



THE OHA TRACKER

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ODFW proposes license and tag fee increases; hearings slated

The ODFW External Budget Committee has met three times since February to discuss building the ODFW budget request for the 2015-17 biennium, and after the first two meetings, ODFW rolled out a fee increase proposal for both the Fish and Wildlife Divisions.

See proposed hunting fee increases in sidebar at right. Fee increases for fishing and other licenses are also proposed.

ODFW projects that these fee increases would raise in the 2015-17 biennium revenues an additional \$6.4 million for the Wildlife Division.

ODFW will hold a number of Town Hall meetings about the proposed budget.

ODFW Budget Public Meeting Schedule

Following is the ODFW meeting schedule on the proposed agency budget. These meetings are open to the public. OHA encourages members to attend.

- **May 19, Clackamas**, Monarch Hotel, 7-8:30 p.m.
- **May 20, La Grande**, Blue Mountain Conference Center, 7-8:30 p.m.
- **May 21, Bend**, Central Oregon Community College, 7-8:30 p.m.
- **May 22, Newport**, Hallmark Inn, 7-8:30 p.m.
- **May 27, Coos Bay/North Bend**, North Bend Public Library, 7-8:30 p.m.
- **May 28, Roseburg**, ODFW Office, 7-8:30 p.m.
- **May 29, Klamath Falls**, Oregon Institute of Technology, 7-8:30 p.m.

ODFW Proposed Fee Increases 2016-2020

	Current	2016 Fee	2018 Fee	2020 Fee
COMBINATION LICENSES				
SPORTS PAC	\$164.75	\$180	\$188	\$196
JUVENILE SPORTS PAC	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55
COMBINATION	\$58.00	\$64	\$68	\$72
SENIOR COMBINATION	\$25.50	\$29	\$32	\$35
HUNTING LICENSES				
RESIDENT HUNTER	\$29.50	\$32	\$33	\$34
RESIDENT SENIOR HUNTER	\$13.75	\$15	\$15	\$16
NONRESIDENT HUNTER	\$148.50	\$160	\$167	\$172
3-DAY NONRES. BIRD LIC.	\$26.50	\$30	\$32	\$33
PIONEER COMBO LICENSE*	N/A	\$6	\$6	\$6
* Allows ODFW to capture federal matching funds of \$14 per license.				
TAGS & VALIDATIONS				
RESIDENT DEER	\$24.50	\$26	\$28	\$28
NONRESIDENT DEER	\$383.50	\$414	\$431	\$444
RESIDENT ELK	\$42.50	\$46	\$48	\$49
SPECIAL ELK (DV/Pioneer)	\$22.25	\$24	\$25	\$26
NONRESIDENT ELK	\$508.50	\$549	\$571	\$588
RESIDENT BEAR TAG	\$14.50	\$16	\$16	\$17
NONRESIDENT BEAR TAG	\$190.50	\$19	\$20	\$20
RESIDENT TURKEY TAG	\$22.50	\$24	\$25	\$26
NONRES. TURKEY TAG	\$77.50	\$84	\$87	\$90
RESIDENT ANTELOPE	\$44.50	\$48	\$50	\$51
NONRESIDENT ANTELOPE	\$341.50	\$369	\$384	\$395
RESIDENT BIGHORN SHEEP	\$122.50	\$132	\$138	\$142
NONRESIDENT BIGHORN	\$1,308.50	\$1,413	\$1,470	\$1,514
RESIDENT COUGAR	\$14.50	\$16	\$16	\$17
NONRESIDENT COUGAR	\$14.50	\$16	\$16	\$17
RESIDENT MTN GOAT	\$122.50	\$132	\$138	\$142
PHEASANT TAG	\$17	\$18	\$19	\$20
UPLAND BIRD STAMP	\$8.50	\$9	\$10	\$10
WATERFOWL STAMP	\$11.50	\$12	\$13	\$13
NR BIRD HUNTER STAMP	\$38.50	\$42	\$43	\$45
YOUTH UPLAND STAMP	\$8.50	\$4	\$4	\$4
YOUTH WATERFOWL STAMP	\$11.50	\$4	\$4	\$4
YOUTH TURKEY TAG	\$10.50	\$11	\$11	\$11
CONTROLLED HUNT APP	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8

Multi-year licenses and other combination packages are also proposed.

OUTDOOR OUTLOOK

MAY 2-4

OHA Redmond Chapter Bridge Creek weekend project 541-383-1099

MAY 3

OHA Capitol Chapter Powerline project 503-910-7410;

OHA Klamath weekend guzzler camp 541-591-2452;

OHA Tioga Chapter Youth Day 541-267-2577;
OHA Tillamook Chapter banquet 503-842-2475

MAY 4

OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter Barney Reservoir project 503-310-7575

MAY 10

OHA Union/Wallowa Chapter banquet 541-786-1283;

Josephine County Youth Day 541-761-8213

MAY 15

Application deadline for controlled hunts

MAY 17

OHA Hart Mountain project 541-591-2452;
OHA State Convention, Seven Feathers Casino Resort – SOLD OUT!

MAY 31

Turkey, spring bear seasons close
OHA Bend Chapter Youth & Family Outdoor Day 541-480-7323;
E.E. Wilson Youth Day 503-580-8713;
Rogue Valley YOH Day 541-773-9869

JUNE 7

Lincoln Co. meadow project 541-265-7466;
OHA youth & family events:
Redmond 541-771-8383
Klamath 541-591-2452
Pioneer 503-710-1233

JUNE 13

OHA Hoodview White River weekend project 503-834-2351

JUNE 14

OHA Capitol Chapter Prairie City weekend habitat project 503-399-1234

JUNE 20

Controlled hunt results available;
Multi-chapter Paulina project 541-408-1272, 541-447-6751;
OHA Tioga Chapter youth outdoor ed camp weekend 541-267-2577

OHA takes aim at hunting with drones



Several western states have already banned the use of drones for hunting.

After attending several hearings on the use of drones and talking with a number of legislators and ODFW Commissioners, OHA has submitted a legislative concept on the prohibition of drone usage in relation to hunting. In the spirit of preserving the fair chase ethic, the legislative concept request asks that legislation be drafted that would include but not be limited to the following drone legislation concepts:

- Prohibiting drones from surveying wildlife herds.
- Prohibiting drones from hunting wildlife.
- Prohibiting drones from harassment of wildlife.

Once these legislative concepts come back in bill form, the OHA Legislative Committee will review them before they are issued in final bill form.

OHA discusses deer and elk damage options with ODF



At a recent bi-monthly meeting, representatives from OHA met with ODF staff to discuss issues related to hunting and forestry. As a result of that meeting, a special project has been set up to look at a possible solution to the deer and elk damage problem in certain areas of the Tillamook region. ODF is concerned about the damage that occurs annually to their seedling crop. A meeting of landowners, ODF and ODFW representatives, OHA members and private timber companies has been set to discuss a possible solution.

OHA talks wolves with DeFazio staff



Representatives from OHA met with the staff of Congressman Peter DeFazio to discuss OHA's efforts to have the wolf de-listed. At this meeting OHA pointed

out the rate at which wolves are expanding in the state and the threat wolves pose to Oregon's deer and elk herds and what it has done to wildlife populations in neighboring states.

OHA Baker Chapter asks for more bear, cougar opportunities

The Baker Chapter of OHA recently adopted a resolution asking for more opportunities to hunt bear and cougar. The resolution outlining the chapter's request for ODFW to amend its regulations reads as follows:

OHA Baker Chapter resolves to request ODFW amend regulations.

WHEREAS: Hunting bear and cougar is prohibited during some centerfire deer and elk seasons because of concerns about party hunting; and

WHEREAS: The state of Oregon has been educating young hunters regarding ethics and the American wildlife management model; and

WHEREAS: The culture of the current Oregon hunters, as a whole, has changed from perceiving wildlife as a primary food source to one of sportsmanship and enjoyment of the hunt; and

WHEREAS: The hunting community and many biologists and law enforcement people do not see the regulation as needed to discourage party hunting;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The OHA Baker Chapter, with support from other chapters of the OHA, petitions the ODFW commission to direct the ODFW to amend regulations to allow otherwise legal hunters with a bear or a cougar tag to hunt during the whole season, including the currently prohibited times and areas.

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote on March 5, 2014.

The OHA Board of Directors is currently working with the Baker Chapter on its request.