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INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 635
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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FILING CAPTION: Amendments Regarding Harvest of Game Birds, Season Dates, Open Areas, Bag Limits and Regulations

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 04/18/2025 5:00 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 04/18/2025

TIME: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

OFFICER: ODFW Commission

IN-PERSON HEARING DETAILS

ADDRESS: Salmon Harbor Marina-Marina Activity Center, 263 Marina Way, Winchester Bay, OR 97467

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

This hearing will be conducted as a hybrid meeting, providing an opportunity to give testimony either in person or virtually. Additional information regarding participation will be posted on our website at www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/. The meeting can be viewed at www.youtube.com/user/IEODFW. Any changes to the meeting format (to virtual only if emergency arises) will be posted to our website as soon as possible.

NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

Amend rules regarding the harvest of game birds, including 2025-2026 season dates, open areas, regulations, and bag limits. Also amends rules regarding regulations for areas owned, managed, or controlled by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife .

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

1. Staff report prepared for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing on 4/18/2025, including the presentation and all provided materials.

A copy of the rules and the other documents relied upon for this rulemaking [the above document(s)] are available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Division, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97302-1142. Contact Roxie Borisch at 503-947-6314 or Roxann.B.Borisch@odfw.oregon.gov to view by appointment

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on normal working days, Monday through Friday.

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

The Department has solicited input from representatives of underrepresented communities likely to be affected on whether the proposed rule will have a fiscal impact on the community, the extent of the fiscal impact, and whether the rules will have significant impact on underrepresented communities. <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/index.asp>

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Rules are proposed to set the 2025-2026 seasons for upland and migratory game birds in accordance with the proposed upland game bird season framework for September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2030 and this year's federal frameworks for migratory game bird seasons. Proposed game bird season and wildlife area rules will also describe general hunting regulations and open areas.

Fiscal and economic impacts discussed in this document pertain only to the proposed rules at the time of the writing of this fiscal impact statement.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s).

State agencies which could be affected by rules relating to game bird hunting seasons are the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for wildlife management costs and license sales revenues and the Oregon State Police (OSP) for enforcement costs. While ODFW does not expect any significant changes to expenditures as a result of these changes, there is a potential for a slight increase due to the expanded season length and acreage of the Beardless Turkey Permit Season in terms of administration and enforcement. Individuals experiencing agricultural damage from wintering wild turkeys may benefit economically from this proposed expansion in pre-defined wild turkey damage areas in central and western Oregon. Similarly, the proposal to expand the boundaries of the fall turkey season to 4 eastern Oregon Wildlife Management Units would require administration and enforcement. A proposal to combine Western Oregon and Eastern Oregon Fall Turkey Tags could result in decreased revenue, but this simplification should improve compliance with regulations.

No units of local government are expected to be affected by these rules. No significant changes from the current levels of any local agencies' operations or expenditures are expected as a result of these particular rules.

The public is affected by rules relating to game bird hunting seasons. Various sectors of the public economy (hunters, suppliers of hunting equipment, and the general economy) can experience different impacts, though no significant impacts are expected to result from proposed rule changes/updates.

Annual hunting trip and equipment expenditures associated with migratory bird hunting and upland bird hunting (excluding turkey hunting) in Oregon were an estimated \$71.8 million (2024\$) and \$70.5 million (2024\$), respectively, in 2006 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2008 and International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, 2007). Annual

retail sales associated with wild turkey hunting were approximately \$15.8 million in 2006, \$25.2 million when adjusted to December 2024\$1 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2008). The 2006 USFWS survey results are used here because the 2011 USFWS survey utilized a smaller sample size than in 2006 and, as a result, the sample size for expenditures for migratory bird hunting was too small (less than 10) to report data reliably. While there are USFWS 2022 survey results released, that survey does not have information on game bird hunting at a statewide level. The total (direct, indirect and induced) effects on personal income in the areas surrounding the game bird hunting areas (and statewide) are the result of purchases of goods and services made by sportspeople. Through the "multiplier process", there is an increase in overall economic activity and personal income in the general economy associated with the retail sales made to hunters.

The rules relating to game bird hunting seasons could be viewed as reducing positive economic impacts in the short run, compared to an unrestricted situation. However, conservation through the use of a seasonal framework is intended to perpetuate these wildlife resources at optimal levels in the long run. Failure to restrict harvest of game birds to allow escapement for reproduction would result in severe adverse economic effects in the future. The proposed regulations attempt to strike a balance, which will sustain wildlife population levels and maintain future benefits.

References

BLS. (2025, February 5). U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Retrieved from CPI Inflation Calculator :

https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm

International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. 2007. Economic Importance of Hunting in America. Washington, DC.

US Fish and Wildlife Service. 2008. 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, Oregon State Report. U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau.

1 The National Survey groups wild turkey with the big game category. The \$15.8 million estimate was made by prorating big game expenditures in direct proportion to the number of wild turkey hunting days in the field estimated in the survey. The estimate is somewhat uncertain because of the small sample size of turkey hunters in the survey.

(2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s);

The types of businesses subject to the rule are those that supply goods or services to game bird hunters. These may include taxidermy services, hunting guides, private hunting preserve operators, food and beverage stores, gasoline stations, sporting goods stores, general merchandise stores, accommodation businesses, food services and drinking places. Game bird hunting occurs in myriad locations throughout the state and thus the number of small businesses subject to the rule cannot be estimated.

(b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s);

No additional compliance costs are anticipated.

(c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

No additional compliance costs are anticipated in relation to the 2025-2026 Game Bird rules.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Not applicable to this filing.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

An Administrative Rules Advisory Committee was not consulted. The rules are believed to be fully compatible with legislative direction on the goals of wildlife management in Oregon.

These rules, which administer existing programs and hunting seasons, are amended annually in a public forum; interested and affected persons are generally aware of this annual rulemaking schedule. Correspondence from and testimony by interested and affected persons is accepted into record as part of the rulemaking process. These regulation proposals do not vary significantly from rules previously in effect.

RULES PROPOSED:

635-008-0115, 635-051-0000, 635-052-0000, 635-053-0000, 635-054-0000, 635-060-0000, 635-065-0625

AMEND: 635-008-0115

RULE SUMMARY: These amended rules will establish Oregon's 2025-2026 hunting seasons for game birds in a manner to maintain their numbers at optimum levels and prevent their serious depletion while providing optimum recreational benefits for present and future generations of Oregon's citizens. Additionally, amends rules specific to areas owned, managed, or controlled by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Commission may decide to adopt staff recommended proposed rule and rule amendments as proposed in attachment 3, or the Commission may decide to modify the proposed rules or not adopt some or any of the proposed rule amendments.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-008-0115

Klamath Wildlife Area (Klamath County) ¶

The Klamath Wildlife Area is open to wildlife-oriented public use compatible with the goals and objectives contained in the 2008 (updated 2018) Klamath Wildlife Area Management Plan unless otherwise excluded or restricted by the following rules:¶

- (1) Discharging firearms is prohibited except as authorized during game bird seasons.¶
- (2) Camping is prohibited.¶
- (3) ~~Personal property must be removed from the area at the end of each hunt day~~ Open fires are prohibited.¶
- (4) No person shall possess or use any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot at any time.¶
- (5) Miller Island Unit is closed to all deer hunting.¶
- (6) A daily hunting permit is required for the Miller Island Unit, must be possessed at all times by users and must be completed and returned at the end of the day. Consult annual Game Bird regulations for check station locations, time and date restrictions, and hunting requirements.¶
- (7) The wildlife area is closed to the public between 10 pm and 4 am.¶
- (8) Trapping is prohibited.¶
- (9) An ODFW Wildlife Area Parking Permit is required.¶
- (10) The wildlife area is closed to all access from February 1 through April 30 with the following exceptions:¶
 - (a) Public roads, parking areas, birding trail and dog training area;¶
 - (b) During the Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl hunt.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, 496.146, 496.012, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.138, 496.146, 496.012, 496.162

AMEND: 635-051-0000

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-051-0000

Purpose ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish dates, areas and other restrictions for hunting game birds pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) The document entitled "2024~~5~~-2025~~6~~ Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations," is incorporated by reference into these rules.¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-052-0000

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-052-0000

Purpose ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, areas ~~and~~, bag limits, and other restrictions for migratory upland game birds pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) The document entitled "2024~~5~~-2025~~6~~ Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations," is incorporated by reference into these rules.¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-053-0000

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-053-0000

Purpose ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas and other restrictions for hunting upland game birds pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) The document entitled "2024~~5~~-2025~~6~~ Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations," is incorporated by reference into these rules.¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-054-0000

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-054-0000

Purpose ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas and other restrictions for hunting ducks, geese, coots, Wilson's snipe and crow pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) The document entitled "2024~~5~~-2025~~6~~ Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations," is incorporated by reference into these rules.¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-060-0000

RULE SUMMARY: These amended rules will establish Oregon's 2025-2026 hunting seasons for game birds in a manner to maintain their numbers at optimum levels and prevent their serious depletion while providing optimum recreational benefits for present and future generations of Oregon's citizens. Additionally, amends rules specific to areas owned, managed, or controlled by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Commission may decide to adopt staff recommended proposed rule and rule amendments as proposed in attachment 3, or the Commission may decide to modify the proposed rules or not adopt some or any of the proposed rule amendments.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-060-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to describe the requirements and procedures for controlled hunts pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.162.¶¶

(2) The documents entitled "2024~~5~~-2025~~6~~" Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations," and "2025 Oregon Big Game Regulations," are incorporated by reference into these rules. These documents are available at hunting license agents and regional, district, and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. ¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0625

RULE SUMMARY: These amended rules will establish Oregon's 2025-2026 hunting seasons for game birds in a manner to maintain their numbers at optimum levels and prevent their serious depletion while providing optimum recreational benefits for present and future generations of Oregon's citizens. Additionally, amends rules specific to areas owned, managed, or controlled by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Commission may decide to adopt staff recommended proposed rule and rule amendments as proposed in attachment 3, or the Commission may decide to modify the proposed rules or not adopt some or any of the proposed rule amendments.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0625

Regulations on State and Federal Wildlife Areas, Refuges and Special Areas ¶¶

State and Federal wildlife areas, refuges and special areas listed below shall be open to hunting during authorized seasons, subject to the following special regulations and exceptions:¶¶

(1) Bear Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Klamath County): Closed to all public entry except walk-in deer hunting prior to November 1.¶¶

(2) Cascade Head - Lincoln City Area: The Cascade Head - Lincoln City Area is closed to hunting with centerfire rifles, muzzleloaders, or handguns. Hunting is restricted to archery and shotguns only during authorized seasons, except for Department approved emergency hunts. Hunters using shotguns for elk shall use slugs (single projectile) only. The Cascade Head - Lincoln City Area boundaries shall be defined as follows: Beginning at the Pacific Ocean and Siletz River mouth, east along the north shoreline of the Siletz River to Drift Cr. Rd. (mile post 1 on Hwy 229); north on Drift Cr. Rd. to Anderson Cr. Rd.; north on Anderson Cr. Rd. to Schooner Cr. Rd.; west on Schooner Cr. Rd. to Forest Rd. 2200; north and east on FR 2200 to FR 1726; west on FR 1726 to FR 2100; northeast on FR 2100 to the power line crossing; north along the power line to State Hwy. 18; west on Hwy 18 to Old Scenic Hwy 101; north on Old Scenic Hwy 101 to Three Rocks Rd.; west on Three Rocks Rd. to U.S. Hwy 101; north on Hwy 101 to FR 1861; west on FR 1861 to Harts Cove trailhead; west on Harts Cove trail to the Pacific Ocean; south along the coastline to the Siletz River, point of beginning.¶¶

(3) Cold Springs Refuge (Umatilla County): The Cold Springs Refuge shall be closed to deer and elk hunting.¶¶

(4) Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area (Douglas County): All Bureau of Land Management lands within or contiguous to BLM lands within T22S R11W (including Spruce Reach Island located adjacent to Hwy. 38 and between the outlets of Koapke and Hinsdale Sloughs) are closed to hunting. Also, other lands located within the following boundary are closed to hunting during all elk and deer seasons that pertain to this area: beginning at the intersection of Schofield Rd. and Hwy. 38, south on Schofield Rd. to its intersection with Hakki Ridge Rd., east on Hakki Ridge Rd. to the crest of Hakki Ridge, east along the crest of Hakki Ridge to its intersection with the BLM boundary located in T22S, R11W Section 4, easterly along the BLM boundary to Hwy. 38, west on Hwy 38 to point of beginning.¶¶

(5) Dunes National Recreational Area: Use of rifles and handguns is prohibited for all hunting in that portion of the Siuslaw Unit west of Highway 101 and north of Tahkenitch Creek.¶¶

(6) North Bank Habitat Management Area (NBHMA; previously known as the Dunning Ranch Area in Douglas County): 6,500 acres located approximately eight miles northeast of Roseburg. Area: All BLM lands located in T25S, R5W, Sections 35,36; T26S, R5W, Sections 1,2,11,12,13,14; T25S, R4W, Sections 31,32,33; T26S, R4W, Sections 4,5,6,7,8,18. This area is closed to all big game hunting except for and during controlled hunts specific to the NBHMA by hunters possessing a controlled hunt tag for the area. Elk, black bear, and cougar hunting will be allowed by hunters who possess a valid NBHMA controlled hunt tag in addition to valid elk, black bear, or cougar tags. The use of bait for hunting game mammals is prohibited on NBHMA. All BLM lands located in T25S, R5W, Sections 35, 36; T26S, R5W, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14; T25S, R4W, Sections 31,32, 33; T26S, R4W, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 18.¶¶

(7) William Finley National Wildlife Refuge (Benton County):¶¶

(a) Portions of the Refuge are open to deer and elk hunting under special regulations established by the Refuge.¶¶

(b) All hunters shall obtain a refuge permit and check in and out of the refuge daily. Information about deer and elk hunting locations, seasons, weapon restrictions, and application instructions are available at the refuge office at 541-757-7236 or on their website (http://www.fws.gov/refuge/William_L_Finley/Hunt.html).¶¶

(8) Government Island State Recreation Area (Multnomah County): Use of rifles, handguns, and shotguns with slugs or buckshot, and bows is prohibited at all times.¶¶

(9) Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge (Lake County): Portions of the refuge shall be open for hunting as prescribed under ~~chukar season~~, controlled pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep hunts, deer bowhunting

season, and muzzleloader deer season. The refuge is open for pronghorn antelope Mandatory Reporting Incentive tag holders, Premium Pronghorn Antelope Hunt and Premium Deer Hunt tag holders, and pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep auction and raffle tag holders but is closed for Access and Habitat deer and elk auction and raffle and Mandatory Reporting Incentive deer and elk tag holders.¶

(10) Heppner Regulated Hunt Area: Closed to all motor vehicle use year-round unless posted otherwise, open fires and camping prohibited in posted areas. Approximately 23 square miles in Townships 3, 4, and 5 South, Ranges 26, 27 and 28 East;¶

(11) John Day Fossil Beds National Monument: Those parts of the National Monument in the Grizzly, Biggs, Fossil, and Northside Units are closed to all hunting and trapping.¶

(12) John Day River Refuge: Includes all land within 1/4 mile of the John Day River mean high water line from the Columbia River upstream to Thirty Mile Creek. ~~Within this area, from the Columbia Rvr upstream to Rock Cr, the area shall be open to hunting of upland game birds during authorized seasons only between September 1 and October 31 annually but closed to all waterfowl hunting. The remaining area from Rock Cr upstream to Thirty Mile Cr is open to the hunting of all game birds during authorized seasons.~~ Hunting of big game is allowed during authorized seasons.¶

(13) Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge: This area is closed to all deer and elk hunting.¶

(14) Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (Harney County): Portions of the refuge in Blitzen Valley lying west of State Highway 205 is open during authorized rifle and bow deer and pronghorn antelope seasons. The Buena Vista unit is open for mule deer hunting when in possession of, and in compliance with, a special use permit issued by Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. ¶

(15) McDonald Forest-Dunn Forest Area (Benton County): The area is closed to all hunting except during controlled hunts as authorized by the commission¶

(16) McKay Creek Refuge (Umatilla County): This refuge is closed to deer and elk hunting.¶

(17) Metolius Wildlife Refuge (Jefferson County): All hunting, injuring, taking, killing, or destroying any wild bird or mammal on public land is prohibited on public lands within T12 and T13S, R9E, bounded by USFS road 1420 and 1419 on the west; road 1400 on the south and east; and road 1420-400, Metolius River, and posted boundary from the Metolius River to road 1400 on the north (approximately five square miles). 36 CFR 261.58(v).¶

(18) Mill Creek Watershed (Umatilla County): This watershed is closed to all access and hunting except by holders of a Mill Creek Watershed controlled elk tag and a Forest Service entry permit.¶

(19) Newberry Crater Wildlife Refuge (Deschutes County): All hunting, injuring, taking, killing, or destroying any wild bird or mammal is prohibited on public lands within the rim of Newberry Crater in: T21S, R12E; T22S, R12E; T21S, R13E; T22S, R13E (approximately 15 square miles).¶

(20) Rimrock Springs Wildlife Area (Grizzly Unit): This area is closed to all hunting.¶

(21) Rogue River Area:¶

(a) All land within one mile of the Rogue River between Grave Creek and Lobster Creek is closed to bear hunting.¶

(b) All land within 1/4 mile of the Rogue River in the wild river section from Grave Creek downstream to Watson Creek is closed to all hunting except during authorized seasons.¶

(22) Snake River Islands (Malheur County): Closed to hunting with rifles.¶

(23) South Slough National Estuarine Reserve: Specific areas are closed to hunting due to public health and safety. Contact reserve headquarters office for specific closures.¶

(24) Starkey Experimental Forest Enclosure (Union County): That portion of The Starkey Experimental Forest within the eight foot high elk-proof fence enclosure is closed to all hunting during deer and elk season except for persons possessing a controlled hunt tag for the area. A posted 1/4 mile buffer zone on the National Forest lands surrounding the enclosure is closed to all hunting with a centerfire rifle or bow. The enclosure is open to deer and elk hunting only by permit during controlled hunts. The main study area is open to hunting of other species during authorized seasons. The 12-foot right-of-way along each side of all eight foot-high perimeter and internal game fences is closed to all motorized travel. Public entry is allowed only through the main gate. The Experimental Forest is closed to all public entry during the winter closure, which runs from the day after the controlled antlerless elk hunt until May 1 annually. Access and Habitat auction or raffle tag holders, Mandatory Incentive Tag holders, and Premium Deer and Premium Elk tag holders are not eligible to hunt in the Starkey Experimental Forest enclosure.¶

(25) Umatilla Refuge (Morrow County): This refuge is closed to deer and elk hunting except during controlled hunts specific to the refuge and emergency hunts as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 078.¶

(26) Willamette River Greenway Corridor: Hunting is permitted with shotguns or bows and arrows only during authorized season on Willamette River Greenway parcels, except in those parcels where hunting is prohibited.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146, ORS 496.162, ORS 496.012

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146, ORS 496.162, ORS 496.012