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WENAH SNOWSHOE HARE/TYLER DUNGANNON

Wolf Plan headed for vote; wolf advocates oppose all hunting, trapping as tools

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The facilitator for the wolf plan workgroup will go before the Fish and Wildlife Commission in December to update the Commission on the work that has been done on the plan by the group. The plan is tentatively scheduled to go before the Commission in January of 2019 for a vote.

OHA has been a staunch advocate of keeping language in the revised wolf management plan that would provide for controlled hunting and trapping when thresholds outlined in the plan are reached. In recent meetings, wolf advocates have made it clear they will not support hunting and trapping ever being wolf management tools in Oregon.



Wolf activists want no hunting in the Wolf Plan.

Legislative session looming; Democrats firmly in control

The Oregon Legislature is set to convene in early 2019. The House Chamber will be made up of 38 Democrats and 22 Republicans. The Senate Chamber will be made up of 18 Democrats and 12 Republicans. Both chambers are made up of a Democratic "supermajority."

Anti-gun activists announce gun control bills in Oregon

Action on the gun front is what we are likely to see this legislative session. Earlier this year, two gun control initiative petitions were submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State for approval, but thanks to the legal efforts of NRA, OHA, OOC and others, neither Initiative Petition 43, which would restrict ownership of

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semiautomatic firearms, nor Initiative Petition 44, which would implement tight restrictions on gun storage and make honest gun owners responsible for deeds done by criminals with stolen firearms, qualified for Oregon's November ballot.

Sponsors of both initiatives have announced that they will introduce bills in the 2019 Legislative Session. We will keep you updated and issue alerts if your action is needed.

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OHA eyeing cougar relief bill for 2019 legislative session

Several cougar population control bills will be introduced this legislative session.

In response to Oregon's recent fatal cougar attack and a rash of cougar sightings in Oregon towns and even a college campus, OHA is working with others to introduce legislation to bring relief from Oregon's cougars, which are growing in number and boldness.



ODFW believes this cougar it removed is the one that killed a hiker in Oregon.

OUTDOOR OUTLOOK

DECEMBER 2

Late SW deer bow season ends

DECEMBER 9

Late NW deer bow season ends

DECEMBER 31

Seasons end for pheasant, fall turkey, W. Oregon bear

JANUARY 1

2019 licenses required; cougar season opens

JANUARY 2

OHA Gun Calendar drawing, OHA office; weekly winners announced on OHA's Facebook. For details and to purchase Gun Raffle Calendar chances to win, visit oregonhunters.org/store

JANUARY 12

2nd period closes for NW Goose season

JANUARY 13

Sauvie Island youth waterfowl hunt

JANUARY 14

South coast goose second period ends

JANUARY 19

Klamath PLAY Outdoors, 541-891-7447

JANUARY 20

Zone 2 duck and snipe seasons end

JANUARY 26

Bucks & Bulls ceremony, Medford Sportsman's Warehouse 541-732-3700; Tioga Chapter duck box maintenance, 541-267-2577

JANUARY 31

Harvest reporting deadline, most tags; Most upland bird seasons end

FEBRUARY 1

Deadline to file for OHA state elections; Eugene Boat & Sportsmen's Show opens, Lane County Fairgrounds

OSP asks for tips in 3 recent elk cases

The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division is seeking the public's help in identifying whoever was involved in three recent alleged elk violations in western Oregon.

OSP asks for leads in the waste of a branch bull elk in the Trask Unit on the first day of second season bull elk. A branch

bull was found shot and left to waste on Miami Timber property between Hwy 22 and Hwy 18 near the head of Cedar Creek off the 9A3 Road. At least two suspects likely walked in from the #28 Gate off Highway 22 either late Friday night – Nov. 16 or before the season or early Saturday morning – Nov. 17. The elk was shot multiple times with a .30-06 rifle and a 6.5 Creedmoor. Shells were recovered at the scene.

OSP also is asking for the public's assistance in locating and apprehending whoever is responsible for shooting a bull elk on the evening of Nov. 16 in Jackson County. The elk was shot and partially cut up off of South Fork Little Butte Creek Road about 2 miles from Lake Creek.

Police also welcome information about the waste of a five-point bull elk in Douglas County Oct. 19 or 20. The animal was shot and left to waste in a clear-

OHA is offering a \$500 reward, or the informant may choose 4 preference points instead.



This elk was wasted Nov. 17 in the Trask Unit.

cut 5 miles west of Cougar Creek Road and approximately 8 miles southwest of Tyee and the Umpqua River. The area is well outside the Cascade elk hunt area.

Anyone with information about these cases is asked to contact call the Turn In Poachers (TIP) hotline at 1-800-452-7888 or *OSP (677).

OHA is offering a \$500 reward through its Turn In Poachers (TIP) reward program for information leading to a citation, or the recipient may elect to accept 4 preference points instead.

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