:44 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect spring bear hunting in Oregon with sound management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential wildlife management tool in Oregon, backed by years of data and careful study. Hunters provide critical population data that biologists use to ensure the bear population remains healthy and well-managed. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would disregard the valuable data that proves its necessity. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Steven Welborn

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Levi Steinhauer <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:36 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support biologists, support Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's important that we continue to manage Oregon's black bear population with science-based regulations. Wildlife should not be managed politically, but should continue to follow science-based management methods. The spring bear hunt is essential for this, and I support the 2025 recommendations to keep this hunt in place.

Sincerely,
Levi Steinhauer

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Joshua Dyck <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:35 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support Oregon's biologists and their bear hunt recommendations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I am a Washington resident however, we no longer have the opportunity to pursue spring bear hunts. Bear hunting was an important part of my family's culture and recreation. Oregon's spring bear hunt brings the department of fish and wildlife revenue which will be lost if the hunt is eliminated. Additionally, the spring bear hunt is a crucial tool for managing Oregon's growing bear population. I support the biologists' recommendations for 2025 and urge the commission to continue this sustainable hunt.

Sincerely,
Joshua Dyck

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jeremy DeWeese <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:35 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand up for Oregon's wildlife: support the bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is a necessary part of wildlife management, and the data supports its continuation. I strongly encourage the commission to support ODFW's recommendations for 2025 and keep the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Jeremy DeWeese

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Brandon Magana <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:33 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: bmag511@yahoo.com

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a crucial tool for managing Oregon's growing bear population. I support the biologists' recommendations for 2025 and urge the commission to continue this sustainable hunt.

Sincerely,
Brandon Magana

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ian Findley <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:27 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect science-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a key part of Oregon's wildlife conservation strategy. The 2025 regulations are based on robust data and reflect the best practices for managing black bear populations. Hunters provide invaluable data through harvest reports that allow biologists to track the health and size of bear populations. This data shows that the hunt is sustainable and necessary for maintaining balance in the ecosystem. Please continue the spring bear season by supporting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Ian Findley

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ryan Reidlinger <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:27 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let anti-hunters end Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 big game regulations because they are based on sound population data. The spring bear hunt is a critical tool for managing the growing black bear population in Oregon. Hunters provide valuable data that helps biologists track population trends and ensure sustainability. Closing this season would be detrimental to both the bear population and the ecosystem. Please support the spring bear hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Ryan Reidlinger

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Benjamin Smith <civiciinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:24 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support Oregon's biologists and their bear hunt recommendations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to support the 2025 recommendations for Oregon's spring bear hunt. The bear population is thriving, and this hunt is a key tool for maintaining a healthy balance in our wildlife. Hunters provide critical data that helps biologists track population trends and ensure sustainable management. The spring bear season is carefully regulated to ensure it aligns with the best available science. Please follow the data and continue to support this vital hunting season.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Smith

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Adam Smith <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:22 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

As a long time hunter/conservationist of over 35 years, a spring bear hunt is an essential wildlife management tool in Oregon. Hunters provide critical population data that biologists use to ensure the bear population remains healthy and well-managed . Regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Blindly closing the spring bear season would disregard the valuable data that proves its necessity. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Adam Smith

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Cody Knight <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:22 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support biologists, support Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's important that we continue to manage Oregon's black bear population with science-based regulations. The spring bear hunt is essential for this, and I support the 2025 recommendations to keep this hunt in place.

Sincerely,
Cody Knight

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Forrest Drenning <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:22 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect spring bear hunting in Oregon with sound management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential wildlife management tool in Oregon, backed by years of data and careful study. Hunters provide critical population data that biologists use to ensure the bear population remains healthy and well-managed. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would disregard the valuable data that proves its necessity. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Forrest Drenning

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: David White <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:22 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support responsible wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I strongly support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt. The 2025 big game regulations reflect the hard work of ODFW biologists who have carefully studied population trends. The spring bear season helps gather critical data and contributes to responsible wildlife management. It is a key tool for managing the growing bear population while maintaining ecosystem balance. Please ensure the continuation of this important hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
David White

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Matthew Brannon <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:21 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: fly76spg@gmail.com

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's important that we continue to manage Oregon's black bear population with science-based regulations. The spring bear hunt is essential for this, and I support the 2025 recommendations to keep this hunt in place.

Sincerely,
Matthew Brannon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Elizabeth Bauer <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:21 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support biologists, support Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for both wildlife management and conservation efforts. Biologists use the data from harvested bears to track population growth and ensure that hunting practices remain sustainable. The 2025 big game regulations reflect a careful, science-based approach to managing Oregon's black bear population. Political pressure should not undermine these recommendations, which are designed to protect both the bears and the ecosystem. I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Bauer

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Robert Kyhn <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:19 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt: crucial for managing bear populations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is based on sound population science and contributes to the state's conservation efforts. Hunters provide crucial data that helps biologists track and manage bear populations. The 2025 recommendations from ODFW reflect a balanced approach to wildlife management. Closing the spring bear season would harm the bear population and other wildlife. I encourage the commission to support the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Robert Kyhn

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kathleen Rutecki <Kathleen.Rutecki@advocacy.humanesociety.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:18 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The new hunt guidelines pose serious threats to bears

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Dear Chair Wahl and members of the Commission,

As an Oregon resident, I oppose the proposed increase in spring bear tags in the Starkey-Ukiah and Southern Blue Mountains units, and the addition of a youth spring bear hunt in the Alsea-Stott Mountain units. I support the end of the spring bear hunting season entirely. Hunting bears in the spring is unfair and unsporting, as bears are lethargic as they emerge from hibernation, and young cubs are inevitably orphaned and left to die from starvation, predation or exposure to harsh weather. Oregon is one of only seven states that allow spring bear hunting, out of the more than 30 states that allow bear hunting.

Additionally, Oregon has no rule about how frequently traps that are set for bears for damaging property, crops, animals in agriculture, or are seen as a public nuisance or health concern need to be checked. This means bears could be left to suffer in traps for days or even weeks. I support instituting a mandatory trap check time of 48 hours for all game mammals, including bears and cougars, who are trapped for causing damage under ORS 498.012. A 48-hour trap check time for game mammals would align with trap check times for other species in Oregon. Trapped bears experience pain, shock and dehydration until they are killed, and this is not in line with the Oregon public's values.

Thank you for your consideration!

Kathleen Rutecki
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Eugene, OR 97402

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: JONATHAN WOOD <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:16 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunting supports healthy ecosystems in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to support the 2025 spring bear hunt as recommended by ODFW staff. This hunt is vital for sustainable wildlife management and should not be influenced by anti-hunting pressure. Let's protect science-based conservation.

Sincerely,
JONATHAN WOOD

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Cole Kristensen <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:13 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support responsible wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I strongly support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt. The 2025 big game regulations reflect the hard work of ODFW biologists who have carefully studied population trends. The spring bear season helps gather critical data and contributes to responsible wildlife management. It is a key tool for managing the growing bear population while maintaining ecosystem balance. Please ensure the continuation of this important hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Cole Kristensen

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Paden LaCoursiere
<mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:10 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Urging Approval of 2025 Big Game Regulations Staff Recs

Dear Commissioners:

As an Oregonian, licensed hunter, and stakeholder, I respectfully urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations as recommended by ODFW staff. These recommendations fulfill statutory obligations (ORS 496.012) to maintain species and provide recreational benefits.

I oppose efforts to eliminate the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model confirms that bear populations are stable and growing, and hunting maintains a balanced ecosystem. The data, with a 17% success rate and 70% of bears harvested being male, supports this approach.

Please implement the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

Paden LaCoursiere
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Hermiston, OR 97838

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Bryan Branstetter Bryan Branstetter
<mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:06 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Urging Approval of 2025 Big Game Regulations Staff Recs

Dear Commissioners:

As a proud Oregonian, a licensed hunter, and an invested stakeholder, I am writing to urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations put forward by your professional team. The experts at ODFW have met their legal obligations (ORS 496.012) to maintain wildlife populations and promote recreational opportunities.

I strongly object to the push from politically motivated activists to eliminate the spring bear season. The facts speak for themselves: the Integrated Population Model shows that our bear populations are thriving, and maintaining current hunting practices is key to keeping them in balance. The spring bear hunt, with a 17% success rate and 70% of the harvest being male, is a responsible way to manage this resource.

Please stand by the science and the recommendations from your experienced staff.

Sincerely,

Bryan Branstetter Bryan Branstetter
207 porter St.
Silverton, OR 97381

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Trace VanCleave
<mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:06 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Urging Approval of 2025 Big Game Regulations Staff Recs

Dear Commissioners:

Hello! I'm a resident of Oregon, a proud hunting license holder, and someone who truly values our state's wildlife. I want to express my strong support for the 2025 big game regulations recommended by your professional staff. They've done the work to make sure we're following ORS 496.012 to keep species at healthy levels while allowing everyone to enjoy Oregon's great outdoors.

I'm concerned about some groups pushing to end the spring bear season. The science is clear: our bears are doing well, and managed hunting is part of why that's true. With only a 17% success rate and most of the harvested bears being males, it's clear that the current regulations are working to maintain a balanced population.

I hope you'll stand by your team's recommendations!

Sincerely,

Trace VanCleave
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Portland, OR 97239

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Joseph Lightfoot
<mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:04 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support of Proposed 2025 Game Regulations

Dear ODFW Commission:

As a hunting license holder, and a dedicated stakeholder in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), I urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations as recommended by your professional staff. The ODFW biologists have acted in accordance with their statutory obligations under ORS 496.012, proposing regulations that ensure species are maintained at optimal levels while also maximizing recreational benefits.

I oppose suggestions from politically motivated groups advocating for the elimination of the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model confirms that Oregon's bear populations are robust and expanding, and continued hunting opportunities support balanced predator-prey dynamics. With a spring hunting success rate of only 17%, and with 70% of the harvested bears being males, it is clear that managed spring bear hunting contributes positively to maintaining a stable and healthy population.

I respectfully request that you implement the big game regulations as recommended by the ODFW professional staff.

Sincerely,

Joseph Lightfoot

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Connor Hope <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:03 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's spring bear hunt alive with sound management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a key part of Oregon's conservation efforts, helping to maintain a healthy bear population. The data provided by hunters is invaluable for tracking population trends and ensuring sustainable management. The 2025 recommendations reflect a balanced approach to wildlife management that is grounded in science. Political pressure should not interfere with these data-driven decisions. Please support the 2025 big game regulations and preserve the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Connor Hope

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Christopher Galaske <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:01 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand with science: support the Oregon spring bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's black bear population has grown by 28% in recent years, and the spring bear hunt plays a key role in managing that growth. The biologists at ODFW have carefully designed the 2025 regulations based on population data. These regulations are crucial for maintaining a healthy balance in the ecosystem. Political pressure to close the hunt is not based on science. I urge the commission to follow the data and support the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Christopher Galaske

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of pat@r-hnursery.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:00 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Back ODFW's 2025 Big Game Season Plan

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Dear Commissioners:

As an Oregonian, licensed hunter, and stakeholder, I respectfully urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations as recommended by ODFW staff. These recommendations fulfill statutory obligations (ORS 496.012) to maintain species and provide recreational benefits.

I oppose efforts to eliminate the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model confirms that bear populations are stable and growing, and hunting maintains a balanced ecosystem. The data, with a 17% success rate and 70% of bears harvested being male, supports this approach.

Please implement the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

Patrick Holt
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Boring, OR 97009-6806

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Matt Burke <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:58 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect science-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a key part of Oregon's wildlife conservation strategy. The 2025 regulations are based on robust data and reflect the best practices for managing black bear populations. Hunters provide invaluable data through harvest reports that allow biologists to track the health and size of bear populations. This data shows that the hunt is sustainable and necessary for maintaining balance in the ecosystem. Please continue the spring bear season by supporting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Matt Burke

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ryan Lamson <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:57 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support Oregon's biologists and their bear hunt recommendations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a crucial tool for managing Oregon's growing bear population. I support the biologists' recommendations for 2025 and urge the commission to continue this sustainable hunt.

Sincerely,
Ryan Lamson

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Richard Lehnhoff <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:56 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support the 2025 spring bear regulations in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon spring bear hunt is a critical part of managing the state's black bear population. Data collected by hunters is essential for tracking the health and growth of these populations. I fully support the 2025 big game regulations recommended by Oregon's biologists. It's important that wildlife management decisions are based on science, not political pressure. Please continue the spring bear hunt and ensure the long-term sustainability of Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Richard Lehnhoff

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Chris@pdcrentals.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:56 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's Wildlife Balanced: Support 2025 Regulations as Proposed

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Dear Commissioners:

As a proud Oregonian, a licensed hunter, and an invested stakeholder, I am writing to urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations put forward by your professional team. The experts at ODFW have met their legal obligations (ORS 496.012) to maintain wildlife populations and promote recreational opportunities.

I strongly object to the push from politically motivated activists to eliminate the spring bear season. The facts speak for themselves: the Integrated Population Model shows that our bear populations are thriving, and maintaining current hunting practices is key to keeping them in balance. The spring bear hunt, with a 17% success rate and 70% of the harvest being male, is a responsible way to manage this resource.

Please stand by the science and the recommendations from your experienced staff.

Sincerely,

Chris Dunn
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Sandy, OR 97055

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: J Woolard <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:55 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's bear populations with sustainable hunting.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I strongly support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt. The 2025 big game regulations reflect the hard work of ODFW biologists who have carefully studied population trends. The spring bear season helps gather critical data and contributes to responsible wildlife management. It is a key tool for managing the growing bear population while maintaining ecosystem balance. Please ensure the continuation of this important hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
J Woolard

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Greg Allen <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:55 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect Oregon's black bear populations!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is an essential part of wildlife management, based on the best scientific data available. I support the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's recommendations for the 2025 regulations. Please keep the spring bear season to ensure a healthy black bear population.

Sincerely,
Greg Allen

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of James Burns <mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:54 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Urging Approval of 2025 Big Game Regulations Staff Recs

Dear Commissioners:

I am an Oregon resident, a dedicated hunter, and someone who deeply cares about the health of our wildlife. I am writing to strongly urge you to support the 2025 big game regulations crafted by the ODFW experts who truly understand what it takes to maintain balanced ecosystems and provide recreational opportunities for all.

The suggestion from politically motivated groups to eliminate the spring bear season is not only misguided but ignores the science! Our bear populations are flourishing, and the data show that continued spring hunting is key to their balance with other species. The current 17% success rate and focus on harvesting males prove that this is a sustainable and responsible approach.

Please, for the sake of Oregon's wildlife and the community that cherishes it, adopt the recommendations from the professionals who know this best.

Sincerely,

James Burns
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Troutdale , OR 97060

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: bret scott <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:51 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support responsible wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I strongly support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt. The 2025 big game regulations reflect the hard work of ODFW biologists who have carefully studied population trends. The spring bear season helps gather critical data and contributes to responsible wildlife management. It is a key tool for managing the growing bear population while maintaining ecosystem balance. Please ensure the continuation of this important hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
bret scott

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Jack Etling <mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:50 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support the 2025 Big Game Season Recommendations

Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of Oregon, a hunting license holder and a stakeholder of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife I strongly encourage you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations recommended by the professional staff of ODFW.

The biologists within ODFW have followed their statutory obligations (ORS 496.012) in recommending regulations that maintain species at optimal levels and to provide optimal recreational benefits.

I am strongly opposed to suggestions from politically motivated activists to eliminate the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model indicates that bear populations are resilient and growing, and maintaining hunting opportunities and harvest is in the interest of balanced bear and prey populations. The spring season had a success rate of only 17% and 70% of the harvested bears were males. Managed spring bear hunting is contributing to a stable and healthy population.

Please implement the big game regulations as recommended by the professional staff at ODFW.

Sincerely,

Jack Etling
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Eagle creek, OR 97022

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Ron Schafer <mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:48 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support the 2025 Big Game Season Recommendations

Dear Commissioners:

As an Oregonian, licensed hunter, and stakeholder, I respectfully urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations as recommended by ODFW staff. These recommendations fulfill statutory obligations (ORS 496.012) to maintain species and provide recreational benefits.

I oppose efforts to eliminate the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model confirms that bear populations are stable and growing, and hunting maintains a balanced ecosystem. The data, with a 17% success rate and 70% of bears harvested being male, supports this approach.

Please implement the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

Ron Schafer
5399 W Mountain Men Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84118-7319

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Craig Willis <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:48 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect science-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2025 big game regulations should be supported because they are based on thorough population data. The spring bear hunt is crucial for managing the black bear population, which has grown by 28% in recent years. Hunters play an important role in providing data that helps maintain this balance. Political pressures should not be allowed to overrule science-based decisions. I encourage the commission to support the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Craig Willis

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ryan Mccoy <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:48 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunt supports conservation and sustainability.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's bear population is thriving, thanks in part to the careful management provided by the spring bear hunt. The biologists' recommendations for 2025 are based on solid data, and I strongly support the continuation of this important hunt.

Sincerely,
Ryan Mccoy

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: James Dyer <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:47 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt: crucial for managing bear populations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is based on sound population science and contributes to the state's conservation efforts. Hunters provide crucial data that helps biologists track and manage bear populations. The 2025 recommendations from ODFW reflect a balanced approach to wildlife management. Closing the spring bear season would harm the bear population and other wildlife. I encourage the commission to support the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
James Dyer

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Aaron Woods <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:44 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Ensure Oregon's bear population remains sustainable.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I fully support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt, as it is a critical part of responsible wildlife management. The science and data back this hunt, and I urge the commission to approve the 2025 big game regulations.

Sincerely,
Aaron Woods

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Falicia Russell
<mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:44 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's Wildlife Balanced: Support 2025 Regulations as Proposed

Dear Commissioners:

As an Oregon resident, hunting license holder, and a dedicated stakeholder in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), I urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations as recommended by your professional staff. The ODFW biologists have acted in accordance with their statutory obligations under ORS 496.012, proposing regulations that ensure species are maintained at optimal levels while also maximizing recreational benefits.

I oppose suggestions from politically motivated groups advocating for the elimination of the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model confirms that Oregon's bear populations are robust and expanding, and continued hunting opportunities support balanced predator-prey dynamics. With a spring hunting success rate of only 17%, and with 70% of the harvested bears being males, it is clear that managed spring bear hunting contributes positively to maintaining a stable and healthy population.

I respectfully request that you implement the big game regulations as recommended by the ODFW professional staff.

Sincerely,

Falicia Russell
211 6th Street
Amity, OR 97101

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Kris Clark <mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:38 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support of Proposed 2025 Game Regulations

Dear ODFW Commission:

As a hunting license holder, and a dedicated stakeholder in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), I urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations as recommended by your professional staff. The ODFW biologists have acted in accordance with their statutory obligations under ORS 496.012, proposing regulations that ensure species are maintained at optimal levels while also maximizing recreational benefits.

I oppose suggestions from politically motivated groups advocating for the elimination of the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model confirms that Oregon's bear populations are robust and expanding, and continued hunting opportunities support balanced predator-prey dynamics. With a spring hunting success rate of only 17%, and with 70% of the harvested bears being males, it is clear that managed spring bear hunting contributes positively to maintaining a stable and healthy population.

I respectfully request that you implement the big game regulations as recommended by the ODFW professional staff.

Sincerely,

Kris Clark

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Joshua Weir <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:35 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: yo2stix@gmail.com

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is a necessary part of wildlife management, and the data supports its continuation. I strongly encourage the commission to support ODFW's recommendations for 2025 and keep the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Joshua Weir

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Robert Mathews
<mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:34 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's Wildlife Balanced: Support 2025 Regulations as Proposed

Dear Commissioners:

Hello! I'm a resident of Oregon, a proud hunting license holder, and someone who truly values our state's wildlife. I want to express my strong support for the 2025 big game regulations recommended by your professional staff. They've done the work to make sure we're following ORS 496.012 to keep species at healthy levels while allowing everyone to enjoy Oregon's great outdoors.

I'm concerned about some groups pushing to end the spring bear season. The science is clear: our bears are doing well, and managed hunting is part of why that's true. With only a 17% success rate and most of the harvested bears being males, it's clear that the current regulations are working to maintain a balanced population.

I hope you'll stand by your team's recommendations!

Sincerely,

Robert Mathews
5469 SE Harlene St.
Milwaukie, OR 97222

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jeremy Oury <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:33 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Oury

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Andrew Mason <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:33 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's wildlife through sustainable bear hunting.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's bear population is thriving, thanks in part to the careful management provided by the spring bear hunt. The biologists' recommendations for 2025 are based on solid data, and I strongly support the continuation of this important hunt.

Sincerely,
Andrew Mason

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Randall Kam <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:32 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand with science: support the Oregon spring bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I am an out-of-state hunter who travels to Oregon for bear hunts yearly. I can attest that income to the state because of my spending, and the spending of other hunters is well worth expanding the spring bear season in NE Oregon.

Oregon's bear population is thriving, thanks in part to the careful management provided by the spring bear hunt. The biologists' recommendations for 2025 are based on solid data, and I strongly support the continuation of this important hunt.

Sincerely,
Randall Kam

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Richard Mattis <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:32 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Richard Mattis

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Tracy Cohen <Tracy.Cohen@advocacy.humanesociety.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:32 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The new hunt guidelines pose serious threats to bears

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Dear Chair Wahl and members of the Commission,

As an Oregon resident, I oppose the proposed increase in spring bear tags in the Starkey-Ukiah and Southern Blue Mountains units, and the addition of a youth spring bear hunt in the Alsea-Stott Mountain units. I support the end of the spring bear hunting season entirely. Hunting bears in the spring is unfair and unsporting, as bears are lethargic as they emerge from hibernation, and young cubs are inevitably orphaned and left to die from starvation, predation or exposure to harsh weather. Oregon is one of only seven states that allow spring bear hunting, out of the more than 30 states that allow bear hunting.

Additionally, Oregon has no rule about how frequently traps that are set for bears for damaging property, crops, animals in agriculture, or are seen as a public nuisance or health concern need to be checked. This means bears could be left to suffer in traps for days or even weeks. I support instituting a mandatory trap check time of 48 hours for all game mammals, including bears and cougars, who are trapped for causing damage under ORS 498.012. A 48-hour trap check time for game mammals would align with trap check times for other species in Oregon. Trapped bears experience pain, shock and dehydration until they are killed, and this is not in line with the Oregon public's values.

Thank you for your consideration!

Tracy Cohen
21800 Hwy 62
Shady Cove, OR 97539

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ronald Fronheiser <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:31 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Ronald Fronheiser

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jaren Johnston <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:27 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is an essential part of responsible wildlife management, and I fully support the 2025 recommendations. Biologists use the data from this hunt to track bear populations and ensure that hunting practices are sustainable. Reducing or eliminating this hunt would ignore the best available scientific data and harm Oregon's wildlife management efforts. Hunters play a key role in gathering data that cannot be obtained through any other means. Please support the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt for future generations.

Sincerely,
Jaren Johnston

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: David Wagner <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:27 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep bear hunting a sustainable part of Oregon's wildlife plan.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Follow the science!

Oregon's spring bear hunt is a necessary part of wildlife management, and the data supports its continuation. I strongly encourage the commission to support ODFW's recommendations for 2025 and keep the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
David Wagner

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Chris Abercrombie <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:25 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Chris Abercrombie

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Corbin Smith <cwsmithtrucking@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:22 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Back ODFW's 2025 Big Game Season Plan

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To whom it may concern,

As an Oregonian, licensed hunter, and stakeholder, I respectfully urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations as recommended by ODFW staff. These recommendations fulfill statutory obligations (ORS 496.012) to maintain species and provide recreational benefits.

I oppose efforts to eliminate the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model confirms that bear populations are stable and growing, and hunting maintains a balanced ecosystem. The data, with a 17% success rate and 70% of bears harvested being male, supports this approach.

Please implement the proposed regulations.

Thank you,
Corbin Smith
503-969-2171
40621 SE George Rd,
Estacada, OR 97023

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Courtney Chappell <civiciinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:22 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let politics interfere with Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Courtney Chappell

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of corbin@sandwunderground.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:22 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support the 2025 Big Game Season Recommendations

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Dear Commissioners:

Hello! I'm a resident of Oregon, a proud hunting license holder, and someone who truly values our state's wildlife. I want to express my strong support for the 2025 big game regulations recommended by your professional staff. They've done the work to make sure we're following ORS 496.012 to keep species at healthy levels while allowing everyone to enjoy Oregon's great outdoors.

I'm concerned about some groups pushing to end the spring bear season. The science is clear: our bears are doing well, and managed hunting is part of why that's true. With only a 17% success rate and most of the harvested bears being males, it's clear that the current regulations are working to maintain a balanced population.

I hope you'll stand by your team's recommendations!

Sincerely,

Corbin Smith
40621 SE George Road
Estacada, OR 97023

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Fred McCullough <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:21 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunting supports healthy ecosystems in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to support the 2025 spring bear hunt as recommended by ODFW staff. This hunt is vital for sustainable wildlife management and should not be influenced by anti-hunting pressure. Let's protect science-based conservation.

Sincerely,
Fred McCullough

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Matt Blauch <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:21 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand up for science and Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is based on sound population science and contributes to the state's conservation efforts. Hunters provide crucial data that helps biologists track and manage bear populations. The 2025 recommendations from ODFW reflect a balanced approach to wildlife management. Closing the spring bear season would harm the bear population and other wildlife. I encourage the commission to support the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Matt Blauch

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Travis@sandwunderground.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:20 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's Wildlife Balanced: Support 2025 Regulations as Proposed

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Dear Commissioners:

Hello! I'm a resident of Oregon, a proud hunting license holder, and someone who truly values our state's wildlife. I want to express my strong support for the 2025 big game regulations recommended by your professional staff. They've done the work to make sure we're following ORS 496.012 to keep species at healthy levels while allowing everyone to enjoy Oregon's great outdoors.

I'm concerned about some groups pushing to end the spring bear season. The science is clear: our bears are doing well, and managed hunting is part of why that's true. With only a 17% success rate and most of the harvested bears being males, it's clear that the current regulations are working to maintain a balanced population.

I hope you'll stand by your team's recommendations!

Sincerely,

Travis Nerpel
2360 NW Marine Dr.
Troutdale, OR 97060

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Leslie Bridge <Leslie.Bridge@advocacy.humanesociety.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:20 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The new hunt guidelines pose serious threats to bears

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Dear Chair Wahl and members of the Commission,

As an Oregon resident, I oppose the proposed increase in spring bear tags in the Starkey-Ukiah and Southern Blue Mountains units, and the addition of a youth spring bear hunt in the Alsea-Stott Mountain units. I support the end of the spring bear hunting season entirely. Hunting bears in the spring is unfair and unsporting, as bears are lethargic as they emerge from hibernation, and young cubs are inevitably orphaned and left to die from starvation, predation or exposure to harsh weather. Oregon is one of only seven states that allow spring bear hunting, out of the more than 30 states that allow bear hunting.

Additionally, Oregon has no rule about how frequently traps that are set for bears for damaging property, crops, animals in agriculture, or are seen as a public nuisance or health concern need to be checked. This means bears could be left to suffer in traps for days or even weeks. I support instituting a mandatory trap check time of 48 hours for all game mammals, including bears and cougars, who are trapped for causing damage under ORS 498.012. A 48-hour trap check time for game mammals would align with trap check times for other species in Oregon. Trapped bears experience pain, shock and dehydration until they are killed, and this is not in line with the Oregon public's values.

Thank you for your consideration!

Leslie Bridge
4810 FERN VALLEY RD
Medford, OR 97504

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Laveda Byers <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:19 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunting supports healthy ecosystems in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to support the 2025 spring bear hunt as recommended by ODFW staff. This hunt is vital for sustainable wildlife management and should not be influenced by anti-hunting pressure. Let's protect science-based conservation.

Sincerely,
Laveda Byers

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Gregory Feagans <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:18 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect spring bear hunting in Oregon with sound management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

As someone who supports responsible wildlife management, I ask the commission to adopt the 2025 spring bear hunt regulations. The data shows this hunt is sustainable, and I support its continuation.

Sincerely,
Gregory Feagans

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ryan Cary <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:17 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let anti-hunters end Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 big game regulations because they are based on sound population data. The spring bear hunt is a critical tool for managing the growing black bear population in Oregon. Hunters provide valuable data that helps biologists track population trends and ensure sustainability. Closing this season would be detrimental to both the bear population and the ecosystem. Please support the spring bear hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Ryan Cary

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Dallas Mabe <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:17 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's spring bear season: a key conservation tool.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 big game regulations because they are based on sound population data. The spring bear hunt is a critical tool for managing the growing black bear population in Oregon. Hunters provide valuable data that helps biologists track population trends and ensure sustainability. Closing this season would be detrimental to both the bear population and the ecosystem. Please support the spring bear hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Dallas Mabe

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Paul Long <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:16 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support Oregon's biologists and the spring bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
Paul Long

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Spencer Smith
<mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:16 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support of Proposed 2025 Game Regulations

Dear ODFW Commission:

As a hunting license holder, and a dedicated stakeholder in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), I urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations as recommended by your professional staff. The ODFW biologists have acted in accordance with their statutory obligations under ORS 496.012, proposing regulations that ensure species are maintained at optimal levels while also maximizing recreational benefits.

I oppose suggestions from politically motivated groups advocating for the elimination of the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model confirms that Oregon's bear populations are robust and expanding, and continued hunting opportunities support balanced predator-prey dynamics. With a spring hunting success rate of only 17%, and with 70% of the harvested bears being males, it is clear that managed spring bear hunting contributes positively to maintaining a stable and healthy population.

I respectfully request that you implement the big game regulations as recommended by the ODFW professional staff.

Sincerely,

Spencer Smith

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Darryl Nelson <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:15 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Darryl Nelson

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mason Thayer <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:12 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect sustainable hunting in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 big game regulations because they are based on sound population data. The spring bear hunt is a critical tool for managing the growing black bear population in Oregon. Hunters provide valuable data that helps biologists track population trends and ensure sustainability. Closing this season would be detrimental to both the bear population and the ecosystem. Please support the spring bear hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Mason Thayer

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Curtis Mason <mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:12 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support of Proposed 2025 Game Regulations

Dear ODFW Commission:

As a hunting license holder, and a dedicated stakeholder in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), I urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations as recommended by your professional staff. The ODFW biologists have acted in accordance with their statutory obligations under ORS 496.012, proposing regulations that ensure species are maintained at optimal levels while also maximizing recreational benefits.

I oppose suggestions from politically motivated groups advocating for the elimination of the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model confirms that Oregon's bear populations are robust and expanding, and continued hunting opportunities support balanced predator-prey dynamics. With a spring hunting success rate of only 17%, and with 70% of the harvested bears being males, it is clear that managed spring bear hunting contributes positively to maintaining a stable and healthy population.

I respectfully request that you implement the big game regulations as recommended by the ODFW professional staff.

Sincerely,

Curtis Mason

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mary Garcia <Mary.Garcia@advocacy.humanesociety.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:06 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The new hunt guidelines pose serious threats to bears

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Dear Chair Wahl and members of the Commission,

As an Oregon resident, I oppose the proposed increase in spring bear tags in the Starkey-Ukiah and Southern Blue Mountains units, and the addition of a youth spring bear hunt in the Alsea-Stott Mountain units. I support the end of the spring bear hunting season entirely. Hunting bears in the spring is unfair and unsporting, as bears are lethargic as they emerge from hibernation, and young cubs are inevitably orphaned and left to die from starvation, predation or exposure to harsh weather. Oregon is one of only seven states that allow spring bear hunting, out of the more than 30 states that allow bear hunting.

Additionally, Oregon has no rule about how frequently traps that are set for bears for damaging property, crops, animals in agriculture, or are seen as a public nuisance or health concern need to be checked. This means bears could be left to suffer in traps for days or even weeks. I support instituting a mandatory trap check time of 48 hours for all game mammals, including bears and cougars, who are trapped for causing damage under ORS 498.012. A 48-hour trap check time for game mammals would align with trap check times for other species in Oregon. Trapped bears experience pain, shock and dehydration until they are killed, and this is not in line with the Oregon public's values.

Thank you for your consideration!

Mary Garcia
422 N 2nd St
Silverton, OR 97381

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Logan Jennings <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:05 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let politics interfere with Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Logan Jennings

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Gail Luchesi <Gail.Luchesi@advocacy.humanesociety.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:00 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The new hunt guidelines pose serious threats to bears

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Dear Chair Wahl and members of the Commission,

As an Oregon resident, I oppose the proposed increase in spring bear tags in the Starkey-Ukiah and Southern Blue Mountains units, and the addition of a youth spring bear hunt in the Alsea-Stott Mountain units. I support the end of the spring bear hunting season entirely. Hunting bears in the spring is unfair and unsporting, as bears are lethargic as they emerge from hibernation, and young cubs are inevitably orphaned and left to die from starvation, predation or exposure to harsh weather. Oregon is one of only seven states that allow spring bear hunting, out of the more than 30 states that allow bear hunting.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Gail Luchesi
2334 SE 154th Ave
Portland, OR 97233

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Nicole Nurisso <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:59 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let anti-hunters end Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 big game regulations because they are based on sound population data. The spring bear hunt is a critical tool for managing the growing black bear population in Oregon. Hunters provide valuable data that helps biologists track population trends and ensure sustainability. Closing this season would be detrimental to both the bear population and the ecosystem. Please support the spring bear hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Nicole Nurisso

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Brian Mcmillan <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:58 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's spring bear season: a key conservation tool.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 big game regulations because they are based on sound population data. The spring bear hunt is a critical tool for managing the growing black bear population in Oregon. Hunters provide valuable data that helps biologists track population trends and ensure sustainability. Closing this season would be detrimental to both the bear population and the ungulates, who's newborn and young bears prey on. Please support the spring bear hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Brian Mcmillan

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Julian Ortiz <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:57 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support sound science in Oregon's bear hunt management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 recommendations for the spring bear hunt because they are based on science, not politics. The data shows that Oregon's black bear population is thriving, and the hunt is a key tool for managing it. Hunters provide essential data to help biologists track the health of the bear population. Without this hunt, we risk losing vital information that keeps wildlife management on track. Please continue the spring bear hunt and adopt the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Julian Ortiz

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Matthew Nurisso <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:57 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's spring bear season: a key conservation tool.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a sustainable and science-backed method for managing Oregon's black bear population. Hunters provide biologists with crucial data that helps guide responsible wildlife management. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW reflect this science and should be supported. Eliminating the spring bear hunt would ignore the valuable data that shows it is necessary. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Matthew Nurisso

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Garret Licon <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:52 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand up for science and Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is based on sound population science and contributes to the state's conservation efforts. Hunters provide crucial data that helps biologists track and manage bear populations. The 2025 recommendations from ODFW reflect a balanced approach to wildlife management. Closing the spring bear season would harm the bear population and other wildlife. I encourage the commission to support the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Garret Licon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Eric Crivello <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:51 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunting supports healthy ecosystems in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to support the 2025 spring bear hunt as recommended by ODFW staff. This hunt is vital for sustainable wildlife management and should not be influenced by anti-hunting pressure. Let's protect science-based conservation.

Sincerely,
Eric Crivello

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Cristian Garcia <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:51 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let anti-hunting pressure affect Oregon's bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to support the 2025 spring bear hunt as recommended by ODFW staff. This hunt is vital for sustainable wildlife management and should not be influenced by anti-hunting pressure. Let's protect science-based conservation.

Sincerely,
Cristian Garcia

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Cristian Garcia <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:48 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let anti-hunting pressure affect Oregon's bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is a necessary tool for managing the state's growing bear population. The data collected by hunters is critical for ensuring the health and sustainability of this population. The 2025 big game regulations proposed by ODFW are based on solid science and should be adopted to protect Oregon's wildlife. Anti-hunting pressure should not interfere with these data-driven recommendations. Please support the spring bear hunt and keep Oregon's wildlife management grounded in science.

Sincerely,
Cristian Garcia

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Beau Bridgman <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:44 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Beau Bridgman

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lance Quinlan <civiciinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:42 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's bear populations with sustainable hunting.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is not only sustainable but also vital for the collection of important population data. Oregon's hunters contribute to conservation efforts by providing data that can't be gathered any other way. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW ensure that the bear population remains healthy and well-managed. It's critical that decisions about wildlife management are made using the best available science. Please adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Lance Quinlan

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Heather Bramlett <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:39 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let politics shut down Oregon's spring bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is an essential part of responsible wildlife management. The data collected by hunters helps biologists track the health of the bear population and ensure sustainable harvest levels. The 2025 regulations are based on this science and should be supported. Without the spring bear hunt, we risk negatively impacting the bear population and other wildlife. I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Heather Bramlett

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jeffrey Perales <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:34 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support sound science in Oregon's bear hunt management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

As someone who cares about wildlife conservation, I fully support the spring bear hunt in Oregon. It's a vital tool for managing bear populations responsibly, and the data shows that it is sustainable. Please protect the 2025 spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Perales

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Harry Globstad <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:30 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Ensure Oregon's bear population remains sustainable.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon spring bear hunt is a critical part of managing the state's black bear population. Data collected by hunters is essential for tracking the health and growth of these populations. I fully support the 2025 big game regulations recommended by Oregon's biologists. It's important that wildlife management decisions are based on science, not political pressure. Please continue the spring bear hunt and ensure the long-term sustainability of Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Harry Globstad

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Gregory Parrott <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:27 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand Up for Oregon Hunting and Science-Based Wildlife Management!

Dear ODFW Commission Commission,

As a proud conservationist and advocate for Safari Club International, I am writing in support of the recommendations of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff with regard to continuing the spring bear season, increasing bear licenses in northeastern Oregon, and creating a youth bear hunting opportunity in the Alsea-Stott units. With the bear population growing from an estimated 34,000 in 2020 to 44,000 in 2024, the data demonstrates that the species is healthy and expanding, yet ODFW's recommendations remain conservative, underscoring the commitment to long lasting scientifically based wildlife conservation.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including carnivores such as black bears or mountain lions, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed recommendations of the professional staff of ODFW regarding black bear hunting. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and is always First For Hunters.

Sincerely,

Gregory Parrott
2330 SW 325th Ave
Hillsboro, OR 97123
gparrott54@gmail.com

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mark Wedde <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:27 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Ensure Oregon's bear population remains sustainable.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon spring bear hunt is a critical part of managing the state's black bear population. Data collected by hunters is essential for tracking the health and growth of these populations. I fully support the 2025 big game regulations recommended by Oregon's biologists. It's important that wildlife management decisions are based on science, not political pressure. Please continue the spring bear hunt and ensure the long-term sustainability of Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Mark Wedde

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Nathan McIntosh <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:23 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunt supports conservation and sustainability.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's black bear population has grown by 28% in recent years, and the spring bear hunt plays a key role in managing that growth. The biologists at ODFW have carefully designed the 2025 regulations based on population data. These regulations are crucial for maintaining a healthy balance in the ecosystem. Political pressure to close the hunt is not based on science. I urge the commission to follow the data and support the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Nathan McIntosh

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Austin Lindros
<mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:22 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Urging Approval of 2025 Big Game Regulations Staff Recs

Dear Commissioners:

As a proud Oregonian, a licensed hunter, and an invested stakeholder, I am writing to urge you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations put forward by your professional team. The experts at ODFW have met their legal obligations (ORS 496.012) to maintain wildlife populations and promote recreational opportunities.

I strongly object to the push from politically motivated activists to eliminate the spring bear season. The facts speak for themselves: the Integrated Population Model shows that our bear populations are thriving, and maintaining current hunting practices is key to keeping them in balance. The spring bear hunt, with a 17% success rate and 70% of the harvest being male, is a responsible way to manage this resource.

Please stand by the science and the recommendations from your experienced staff.

Sincerely,

Austin Lindros
64758 eagle ln
Lostine , OR 97857

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Drew Helms <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:21 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep bear hunting a sustainable part of Oregon's wildlife plan.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's recommendations for the 2025 big game regulations are grounded in solid scientific data. The spring bear hunt is an important tool for managing the state's bear population and ensuring a healthy balance in the ecosystem. Hunters provide vital data that biologists use to monitor population trends and make informed decisions. Anti-hunting groups are trying to pressure the commission to shut down this important season, but this decision should be based on science, not politics. Please adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Drew Helms

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ryan Ingham <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:18 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's spring bear season: a key conservation tool.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a sustainable and science-backed method for managing Oregon's black bear population. Hunters provide biologists with crucial data that helps guide responsible wildlife management. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW reflect this science and should be supported. Eliminating the spring bear hunt would ignore the valuable data that shows it is necessary. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Ryan Ingham

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Rick Travis <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:17 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep bear hunting a sustainable part of Oregon's wildlife plan.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's recommendations for the 2025 big game regulations are grounded in solid scientific data. The spring bear hunt is an important tool for managing the state's bear population and ensuring a healthy balance in the ecosystem. Hunters provide vital data that biologists use to monitor population trends and make informed decisions. Anti-hunting groups are trying to pressure the commission to shut down this important season, but this decision should be based on science, not politics. Please adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Rick Travis

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Larry Davis <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:17 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep the spring bear hunt for a sustainable future.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a key part of Oregon's conservation efforts, helping to maintain a healthy bear population. The data provided by hunters is invaluable for tracking population trends and ensuring sustainable management. The 2025 recommendations reflect a balanced approach to wildlife management that is grounded in science. Political pressure should not interfere with these data-driven decisions. Please support the 2025 big game regulations and preserve the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Larry Davis

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: John Nelson <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:13 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep bear hunting a sustainable part of Oregon's wildlife plan.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's recommendations for the 2025 big game regulations are grounded in solid scientific data. The spring bear hunt is an important tool for managing the state's bear population and ensuring a healthy balance in the ecosystem. Hunters provide vital data that biologists use to monitor population trends and make informed decisions. Anti-hunting groups are trying to pressure the commission to shut down this important season, but this decision should be based on science, not politics. Please adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
John Nelson

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Joshua Tugmon <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support Oregon's biologists and the spring bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
Joshua Tugmon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ron Martin <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:57 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let anti-hunters end Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is important for maintaining healthy wildlife populations in Oregon. Please follow the science and adopt the 2025 recommendations to keep the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Ron Martin

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Dan Reagles <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:55 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support the 2025 spring bear season in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I fully support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt as recommended by ODFW biologists. This hunt is based on sound population data and plays a crucial role in managing the state's growing bear population. Hunters provide essential data that helps biologists track population dynamics and ensure sustainable management. It's important that we follow the science and not political pressure when making these decisions. Please adopt the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Dan Reagles

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Edward Gerlach <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:54 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect Oregon's black bear populations!

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's important that we continue to manage Oregon's black bear population with science-based regulations. The spring bear hunt is essential for this, and I support the 2025 recommendations to keep this hunt in place.

Sincerely,
Edward Gerlach

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mario Reina <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:54 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Mario Reina

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Wyatt T <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:52 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's wildlife through sustainable bear hunting.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2025 recommendations are based on years of population data. The spring bear hunt is a sustainable practice that contributes to the long-term health of Oregon's black bear population. Closing this season, as some anti-hunting groups suggest, would go against the scientific data. The bear population is thriving, and the hunt helps ensure its proper management. I encourage the commission to support the biologists' recommendations and keep the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Wyatt T

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Duane Nascimento <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:50 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is a necessary part of wildlife management, and the data supports its continuation. I strongly encourage the commission to support ODFW's recommendations for 2025 and keep the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Duane Nascimento

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Tom Bruha <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:45 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunt supports conservation and sustainability.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2025 big game regulations should be supported because they are based on thorough population data. The spring bear hunt is crucial for managing the black bear population, which has grown by 28% in recent years. Hunters play an important role in providing data that helps maintain this balance. Political pressures should not be allowed to overrule science-based decisions. I encourage the commission to support the spring bear hunt.

If by chance spring bear hunting is taken away from hunters the likely outcome would be that tax payers would have to foot the bill to deal with problem bears. Without hunting as a management tool bears will be less afraid of humans and push the boundaries. A great example of this is in California that took away mountain lion hunting and now they have to pay someone to take care of the problem animals. Plus they are killing more than hunters did when there was a regulated hunting season. Without spring bear hunting the commission will not have as much funding available through licensing. The entire state will also miss out on the economic impact that hunting would/has brought in during the bear hunts. I hope you realize what an overall impact it would have to the economy, ecosystem, and management aspects if there would be no bear hunting.

Thanks

Sincerely,
Tom Bruha

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Amy Patrick <amy@oregonhunters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:44 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Fwd: Oregon Spring Bear season

Please see the email below submitted on behalf of Drew Bailey who's original submission via email was returned as "blocked".

Thank you,
Amy Patrick
OHA Policy Director

Begin forwarded message:

From: Drew Baily <drewfbaily@gmail.com>
Date: September 11, 2024 at 10:38:45 AM PDT
To: amy@oregonhunters.org
Subject: Fwd: Oregon Spring Bear season

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Drew Baily** <drewfbaily@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Sep 11, 2024 at 9:10 AM
Subject: Oregon Spring Bear season
To: <odfw.commission@state.or.us>

ODFW Commissioners and staff,

As a lifelong multi-generational conservationist and outdoor enthusiast I see first hand the value of hunting and fishing used to maintain a healthy sustainable populations. On the subject of Oregon black bear populations, as you know Oregon has a growing population of black bears. Each of the last five spring bear seasons have seen more and more bears, and have made a concerted effort to harvest a male bear and in the last ten years I have only harvested one female bear, it was clear she was beyond her prime as a specie and by harvesting her I was doing my job as a conservationist to maintain a healthy population. Please do not let Oregon fall victim to non-conservation minded humans and follow the science.

In the last two years I have asked your professional ODFW biologists if Oregon would ever cancel an Oregon spring bear season like what has happened in Washington. The

response has been the same.... no the population supports. Follow the science! Please listen to staff that is your job as a commision.

On a revenue standpoint don't miss out on the hundreds of thousands of dollars in application fees, for SW Oregon spring hunts alone it is nearly \$50,000 that us conservationists pay for an opportunity to harvest a bear. Not to mention the dollars pumped into local economies from Oregonians and non residents travelling to hunt.

In the past two weeks I have spoken with a number of people in the conservation circle, please let this one email represent the tens if not hundreds of conservationists/hunters supporting your decision to not cancel spring bear season.

Thank you, sincerely,

Drew Baily
Ashland, Oregon
ODFW Hunter/Angler #475650

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kurt Williams <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:41 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support sound science in Oregon's bear hunt management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 recommendations for the spring bear hunt because they are based on science, not politics. The data shows that Oregon's black bear population is thriving, and the hunt is a key tool for managing it. Hunters provide essential data to help biologists track the health of the bear population. Without this hunt, we risk losing vital information that keeps wildlife management on track. Please continue the spring bear hunt and adopt the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Kurt Williams

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of Jason Lewis <mailagent@thesoftedge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:32 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support the 2025 Big Game Season Recommendations

Dear Commissioners:

Hello! I'm a resident of Oregon, a proud hunting license holder, and someone who truly values our state's wildlife. I want to express my strong support for the 2025 big game regulations recommended by your professional staff. They've done the work to make sure we're following ORS 496.012 to keep species at healthy levels while allowing everyone to enjoy Oregon's great outdoors.

I'm concerned about some groups pushing to end the spring bear season. The science is clear: our bears are doing well, and managed hunting is part of why that's true. With only a 17% success rate and most of the harvested bears being males, it's clear that the current regulations are working to maintain a balanced population.

I hope you'll stand by your team's recommendations!

Sincerely,

Jason Lewis
1023 Ne 7th St
Grants Pass, OR 97526

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Matt Petrini <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:22 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support Oregon's science-based spring bear hunt regulations!

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is an important part of responsible wildlife management. The data collected from hunters helps biologists track bear populations and make informed decisions about their health. The 2025 regulations are based on this science and should be adopted to ensure a sustainable bear population. Eliminating the spring bear hunt would ignore the valuable data that shows it is necessary. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Matt Petrini

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: RYAN BYRD <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:21 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
RYAN BYRD

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ashlee Smith <civiciinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:20 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support sound science in Oregon's bear hunt management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is a critical tool for managing the state's growing bear population. Hunters contribute valuable data that biologists use to track population dynamics and make science-based decisions. The 2025 big game regulations reflect a thoughtful, data-driven approach to wildlife management. Eliminating the spring bear season would undermine years of responsible conservation work. Please support the 2025 recommendations and ensure the continuation of the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Ashlee Smith

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Robert Monahan <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:19 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support responsible wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's recommendations for the 2025 big game regulations are grounded in solid scientific data. The spring bear hunt is an important tool for managing the state's bear population and ensuring a healthy balance in the ecosystem. Hunters provide vital data that biologists use to monitor population trends and make informed decisions. Anti-hunting groups are trying to pressure the commission to shut down this important season, but this decision should be based on science, not politics. Please adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Robert Monahan

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Matt Paeschke <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:17 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect sustainable hunting in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's important that we continue to manage Oregon's black bear population with science-based regulations. The spring bear hunt is essential for this, and I support the 2025 recommendations to keep this hunt in place.

Sincerely,
Matt Paeschke

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Nathan Garvin <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:13 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: 10nmgarv@gmail.com

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 big game regulations and continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon. This hunt is a key part of responsible wildlife management, and the data supports its sustainability.

Sincerely,
Nathan Garvin

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mike Costello <mike@howlforwildlife.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Bear Hunting, Equitable Opportunity and Wildlife Success

You don't often get email from mike@howlforwildlife.org. [Learn why this is important](#)

Commissioners,

The Oregon spring bear hunt is a unique opportunity for residents of OR and hunters from out of state to intentionally, purposefully and sustainably harvest black bear. While thousands of deer hunters will carry a bear tag into the woods in the Fall, the success of the Spring season illustrates how popular black bear is for hunters, as a species to pursue and to harvest. Black bear meat is a cherished wild game resource for hunters, and the rendered fat from bear is heralded as a favorite cooking and baking oil! While ODFW tag allocations ensure an ecologically sustainable hunt, resident and non-resident fees and license sales associated with the Spring Bear season contribute funds to ensure that this hunt is economically sustainable as well.

Finally, we know that black bears are highly adaptive and abundant omnivores, and they are thriving in Oregon. Black bears are known to negatively impact fawn and elk-calf recruitment, as well as to affect mountain lions through klepto-parasitism. As much as bear hunting is important to the hunting community and to ODFW, it is an important contributor to the success of numerous other species on our landscape.

Please continue to prioritize sustainable hunting opportunities such as the Spring Bear hunt.

Thank you,
Mike Costello
HOWL for Wildlife - 501c3
916-798-9216

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Zach Bowman <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:59 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Zach Bowman

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: JOHN NASSAR <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:48 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is a proven tool for managing the state's bear population. The 2025 recommendations from ODFW reflect the best available scientific data and are designed to ensure the health and sustainability of Oregon's wildlife. Hunters provide vital data that helps biologists track population health and ensure sustainable hunting practices. Closing the spring bear season would undermine the scientific data that supports its continuation. I urge you to support the 2025 big game regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
JOHN NASSAR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Duncan Barber <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:46 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Duncan Barber

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Alex Martin <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:44 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 big game regulations and continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon. This hunt is a key part of responsible wildlife management, and the data supports its sustainability.

Sincerely,
Alex Martin

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Wyatt Fisher <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:42 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Oregon's spring bear hunt:

Dear ODFW Commission,

As an Oregon resident who had grown up here all my life I have a seen a big change in Oregon bear population. And as the years progress the bear population has increased a tremendous amount. And the more bears that we have the less tags odfw give out to hunters. We already have had spring bear go to a draw and limiting or taking bear tags away is gonna only make things worse. Bears average 1 fawn or calf a day. From when I was young the elk and deer population was thriving and as the years go on I can find more bears than deer and elk. Bears are an animal that needs to be managed and limiting or taking tags away is gonna hurt our deer and elk population

Sincerely,
Wyatt Fisher

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Stephen Freilinger <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:38 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's spring bear season with data-backed decisions.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a sustainable and necessary part of Oregon's wildlife management. The 2025 recommendations proposed by ODFW are based on the best available science and should be supported. Hunters provide critical data that biologists use to ensure a healthy and thriving bear population. Without this data, effective management of Oregon's wildlife would be compromised. Please support the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Stephen Freilinger

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jeff Stalcup <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:35 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Oregon's spring bear hunt: a key wildlife management tool.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2025 recommendations are based on years of population data. The spring bear hunt is a sustainable practice that contributes to the long-term health of Oregon's black bear population. Closing this season, as some anti-hunting groups suggest, would go against the scientific data. The bear population is thriving, and the hunt helps ensure its proper management. I encourage the commission to support the biologists' recommendations and keep the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Jeff Stalcup

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: James Perkett <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:32 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's bear hunt science-driven and sustainable.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I strongly support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt. The 2025 big game regulations reflect the hard work of ODFW biologists who have carefully studied population trends. The spring bear season helps gather critical data and contributes to responsible wildlife management. It is a key tool for managing the growing bear population while maintaining ecosystem balance. Please ensure the continuation of this important hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
James Perkett

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Taylor Boudreau <boudreau.taylor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:30 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: I support the 2025 Regulations and Spring Bear Hunting

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Hello commissioners,

As a resident of Portland, I wanted to express my support for the 2025 big game regulation season settings and spring bear hunting season including the expanded youth hunt in Alsea-Stott Mtn.

I came to hunting later in life, and have come to feed my family with elk, deer and bear meat. This is a privilege I am so grateful for and hope to continue to share with my friends, family, and future kids. There's no greater connection to our landscape and wildlife than observing, hunting, and cooking elk, deer and bear. The seasons are well regulated with a focus on controlling populations where necessary, and limiting harvest on populations where growth is needed based on environmental conditions, existing populations, and the changing climate.

I am a hunter, fisherman, and outdoor enthusiast, and hope for the continued management of our wildlife to be guided by biologists with a balanced consideration including consumptive users in mind.

Thank you,

Taylor Boudreau

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Matthew Sprague <msprague@pd-grp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 3:03 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand Up for Oregon Hunting and Science-Based Wildlife Management!

Dear ODFW Commission Commission,

As a proud conservationist and advocate for Safari Club International, I am writing in support of the recommendations of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff with regard to continuing the spring bear season, increasing bear licenses in northeastern Oregon, and creating a youth bear hunting opportunity in the Alsea-Stott units. With the bear population growing from an estimated 34,000 in 2020 to 44,000 in 2024, the data demonstrates that the species is healthy and expanding, yet ODFW's recommendations remain conservative, underscoring the commitment to long lasting scientifically based wildlife conservation.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including carnivores such as black bears or mountain lions, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed recommendations of the professional staff of ODFW regarding black bear hunting. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and is always First For Hunters.

Sincerely,

Matthew Sprague
9180 NE Blackcap Ln
Newberg, OR 97132
msprague@pd-grp.com

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Karen <lesterkj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 12:12 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Oregon's 2025 Big Game Regulations

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Dear ODFW Commission:

I am writing in regard to Oregon's 2025 Big Game Regulations.

I am very much **against** the proposal to include a new Alsea-Stott Mountain Youth Spring Bear Hunt.

I am also very much **against** the proposed addition of 150 spring bear tags in the Starkey-Ukiah and South Blue Mountain units.

Please end the spring bear hunt as it is inhumane, unethical and unsound. In the spring, bears are coming out of hibernation with a lower level of fitness and lower body weight, making them easier prey for hunters. Bears in the spring often have cubs who are dependent on their mothers for their survival. Though hunting females with cubs is illegal, determining the gender of adult bears is challenging for hunters, and cubs may be hidden out of sight.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Karen Lester
23084 Butterfield Trail
Bend, Oregon 97702

lesterkj@gmail.com

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: "Dany Abul-Ella" <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:55 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunting: essential for wildlife conservation.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an important wildlife management tool in Oregon. Hunters play a vital role in collecting data that helps biologists make informed decisions about population health. The 2025 regulations reflect a responsible approach to managing Oregon's growing bear population. Without this hunt, there could be negative impacts on other wildlife species as well. Please support the biologists' recommendations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Dany Abul-Ella

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Nic Peterson <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:50 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support Oregon's biologists and their bear hunt recommendations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2025 big game regulations should be supported because they are based on sound science and data. The spring bear hunt is a critical tool for managing the black bear population and ensuring a healthy ecosystem. Hunters provide essential data that biologists use to make responsible wildlife management decisions. It's important that political pressure does not interfere with these science-based recommendations. I urge you to support the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Nic Peterson

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Phillip Gerstner <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:48 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring Bear Season

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is not only sustainable but also vital for the collection of important population data. Oregon's hunters contribute to conservation efforts by providing data that can't be gathered any other way. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW ensure that the bear population remains healthy and well-managed. It's critical that decisions about wildlife management are made using the best available science. Please adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Oregon's bear population is very healthy. There is some evidence that the growing bear population is increasing the depredation of deer fawns and elk calves. Our ungulate populations are decreasing in the units I hunt. I strongly support the management of all predators. Please increase the amount of spring bear tags. I would also like to see hunting of wolves approved east of Highway 395.

Sincerely,
Phillip Gerstner

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jason Hayes <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:45 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt: crucial for managing bear populations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
Jason Hayes

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: SAM FEUERBORN <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:45 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt: crucial for managing bear populations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
SAM FEUERBORN

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Micah Dungey <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:44 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let anti-hunting pressure affect Oregon's bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to support the 2025 spring bear hunt as recommended by ODFW staff. This hunt is vital for sustainable wildlife management and should not be influenced by anti-hunting pressure. Let's protect science-based conservation!

I grew up hunting throughout Oregon and we should be maximizing the amount of opportunities that people can have to access the outdoors in all formats.

Sincerely,
Micah Dungey

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: "Dante Zuniga-West" <civiciinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:42 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Oregon's spring bear hunt: a key wildlife management tool.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Under no circumstances should we even consider closing down the spring bear hunt. The bear population is both healthy and plentiful. I spend months in the woods, hunting bear in both spring and fall. My family uses all of the animal, and we see many, many bears- each year. We have hunted for over a decade in the coastal mountain range, each spring. I can assure you that stopping this hunt will hurt basic wildlife conservation as well as the future of hunting in Oregon. I urge you to reconsider. Feel free to contact me for any further input.

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for managing the growing bear population, and the data supports its continuation. The biologists' recommendations are sound and should not be overruled by political pressure. I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Dante Zuniga-West

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Harrie Dennison <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:42 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunting: essential for wildlife conservation.

Dear ODFW Commission,

As someone who cares about wildlife conservation, I fully support the spring bear hunt in Oregon. It's a vital tool for managing bear populations responsibly, and the data shows that it is sustainable. Please protect the 2025 spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Harrie Dennison

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Gage Smolko <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:40 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's bear hunt science-driven and sustainable.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 recommendations for the spring bear hunt because they are based on science, not politics. The data shows that Oregon's black bear population is thriving, and the hunt is a key tool for managing it. Hunters provide essential data to help biologists track the health of the bear population. Without this hunt, we risk losing vital information that keeps wildlife management on track. Please continue the spring bear hunt and adopt the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Gage Smolko

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Randy Munch <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:40 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's black bear population has grown by 28% in recent years, and the spring bear hunt plays a key role in managing that growth. The biologists at ODFW have carefully designed the 2025 regulations based on population data. These regulations are crucial for maintaining a healthy balance in the ecosystem. Political pressure to close the hunt is not based on science. I urge the commission to follow the data and support the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Randy Munch

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mark Brennan <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:38 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's bear hunt science-driven and sustainable.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is an essential part of wildlife management, based on the best scientific data available. I support the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's recommendations for the 2025 regulations. Please keep the spring bear season to ensure a healthy black bear population.

Sincerely,
Mark Brennan

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Michael Williams <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:38 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Defend the 2025 spring bear hunt and wildlife management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to support the 2025 recommendations for Oregon's spring bear hunt. The bear population is thriving, and this hunt is a key tool for maintaining a healthy balance in our wildlife. Hunters provide critical data that helps biologists track population trends and ensure sustainable management. The spring bear season is carefully regulated to ensure it aligns with the best available science. Please follow the data and continue to support this vital hunting season.

Sincerely,
Michael Williams

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Michael Rando <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:36 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support Oregon's biologists and the spring bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
Michael Rando

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Laura Brennan <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:36 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's bear hunt science-driven and sustainable.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is an essential part of wildlife management, based on the best scientific data available. I support the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's recommendations for the 2025 regulations. Please keep the spring bear season to ensure a healthy black bear population.

Sincerely,
Laura Brennan

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Evan Brown <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:36 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's wildlife through sustainable bear hunting.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is a necessary part of wildlife management, and the data supports its continuation. I strongly encourage the commission to support ODFW's recommendations for 2025 and keep the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Evan Brown

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Hannah Brennan <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:34 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Defend the 2025 spring bear hunt and wildlife management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's critical that Oregon continues its spring bear hunt as part of the broader conservation efforts. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's science-based management approach is the best way to ensure sustainable bear populations. Please support the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Hannah Brennan

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: John Dykstra <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:32 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 big game regulations and continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon. This hunt is a key part of responsible wildlife management, and the data supports its sustainability.

Sincerely,
John Dykstra

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Tim Kastenholz <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:34 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Say yes to science, yes to Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a key part of Oregon's conservation efforts, helping to maintain a healthy bear population. The data provided by hunters is invaluable for tracking population trends and ensuring sustainable management. The 2025 recommendations reflect a balanced approach to wildlife management that is grounded in science. Political pressure should not interfere with these data-driven decisions. Please support the 2025 big game regulations and preserve the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Tim Kastenholz

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Justin Miles <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:32 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect Oregon's black bear populations!

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 recommendations for the spring bear hunt because they are based on science, not politics. The data shows that Oregon's black bear population is thriving, and the hunt is a key tool for managing it. Hunters provide essential data to help biologists track the health of the bear population. Without this hunt, we risk losing vital information that keeps wildlife management on track. Please continue the spring bear hunt and adopt the 2025 regulations. Spring bear season is a great time to be in the woods and is excellent table fair. My kids actually prefer bear meat over deer and elk.

Sincerely,
Justin Miles

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Brady Uden <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:32 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Say yes to science, yes to Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is supported by data and essential for managing our wildlife. I urge the commission to follow the science and adopt the 2025 recommendations to continue the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Brady Uden

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lucas Montgomery <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:32 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help Oregon's wildlife by supporting the spring bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is not only sustainable but also vital for the collection of important population data. Oregon's hunters contribute to conservation efforts by providing data that can't be gathered any other way. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW ensure that the bear population remains healthy and well-managed. It's critical that decisions about wildlife management are made using the best available science. Please adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Lucas Montgomery

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: J King <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:32 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect Oregon's black bear populations!

Dear ODFW Commission,

I strongly support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt. The 2025 big game regulations reflect the hard work of ODFW biologists who have carefully studied population trends. The spring bear season helps gather critical data and contributes to responsible wildlife management. It is a key tool for managing the growing bear population while maintaining ecosystem balance. Please ensure the continuation of this important hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
J King

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Chip Martin <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:30 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's wildlife through sustainable bear hunting.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a sustainable and scientifically supported part of Oregon's wildlife management plan. Without it, we risk losing important data about black bear populations and negatively impacting the ecosystem. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are balanced and designed to ensure the health of the bear population. Anti-hunting pressures should not override the science that supports this hunt. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Chip Martin

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Scott Brennan <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:30 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Oregon's spring bear hunt: a key wildlife management tool.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for managing the growing bear population, and the data supports its continuation. The biologists' recommendations are sound and should not be overruled by political pressure. I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Scott Brennan

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: John Farrell <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:30 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Supporting existing spring bear plan

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's critical that Oregon continues its spring bear hunt as part of the broader conservation efforts. The ODFW's science-based management approach is the best way to ensure sustainable bear populations. Please support the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
John Farrell

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Nathan Osborne <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:30 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 big game regulations and continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon. This hunt is a key part of responsible wildlife management, and the data supports its sustainability.

Sincerely,
Nathan Osborne

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Charles Wilcox <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:26 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Defend the 2025 spring bear hunt and wildlife management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's critical that Oregon continues its spring bear hunt as part of the broader conservation efforts. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's science-based management approach is the best way to ensure sustainable bear populations. Please support the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Charles Wilcox

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mark Tuck <civiciinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:26 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt: crucial for managing bear populations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
Mark Tuck

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: James Stafford <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:24 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt helps protect Oregon's wildlife.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a sustainable and scientifically supported part of Oregon's wildlife management plan. Without it, we risk losing important data about black bear populations and negatively impacting the ecosystem. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are balanced and designed to ensure the health of the bear population. Anti-hunting pressures should not override the science that supports this hunt. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
James Stafford

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: DAVID WINN <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:24 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 big game regulations and continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon. This hunt is a key part of responsible wildlife management, and the data supports its sustainability. In almost all major cases of discontinuing bear hunts (and in general, not following conservation practices) the ecosystem and particularly the balance of life among the prey animals is significantly impacted in a negative way. Please continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon

Sincerely,
DAVID WINN

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jace Horak <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:24 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 big game regulations and continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon. This hunt is a key part of responsible wildlife management, and the data supports its sustainability.

Sincerely,
Jace Horak

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Dane Bjornrud <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:24 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect science-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's black bear population has grown steadily, and the spring bear hunt is an essential tool for managing that growth. The data collected from hunters allows biologists to monitor population health and sustainability. The 2025 regulations are based on this science and should be adopted to ensure continued responsible wildlife management. Closing the spring bear season would ignore the valuable data that supports its continuation. I urge you to support the 2025 regulations and keep the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Dane Bjornrud

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Greg Matthews <GMatthews@englundmarine.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:24 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Oregon Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery

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Good morning,

I am writing to you in regards to the upcoming commission meeting and specifically about the commercial Dungeness crab fishery portion of the agenda. Sheila Garber and I will be listening to the meeting on the Youtube link. We really do not intend to give any testimony but since we have been heavily involved with the proposed line marking regulations in all three states we would be available to answer questions if necessary. Please confirm if this is suffice for registering. Thank you.

Regards,

Greg Matthews



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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Anthony Pace <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:20 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 big game regulations and continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon. This hunt is a key part of responsible wildlife management, and the data supports its sustainability.

Sincerely,
Anthony Pace

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Walker Hammond <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:20 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect Oregon's black bear populations!

Dear ODFW Commission,

Please stand with Oregon's biologists and support the spring bear hunt. The data shows the bear population is growing, and this hunt is sustainable. The 2025 regulations should be adopted as recommended by ODFW. Follow the biologist's recommendations.

Sincerely,
Walker Hammond

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jed Hovland <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:19 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: jdhovland1234@gmail.com

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt has been a valuable tool for managing bear populations for years. It's essential to follow the data and continue this hunt for the health of the species. Please adopt the 2025 regulations as recommended.

Sincerely,
Jed Hovland

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kyle Maki <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:18 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's black bear population has grown by 28% in recent years, and the spring bear hunt plays a key role in managing that growth. The biologists at ODFW have carefully designed the 2025 regulations based on population data. These regulations are crucial for maintaining a healthy balance in the ecosystem. Political pressure to close the hunt is not based on science. I urge the commission to follow the data and support the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Kyle Maki

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Tyler Pike <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:16 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect Oregon's black bear populations!

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's important that we continue to manage Oregon's black bear population with science-based regulations. The spring bear hunt is essential for this, and I support the 2025 recommendations to keep this hunt in place.

Sincerely,
Tyler Pike

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Colby Foerg <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:16 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

We cannot allow less hunting in our nation; it is a right to pursue game legally and manage populations affectively. I am a hunter myself and I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 big game regulations and continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon. This hunt is a key part of responsible wildlife management, and the data supports its sustainability. Please do not allow anti-hunting groups to manage animal populations, as we have seen it can negatively impact all human outdoor recreation.

Sincerely,
Colby Foerg

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Joseph Lawhorn <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:16 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 big game regulations and continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon. This hunt is a key part of responsible wildlife management, and the data supports its sustainability.

Sincerely,
Joseph Lawhorn

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lon RHOADES <civiciinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:16 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's black bear population has grown by 28% in recent years, and the spring bear hunt plays a key role in managing that growth. The biologists at ODFW have carefully designed the 2025 regulations based on population data. These regulations are crucial for maintaining a healthy balance in the ecosystem. Political pressure to close the hunt is not based on science. I urge the commission to follow the data and support the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Lon RHOADES

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com on behalf of valle4@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:14 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Back ODFW's 2025 Big Game Season Plan

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Dear Commissioners:

As a Oregon hunting license holder and a stakeholder of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife I strongly encourage you to adopt the 2025 big game regulations recommended by the professional staff of ODFW.

The biologists within ODFW have followed their statutory obligations (ORS 496.012) in recommending regulations that maintain species at optimal levels and to provide optimal recreational benefits.

I am strongly opposed to suggestions from politically motivated activists to eliminate the spring bear season. The Integrated Population Model indicates that bear populations are resilient and growing, and maintaining hunting opportunities and harvest is in the interest of balanced bear and prey populations. The spring season had a success rate of only 17% and 70% of the harvested bears were males. Managed spring bear hunting is contributing to a stable and healthy population.

Furthermore, as a California resident, I have witnessed firsthand the misguided pressures from activists in our state that has lead to reduced black bear harvest, explosive bear population growth, and the resulting increased human/bear conflicts.

Please implement the big game regulations as recommended by the professional staff at ODFW.

Sincerely,

David Valle
245 Rabbit Brush Ave
Portola, CA 96122

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Chase Root <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:14 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt helps protect Oregon's wildlife.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a sustainable and scientifically supported part of Oregon's wildlife management plan. Without it, we risk losing important data about black bear populations and negatively impacting the ecosystem. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are balanced and designed to ensure the health of the bear population. Anti-hunting pressures should not override the science that supports this hunt. I urge you to adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear season. As an Oregon resident I can say that Oregon has one of the highest black bear populations and seems to have lower and lower ungulate numbers. Getting rid of the spring bear season will do absolutely nothing beneficial.

Sincerely,
Chase Root

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Robert Kulik <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:13 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Defend the 2025 spring bear hunt and wildlife management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The science clearly shows that Oregon's spring bear hunt is both sustainable and necessary. I support the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's recommendations for 2025 and urge the commission to uphold the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Robert Kulik

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: "JOHN W. DEHLER III" <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:13 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Oregon's spring bear hunt: a key wildlife management tool.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for managing the growing bear population, and the data supports its continuation. The biologists' recommendations are sound and should not be overruled by political pressure. I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
JOHN W. DEHLER III

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jordan Rutherford <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:13 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect data-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 big game regulations and continue the spring bear hunt in Oregon. This hunt is a key part of responsible wildlife management, and the data supports its sustainability.

Sincerely,
Jordan Rutherford

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Logan Medeiros <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:13 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand up for Oregon's wildlife: support the bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a key component of Oregon's science-based wildlife management strategy. The data collected by hunters provides biologists with the information they need to ensure sustainable population management. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are grounded in sound science and should be supported. Without this hunt, we risk losing valuable data and negatively impacting the bear population. Please support the spring bear hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Logan Medeiros

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: James Pickard <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:13 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Defend the 2025 spring bear hunt and wildlife management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

It's critical that Oregon continues its spring bear hunt as part of the broader conservation efforts. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's science-based management approach is the best way to ensure sustainable bear populations. Please support the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
James Pickard

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Carl Burris <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:13 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's wildlife through sustainable bear hunting.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is a critical tool for managing the state's growing bear population. Hunters contribute valuable data that biologists use to track population dynamics and make science-based decisions. The 2025 big game regulations reflect a thoughtful, data-driven approach to wildlife management. Eliminating the spring bear season would undermine years of responsible conservation work. Please support the 2025 recommendations and ensure the continuation of the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Carl Burris

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Joshua Baldrige <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:13 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Don't let politics interfere with Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2025 big game regulations should be supported because they are based on sound science and data. The spring bear hunt is a critical tool for managing the black bear population and ensuring a healthy ecosystem. Hunters provide essential data that biologists use to make responsible wildlife management decisions. It's important that political pressure does not interfere with these science-based recommendations. I urge you to support the 2025 regulations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Joshua Baldrige

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Shianna Maplesden <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:13 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand up for Oregon's wildlife: support the bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a key component of Oregon's science-based wildlife management strategy. The data collected by hunters provides biologists with the information they need to ensure sustainable population management. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are grounded in sound science and should be supported. Without this hunt, we risk losing valuable data and negatively impacting the bear population. Please support the spring bear hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Shianna Maplesden

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Brandy Burson <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect science-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I strongly support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt. The 2025 big game regulations reflect the hard work of ODFW biologists who have carefully studied population trends. The spring bear season helps gather critical data and contributes to responsible wildlife management. It is a key tool for managing the growing bear population while maintaining ecosystem balance. Please ensure the continuation of this important hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Brandy Burson

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ty Edgar <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help Oregon's wildlife by supporting the spring bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is not only sustainable but also vital for the collection of important population data. Oregon's hunters contribute to conservation efforts by providing data that can't be gathered any other way. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW ensure that the bear population remains healthy and well-managed. It's critical that decisions about wildlife management are made using the best available science. We must stop letting people who have no idea about wildlife management vote on these issues. If we get rid of bear hunting, the population will be above the threshold and will make a major impact to the ungulate population. Please adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Ty Edgar

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Eric Macy <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's spring bear season with data-backed decisions.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a key part of Oregon's wildlife conservation strategy. The 2025 regulations are based on robust data and reflect the best practices for managing black bear populations. Hunters provide invaluable data through harvest reports that allow biologists to track the health and size of bear populations. This data shows that the hunt is sustainable and necessary for maintaining balance in the ecosystem. Please continue the spring bear season by supporting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Eric Macy

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Justin Branson <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Oregon's spring bear hunt: a key wildlife management tool.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is a key component of Oregon's science-based wildlife management strategy. The data collected by hunters provides biologists with the information they need to ensure sustainable population management. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are grounded in sound science and should be supported. Without this hunt, we risk losing valuable data and negatively impacting the bear population. Please support the spring bear hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Justin Branson

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mark Torrence <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Keep Oregon's bear hunt science-driven and sustainable.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 big game regulations because they are based on sound science and data. Unlike this states cougar hunting policies which have resulted in a massive increase in the cougar population with the resulting problems. The spring bear hunt in Oregon is an effective tool for managing the bear population, which has been growing steadily. Hunters provide vital information to biologists, who use this data to make responsible management decisions. It's important that the commission upholds these science-based recommendations. Please continue the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Mark Torrence

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Dan Treinen <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help protect Oregon's black bear populations!

Dear ODFW Commission,

Please stand with Oregon's biologists and support the spring bear hunt. The data shows the bear population is growing, and this hunt is sustainable. The 2025 regulations should be adopted as recommended by ODFW.

Sincerely,
Dan Treinen

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ken Rice <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect science-driven wildlife management in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I strongly support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt. The 2025 big game regulations reflect the hard work of ODFW biologists who have carefully studied population trends. The spring bear season helps gather critical data and contributes to responsible wildlife management. It is a key tool for managing the growing bear population while maintaining ecosystem balance. Please ensure the continuation of this important hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Ken Rice

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jason Blodgett <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Help Oregon's wildlife by supporting the spring bear hunt.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is not only sustainable but also vital for the collection of important population data. Oregon's hunters contribute to conservation efforts by providing data that can't be gathered any other way. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW ensure that the bear population remains healthy and well-managed. It's critical that decisions about wildlife management are made using the best available science. Please adopt the 2025 regulations and protect the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Jason Blodgett

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Brandon Shannon <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:04 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect the future of Oregon's spring bear hunting season.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt is an essential tool for maintaining the health of Oregon's black bear population. The data collected from hunters provides biologists with the information they need to make informed management decisions. The 2025 regulations reflect the best available science and should be adopted. It is important that we continue to follow the data, not political pressure. Please support the spring bear hunt and protect Oregon's wildlife.

Sincerely,
Brandon Shannon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Rylan Johnson <civiciinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:04 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt: crucial for managing bear populations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
Rylan Johnson

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mark Warrington <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:02 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt: crucial for managing bear populations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
Mark Warrington

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Adam Rappe <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:02 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support biologists, support Oregon's spring bear hunt!

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt as outlined in the 2025 big game regulations. The data shows that Oregon's black bear population is healthy and growing, and this hunt helps manage that growth responsibly. Hunters play a critical role in collecting data that ensures biologists can track population trends and make informed decisions. The spring bear hunt is sustainable and should be protected from political interference. Please adopt the 2025 recommendations and continue the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Adam Rappe

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Thomas Wood <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:00 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's wildlife through sustainable bear hunting.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I support the 2025 big game regulations because they are based on sound population data. The spring bear hunt is a critical tool for managing the growing black bear population in Oregon. Hunters provide valuable data that helps biologists track population trends and ensure sustainability. Closing this season would be detrimental to both the bear population and the ecosystem. Please support the spring bear hunt by adopting the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
Thomas Wood

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Sam Gisselman <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:00 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect spring bear hunting in Oregon with sound management.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The science clearly shows that Oregon's spring bear hunt is both sustainable and necessary. I support the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's recommendations for 2025 and urge the commission to uphold the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Sam Gisselman

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kara Jensen <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:00 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt: crucial for managing bear populations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
Kara Jensen

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jaimie Fletchall <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 7:56 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunting: essential for wildlife conservation.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The spring bear hunt in Oregon is supported by data and essential for managing our wildlife. I urge the commission to follow the science and adopt the 2025 recommendations to continue the spring bear season.

Sincerely,
Jaimie Fletchall

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: CLIFFORD MCFADDEN <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 7:56 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt: crucial for managing bear populations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
CLIFFORD MCFADDEN

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jonus Jensen <civiciinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 7:56 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support the ODFW's spring bear hunt recommendations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2025 big game regulations should be supported because they are based on thorough population data. The spring bear hunt is crucial for managing the black bear population, which has grown by 28% in recent years. Hunters play an important role in providing data that helps maintain this balance. Political pressures should not be allowed to overrule science-based decisions. I encourage the commission to support the spring bear hunt.

Sincerely,
Jonus Jensen

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Chris Myron <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 7:56 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: The spring bear hunt: crucial for managing bear populations.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
Chris Myron

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: David Wolf <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 7:54 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: dwolf321@protonmail.com

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for managing the growing bear population, and the data supports its continuation. The biologists' recommendations are sound and should not be overruled by political pressure. I urge the commission to adopt the 2025 regulations.

Sincerely,
David Wolf

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Riley Thompson <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 7:52 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect Oregon's spring bear season and conservation efforts.

Dear ODFW Commission,

I fully support the continuation of Oregon's spring bear hunt, as it is a critical part of responsible wildlife management. The science and data back this hunt, and I urge the commission to approve the 2025 big game regulations.

Sincerely,
Riley Thompson

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Cody Beaumont <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 7:50 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Spring bear hunting supports healthy ecosystems in Oregon.

Dear ODFW Commission,

Oregon's spring bear hunt is vital for maintaining healthy bear populations and supporting wildlife management goals. Hunters provide data that helps biologists monitor population dynamics, ensuring that hunting remains sustainable. The 2025 regulations proposed by ODFW are science-based and should be supported. Closing the spring bear season would harm both the bear population and the broader ecosystem. Please stand with the biologists and adopt the 2025 recommendations.

Sincerely,
Cody Beaumont

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Herman Baertschiger <hb@hbcompany.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 7:47 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Stand Up for Oregon Hunting and Science-Based Wildlife Management!

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Dear ODFW Commission Commission,

As a proud conservationist and advocate for Safari Club International, I am writing in support of the recommendations of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff with regard to continuing the spring bear season, increasing bear licenses in northeastern Oregon, and creating a youth bear hunting opportunity in the Alsea-Stott units. With the bear population growing from an estimated 34,000 in 2020 to 44,000 in 2024, the data demonstrates that the species is healthy and expanding, yet ODFW's recommendations remain conservative, underscoring the commitment to long lasting scientifically based wildlife conservation.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including carnivores such as black bears or mountain lions, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed recommendations of the professional staff of ODFW regarding black bear hunting. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and is always First For Hunters.

Sincerely,

Herman Baertschiger
665 HUNT LN
GRANTS PASS, OR 97526
hb@hbcompany.net