



MIKE SALAK

Hunting-related bills die on vine

The first deadline for bills in the 2015 Legislative Session has come and gone. Many bills did not live beyond the deadline and are now just distant memories.

OHA is tracking some 19 pages of bills, and here are some highlights:

SB 941 – Universal background checks

Update: The bill passed the Senate and was scheduled for a vote in the House during the last week of April.

SB 24 – Task Force on Natural Resource Agency Consolidation

Update: This bill had one hearing, but died in committee.

HB 2050 – HB 2181 - Cougars and Dogs

Update: Both bills died in committee.

HB 2534 – Drones in Hunting & Fishing

Directs ODFW to adopt rules prohibiting use of drones for angling or hunting. This bill is one of OHA's priority bills. It basically takes the drone usage factor out of hunting and fishing. It's a great bill, and it's one that will serve future hunting generations with the preservation of fair chase.

Update: This bill passed the House Chamber with 59 yes votes and one excused vote. It is now in the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

HB 2401 – Wild Bird Feed Excise Tax

Update: This bill has died in committee.

HB 2402 – ODFW Funding Task Force

Update: This bill was passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee and is now in Ways and Means.

HB 2536 – Consent for Inspection

Update: This bill died in committee.

HB 2049 – Battery-Powered Scopes

Update: This bill died in committee.

Commission asks staff to look at delisting wolves

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on April 24 directed ODFW staff to develop two options for delisting wolves from the state Endangered Species Act: one that would delist wolves in eastern Oregon (boundary Hwys 97-20-395) and one that would delist wolves statewide.

The state's Wolf Plan calls for initiating a process to delist wolves from the state Endangered Species Act when Oregon reaches the conservation objective of four breeding pairs for three consecutive years in eastern Oregon. This objective was met in early 2015.

The Commission heard ODFW staff's Biological Status Review of wolves and also heard public testimony from 38 people. Much of the public testimony was against a delisting, and Commissioners noted that the option of no action also remained on the table, so those favoring management must remain vigilant.

Noting other staff job tasks, Commission Chair Finley informed the public that this two-option approach would require a substantial investment in time and that a final proposal may not be available until the fall.

2015 ODFW Big Game Public Meeting Schedule

Hear and comment on 2015 tag numbers and 2016 seasons

City	Date	Time	Location
Enterprise	May 1	4 - 6 pm	ODFW Enterprise District Office
John Day	May 4	5:30 - 7 pm	John Day State Forestry Office
Burns	May 5	7 - 9 pm	Harney County Community Center
Lakeview	May 5	6 - 8 pm	Eagles Lodge
Redmond	May 5	4 - 7 pm	Redmond High School
Roseburg	May 5	6 - 7:30 pm	ODFW Roseburg District Office
Springfield	May 5	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Oregon Dept. of Forestry
Vale	May 5	7 pm MDT	Malheur ESD
Heppner	May 6	6 - 9 pm	ODFW Heppner District Office
Klamath Falls	May 6	6 - 8 pm	OSU Extension Service
La Grande	May 6	4 - 7 pm	ODFW La Grande District Office
Newport	May 6	6 - 8 pm	ODFW Marine Resources Office
Baker City	May 7	4 - 6 pm	ODFW Baker City District Office
Clackamas	May 7	5:30 - 8 pm	ODFW Clackamas District Office
Seaside	May 11	4 - 7 pm	Seaside Civic & Convention Center
Charleston	May 12	6:30 - 8:30 pm	North Bend Public Library
Salem	May 12	7 - 9 pm	ODFW Headquarters Office
Grants Pass	May 13	7 pm	Elmers Restaurant
Medford	May 14	7 pm	The Eagles Lodge
Pendleton	May 14	4 - 7 pm	ODFW Pendleton District Office
The Dalles	May 14	6 pm	The Dalles Screen Shop

Track Oregon hunting bills at www.oregonhunters.org

OUTDOOR OUTLOOK

APRIL 25

OHA Chapter banquets:

Tioga 541-267-2577

Klamath 541-891-5301

OHA Pioneer Spring Youth Day 503-829-2912

MAY 1-2

OHA Capitol Chapter Detroit powerline
project 503-767-3657

MAY 2

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

MAY 2-3

OHA Redmond Chapter Bridge Creek
project 541-233-3740

MAY 3

OHA Tualatin Valley Barney Reservoir
project 503-310-7575

MAY 9-10

OHA Lake County guzzler project
541-947-3231

MAY 15

Application deadline for controlled hunts;
OHA Emerald Valley Pine Grass weekend
project 541-729-0877

MAY 16

OHA State Convention, Chinook Winds
Casino, Lincoln City 541-772-7313
www.oregonhunters.org;
OHA Klamath Hart Mountain weekend
project 541-591-2452

MAY 30

OHA Umpqua Chapter banquet
541-430-4722;
OHA chapter youth days:
Bend 541-382-7337
Rogue Valley 541-773-1587
Capitol/EE Wilson 503-580-8713

MAY 31

Turkey, spring bear seasons close

HELP WANTED: OHA Field Administrator

The Oregon Hunters Association is looking for an outstanding individual to fill some big, smelly boots soon to be left behind by our current Field Administrator Ty Stubblefield, who has accepted a position as Chapter Coordinator for the Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, based in Missoula, Montana.

OHA congratulates Ty, who has earned his new opportunity by doing inspiring work with OHA, and we look forward to meeting candidates eager to take the baton and advance OHA that much farther.



Are you equally comfortable at the Capitol testifying on important legislation and rubbing shoulders with Bigfoot in a wall tent at the OHA Chapter Workshop? You might be just the outfitter we need in our camp!



For a job description and application information for this full-time position, please contact the OHA State Office at 541-772-7313, oha@ccountry.net. Application deadline: May 20, 2015.

HELP WANTED: 2 OHA Part-Time Positions

Are 2 heads better than 1? OHA will consider job-sharing our Field Administrator position if we can find a dream team.

Field Director: 20 hours per week of organizational support for OHA and its 26 active chapters. Requires strong knowledge of OHA, fundraising experience, excellent organizational and interpersonal skills.

Conservation Director: 20 hours per week of advocating for Oregon's wildlife, habitat and sportsmen. Requires bachelor's degree in natural resource field or equivalent work experience, excellent writing and speaking skills.

Job descriptions and applications are available from the OHA State Office: oha@ccountry.net. Deadline to apply: May 20, 2015.