

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission

Trap Check Work Group

Charter – 2-10-22

Mission/Purpose

The Commission directed the department (ODFW) to review trap check time requirements and come back to the Commission by January (2022) with proposed changes if any.

Scope of Authority

The Work Group will focus on identifying and addressing any issues relating to trap check time intervals for furbearers and predatory classifications. The Work Group may consider relevant information to help the group make recommendations or to address identified issues.

Work Group Membership

The Work Group is composed of the following members:

Name	Affiliation
Lauren Smith	Oregon Farm Bureau
<i>Kyle Williams (alternate for Lauren Smith)</i>	<i>Oregon Forest & Industries Council</i>
Drenda Howatt (as of November 2021)	Association of Oregon Counties
Kelly Peterson	Humane Society of the United States
<i>Susan Getty (alternate for Kelly Peterson)</i>	<i>Humane Society of the United States</i>
Jim Soares	Oregon Trappers Association
<i>Stan Steele (alternate for Jim Soares)</i>	<i>Oregon Trappers Association</i>
Tyler Dungannon	Oregon Hunters Association
<i>Amy Patrick (alternate for Tyler Dungannon)</i>	<i>Oregon Hunters Association</i>
Bob Sallinger	Portland Audubon
Quinn Read	Center for Biological Diversity
Kevin Christensen (as of August 2021)	APHIS Wildlife Services
Jill Zarnowitz	ODFW Commission
Greg Wolley (through November 2021)	ODFW Commission
Mary Wahl (as of December 2021)	ODFW Commission
Derek Broman	ODFW Wildlife Biologist
<i>Brian Wolfer (alternate for Derek Broman)</i>	<i>ODFW Wildlife Biologist</i>
Shannon Hurn	ODFW Deputy Director
<i>Kevin Blakely (alternate for Shannon Hurn)</i>	<i>ODFW Deputy Administrator</i>

Support

The Trap Check Work Group is supported by a facilitation team from Kearns & West. Agendas and meeting materials will be developed by the project team project team comprised of the facilitation team, ODFWC representatives, and lead ODFW staff with input from the Work Group. Agendas and materials will be distributed by the facilitation team to the Work Group the week prior to a meeting. Meeting summaries will be distributed to the Work Group within one week after each meeting. KW is responsible for submitting materials to Director's office for updating web page for public meeting materials.

The facilitation team will coordinate with Work Group members by email and phone to schedule meetings, coordinate logistics, and distribute meeting information and materials. The facilitation team will consider the availability of work group members and their alternates, striving for the times that work for the most work group members. Work Group members will do their best to respond to requests for scheduling and other coordination in a reasonable amount of time.

Meeting Guidelines

The Work Group will meet up to twice a month for (on average) two hours. The group may consider longer work sessions and field meetings as appropriate.

Due to COVID-19, meetings will be held via teleconference until restrictions are lifted.

Meeting attendance is considered a priority and Work Group members are expected to notify the project team in advance if they cannot attend. Work Group members can designate an alternate to attend on their behalf with advance notice to the project team.

Work Group members agree to the following guidelines:

- **Fully participate in Work Group meetings.** Communicate with the project team in advance if unable to attend. If you have an alternate, prepare them for attending the meeting and follow up with them afterwards.
- **Come prepared for meetings.** Read materials in advance of the meetings. Contact the project team for questions or additional assistance.
- **Participate in an open and mutually respectful way.** Share ideas, views, and information on topics and issues related to the mission/purpose of the group and within the group's scope of authority.
- **Strive for a balance of speaking time.** Be mindful of sharing time and space with your fellow Work Group members.
- **Serve as a liaison to your larger community of interest.** Share information from the community of interest you represent, including their concerns, ideas, and experiences. Keep your communities of interest informed on the work of the Work Group and bring input back to the full group.
- **Act in good faith.** Treat each other with respect and acknowledge the unique and varied experiences and knowledge each work group member brings with them. Work to understand differences in opinions, ideas, and approaches to address issues. Work toward shared understanding among the members. Work group meetings are considered a safe space to have an open dialogue.

Decision Process - DRAFT PROPOSED

The Work Group will strive for one set of consensus recommendations for the ODFW Commission using a consensus scale system.

Option 1: Use green, yellow, and red cards to indicate their level of support as follows:

Green Support (the proposal, recommendation and/or moving forward) – no need to speak further on the topic.

Yellow Questions or outstanding concerns to share, or support with reservations.

Red No support/propose alternative.

Option 2: Use fingers to convey level of support as follows:

1 finger- Support (the proposal, recommendation and/or moving forward) – no need to speak further on the topic.

2 fingers - Questions or outstanding concerns to share, or support with reservations.

3 fingers - No support/propose alternative.

When the group is considering supporting a recommendation and members express support and support with reservations (a green, yellow, one, or two), then there is consensus support. As the recommendations are being developed, every effort will be made to consider all perspectives, is that is the value of the work group. The group should strive to address each other's concerns and suggestions through discussions. If members continue to not be supportive, they will be asked to propose alternatives or suggestions for how to move forward.

ODFW staff and Commissioners participating on the work group would like to be able to support the recommendations and will participate in the discussions and share their concerns and suggestions for the group to address. ODFW staff is responsible for developing a staff report to the ODFWC to recommend a course of action.

Public Input and Presentations to the ODFWC

The Work Group has been appointed by and serves at the will of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission. As such, information about the Work Group including media inquiries, will be managed by the communications team at the ODFW in compliance with state agency communication protocols. Commissioners may respond directly to the media unless directed to defer to specific staff regarding specific issues. Participation in this Work Group does not obviate members from speaking to the media as individuals but will not speak on behalf of the group without prior discussion. Meeting summaries and Work Group materials will be made publicly available through the ODFW website.

Public notice of presentations about the Work Group to the ODFWC and opportunities for input at ODFWC meetings will be made publicly available as part of regular communications to the public about ODFWC meetings. The group may consider future meetings to solicit public input.

Work Group members may be asked to consider presenting updates and outcomes from the Work Group to the ODFWC.

Work Plan and Schedule

	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct		Nov	Dec	Jan	Mar
Trap Check Work Group Meetings & Topics	29	16	11	14	5	26	16	7	6	18
Charter, Mission & Scope										
ODFW – Background on trapping regulations										
APHIS Wildlife Services, Wildlife Control Operators, OSP Enforcement - current practices										
Best Management Practices and trap technology										
Animal Welfare and Ethics in trapping discussion with research experts										
State trap check program comparison – learning from other states										
Injuries and trauma to wildlife – discussion with veterinarian experts and economics of trapping										
Emerging recommendations ideas & framework										
Emerging recommendations ideas 2 – Group disbanded										
ODFW Commission Presentation										