OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019



FEBRUARY 13, 2019 2019

The next meeting will be on Jan 16 at the King Buffet Restaurant in Bend. The Chapter meetings will be held at the King Buffett on the second Wednesday of each month through March 2019. If you are aware of a facility that could accommodate our group for little or no charge please contact a board member. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come at 6:00, have some

dinner and socialize before the meeting. *****

Roth and Greg Love from OSP However if that same person comes from ODFW.

hunting and fishing licensing and for humane reasons but can't the unlawful taking of wildlife. tags was discussed. They explained salvage it. Only the driver of a how to fill out the forms on the vehicle that struck a deer or elk may website and how to avoid mistakes. put the animal down by use of a For all questions on how to fill out firearm and salvage the animal. and learn the new system call ODFW and they will explain the The entire carcass must be removed how to's. Remember this is new to from the road / road right of way everyone and patience will be (including the entrails). required if issues have to be resolved. All in all, the program is The person salvaging the deer or easy to follow. The gals in the local elk has 24 hours to complete an onoffice are all working hard and line application for a permit on everyone is striving to get all the ODFW's website providing: "kinks" out. Bi-Mart is still your 1. friend here if you aren't on line. It's 2. a new and different procedure and 3. we will all have to change how we 4. do these things. Hang in there.

Below is a summary of the roadkill salvage rules adopted by the

Fish Oregon and Commission. The rules stem from must be surrendered to ODFW the passage of Senate Bill 372.

The roadkill salvage rules were Wasting Disease testing) effective January 1, 2019

Deer and elk may be salvaged from authorized on Tribal Reservation an accidental vehicle collision, lands. except for Columbian white-tailed deer in western Oregon. exception to this is Douglas County game meat inspections of salvaged where the white-tailed deer are de- animals. listed.

the road dead as a result of an record of transfer accidental vehicle collision then anyone who comes along can claim No portion of the salvaged animal January's speakers were Aaron it for salvage if they want. may be sold and Cory Heath and representatives along and the road struck deer or Please contact a local OSP Fish & elk is not dead, they may lawfully Wildlife Trooper with questions or The online system for all future put that animal down with a firearm if you have information regarding

- Persons contact information
- Location/Time of Salvage
- Species and sex of animal
- Identity of Driver if known
- Acknowledge the State is not 5. liable

The entire head of the deer or elk

Wildlife including antlers for buck or bull within 5 business days. (ODFW wants all the heads for Chronic

Salvage and salvage permits are not

The OSP and ODFW will not conduct

The transfer of parts to another If a deer or elk is laying along-side person of roadkill requires a written

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Bend Chapter

MULE DEER CLASSIC BANQUET MARCH 16TH, 2019 At The Riverhouse Convention Center

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Doors Open at 4:00 PM

Dinner served at 5:30 PM

Live Auction starts at 7:30 PM

Join us Saturday, March 16th at The Riverhouse Convention Center for the 27th annual Bend chapter Oregon Hunters Associations Mule Deer Classic Banquet and Fundraiser. Come at 4:00 for the social hour, where you can enjoy games, enter raffles, preview the live auction, bid on silent auction items, and swap hunting stories with fellow hunters. Enjoy the buffet dinner, enter raffles for 30 firearms and other prizes, hunting and camping gear, trips, artwork, golf, and more.

Reserve your dinner and raffle ticket packages on the enclosed order form.

2019 MDC Raffle Options

Complete the registration form to reserve your dinner & ticket packages for the **2019 Bend OHA Mule Deer Classic.** Space will be limited to 400 so make your reservation early to guarantee a spot. Send your registration in by February 15, 2019 to receive an entry in the Early Bird Drawing. Everyone attending the banquet (over 16 years old) will receive a ticket for the Mule Deer Classic Event Drawing. All youth, ages 6-16, attending the banquet will receive a ticket for the MDC Spike Drawing with a chance to win a Savage .22LR Semiauto Rifle. Youth, five years and younger, will receive a ticket for the MDC Yearling Drawing. Join or renew your OHA membership at the banquet or show that you are a life member or pledged life member and be entered in the New Member Drawing or Life Member Drawing.

The following raffles tickets are available for advance purchase. Each raffle has a limited number of tickets available. Any tickets not reserved in advance will be available for purchase at the banquet.

- Safe of Guns Raffle: Rhino Kodiak 32 gun, electronic, 40 minute fire rated safe or the choice of one of the following fire-arms; Kimber .300 WSM Subalpine Mountain Rifle S/S with carbon fiber stock, Browning A-Bolt III 7mm mag, Howa Legacy .338 win mag with Hogue stock, Winchester XPR 30-06, Thompson Center Compass .300 win mag with Nikko Stirling 3.5-10x44 scope, Pointer 12 ga Semi auto shotgun, Ruger American .270 with Alpen 4-12x40 scope, Howa Legacy 6.5 Creedmore with Hogue stock , or a Springfield Armory XDM bitone in .45ACP. Only 200 tickets are available at \$45ea or a ticket package at \$50ea, which includes \$60 worth of general raffle tickets.
- Elk Camp Raffle: This is a card raffle for a 14x16 wall tent (made by Davis Tent and Awning) with an internal frame, steel wood-burning stove by Cylinder Stoves of Utah, table, chairs, cot, and other camp items. Only 156 tickets (cards) available for \$20 each. (Valued over \$1800.)
- **Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle:** Nosler Custom Model 48 Trophy Grade 300 WSM w/Cerakote, Bell & Carlson stock, accuracy guaranteed sub MOA. A total of 300 tickets will be sold at \$20ea, 3/\$50, 7/\$100. (\$1895 value)
- Varmint Raffle: Sako A7 Coyote 22-250 with 24" fluted barrel, Ceramic coated and a Zeiss Terra 4x12x42 scope. A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Sponsored by We Cut Concrete. (Value \$1500.)
- **Centerfire Gunworks Custom Rifle Build:** In this raffle the winner chooses the caliber and type of rifle; hunting, varmint, long range ,or target. With McMillan stock, Hart, Bartlein, or Brux custom barrel (fluted barrel extra), Stiller action, Timney trigger, SMR muzzlebrake, 4-16X 42 Huskamaw Blue Diamond LR scope with Talley rings (range compensating turrets available) Coated by Leavitt Works Gunsmithing. Built by Centerfire Gunworks Tickets \$50 ea –which includes \$60 worth of general raffle tickets 200 maximum sold. (Value \$4999)
- **Beckley Scholarship Raffle:** This raffle raises funds for college scholarships in honor of Charles Beckley, who passed away in 2004. The featured item is a Sako A7 S/S Big Game Roughtech .30-06 with Minox 3- 9x 42 scope. A maximum number of 250 tickets will be available for \$10 each or 3/\$25 (\$1600 value).
- Youth Upland Hunt Raffle: Howa Patriot 6.5 Creedmore, hvy barrell w/muzzle brake, 2stage match trigger, adj. AR butt stock, 6-9" adj. bipod, 30mm 4-16x50 LR scope, all cerakoted, w/ lockable hardcase. Sponsored by Bend Family Dentistry. A maximum of 250 tickets will be sold at \$20 each or 3/\$50. (Value \$1500)

Other Raffle opportunities that will be available at the banquet include the following:

- **Special Raffle:** Tickets for the Special Raffle, a Springfield Armory XD Mod 2 bitone .40 S&W are included in the bonus dinner packages. Add'l tickets can be purchased at the banquet for \$10 each. Maximum 400 tickets available (\$595 value).
- Les Schwab Raffle: This raffle has two prizes from Sig Optics. 1 Kilo 2200 BDX range finder and 1 Whiskey 3 scope 4-12x50mm SFP Hellfire Quadplex Illuminated Retical. Tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25 or 7 for \$50. (Value \$1138)
- **Sportsman's Warehouse Raffle:** A Howa 1500 .308 with Nikko Stirling 4-16x44 scope and pillar bedded Hogue stock,2 stage match trigger, adj. Bipod all in Kryptek Highlander Camo will be offered in this raffle. Sponsored by Sportsman's Warehouse. A total of 250 tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3/\$25 (\$913 value).
- **5-Minute Raffle:** Raffle tickets will be sold for a period of only five minutes offering a chance to win a Kimber Micro 9 S/S 9mm pistol pkg with Rosewood Crimson Trace laser grips and Kimber IWB Micro 9 Holster A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold for \$10 each (\$790 value).

2019 OHA Mule Deer Classic Banquet Registration and Order Form

Name:	Guest Name:
Address:	City, State, Zip:
Phone:	Email:

If your registration is postmarked or received by **February 16th 2019**, you will be entered into the **Early-Bird** drawing. In addition, if you purchase a **package** you will receive an Early-Bird bonus which includes an additional 10 general raffle tickets per person (a minimum \$50 value). **Banquet will be held March 16th, 2019**, at **The Riverhouse Convention Center,** Bend, Oregon. **Doors open at 4:00 p.m.**

PACKAGES ¹	INCLUDES	PRICES	QTY	TOTAL
Dinner Only	1 dinner and 1 MDC event ticket \$50 value	\$50		
Single Package	1 dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC event ticket,20 general raffle tickets\$155 value	\$90		
Single Bonus Package	1 dinner, 2 drink tickets, 1 MDC Event ticket, 2 Special Raffle tickets, 30 General raffle tickets \$230 value	\$130		
Couple Package	2 dinners, 2 drink tickets, 2 MDC Event tickets,40 General raffle tickets\$310 value	\$180		
Couple Bonus Package	2 dinners, 4 drink tickets, 2 MDC Event tickets, 4 Special Raffle tickets, 60 General raffle tickets \$460 value	\$260		
Hunting Party of 10	5 Couple Bonus Packages, plus 50 add'l general raffle tickets and a reserved table (write all names on back) \$2550 value			
Spike Dinner (ages 6 thru 11)	Kids dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC Spike Event ticket (pleaseprovide names & ages)\$26 value	\$20		
Yearling Dinner (age 0 - 5)	Kids dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC Yearling Event ticket, (Pleaseinclude names & ages)\$26 value	N/C		N/C
Registration only	1 MDC event ticket and bidder number (no general raffle tickets, no dinner)	N/C		N/C
OHA Membership ³	One year membership/renewal: Raffle ticket in new member/renewal drawing, six magazine issues & OHA calendar. Individual \$35, family \$45, life member \$800	\$35/\$45/ \$800		

RESERVED RAFFLE TICKETS ²		PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Varmint Raffle Tickets		\$10ea, 3/\$25		
Elk Camp Raffle Tickets		\$20		
Safe of Guns Raffle Tickets	Ticket only	\$45		
	Package includes \$60 of general raffle tickets	\$50		
Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle		\$20ea, 3/\$50, 7/\$100		
Centerfire Gunworks Raffle -	Choose your caliber & Build your Custom Rifle	\$50		
Youth Upland Hunt Raffle		\$20ea, 3/\$50		
Beckley Scholarship Raffle		\$10ea, 3/\$25		

Total all packages and raffle ticket choices:

Visa	MC	Card Number		_CVC#	_Expiration
Name on C	ard		_ Signature		

¹All dinner/ticket packages will be given out at the door.

² Raffle tickets may be purchased even if you are unable to attend and you need not be present to win.

³ You must be an OHA member to attend or a guest of an OHA member per OHA policy.

Please mail this form with payment to **Bend OHA**, **PO Box 6618**, **Bend**, **OR 97708**. For more information or special accommodations call, 541-480-9848, or 541-420-1318 Please invite your friends. You can get more info at our website -- **www.ohabend.webs.com**

\$_____

Check Number: _____

WHAT DID YOU TAKE HOME?



Three youth hunters with their trophies on the OHA Youth Upland Hunt. Remember, there is an Upland Hunt Raffle . See the 2019 Raffle Options page in this newsletter!

Your picture could be on this page!



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IT'S ANOTHER "THANK YOU" CARD FROM THE AUTO BODY REPAIR SHOP



Jaret Lorimor, 3 Rivers Archer, gets his turkey with a shotgun. Nice Jaret!



A successful day out with friends.



Bend Chapter OHA members

We have a new website! Available now at:

https://oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter/

Or through Oregon OHA, the state organization's website.

https://oregonhunters.org

Click on About/Chapters and select Bend or you can always Google: Oregon Hunters Association– Bend. This new website will put you in touch with all our specific chapter news as well as link you right to the state site (just click on the OHA logo in the upper left hand corner). That will give you access to all the state level information such as what's going on with legislative action, publications, statewide and other chapter's events.

Check it out. There's still more to be added but meanwhile our old site will continue to be available for a limited time.

Dale Putman Chapter Website Coordinator

Ochoco OHV/ATV trail proposal update

On January 3rd, a US district Court Judge in Portland, upheld the August findings of the Pendleton Magistrate Judge, siding with OHA and other groups who filed suit to stop the U.S. Forest Service from building an additional 137 miles of off highway vehicle (OHV) trails in critical elk habitat on the Ochoco National Forest.

"It's a great victory for OHA and for elk and elk habitat on the forest," said OHA attorney Scott Jerger. "Judge Hernandez adopted and agreed with all of the Magistrate Judge's rulings on OHA's legal claims. The project is now officially dead, and the Forest Service must return to the drawing board to address the numerous legal deficiencies in its analysis." There is a chance the Forest Service could appeal the decision, but they will have to act within 60 days.

"It's a good day for elk, hunters, and conservation," said Akenson. "OHA is not opposed to responsible OHV use, we are just opposed to the disturbance and displacement of elk in critical habitat that would move them off public land onto nearby private land, where they would get themselves into trouble. We filed this lawsuit as a last resort."

OHA's successful suit was funded by OHA's Hunters' Victory Fund and Wildlife SuperFund, along with major contributions from OHA's Bend Chapter and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. To support OHA's Victory Fund and Wildlife SuperFund with a donation, please visit <u>https://oregonhunters.org/donate/</u>



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Banquet News—Heads up attendees!

SAFE OF GUNS Tickets Sell out Fast

For the past several years our Safe of Guns tickets have been selling out faster and faster each year. In 2018 tickets were gone 20 minutes after the banquet doors opened. We have no reason to believe it will be any different this year so consider ordering these tickets when you send in your banquet registration form. Remember, you also get \$60 in general raffle tickets with each safe of guns ticket purchased

DREAM RIFFLE BUILD

We are again doing a raffle drawing where the winner gets to choose several options on a rifle build with Center Fire Gunworks. Your gun build comes with a Huskemaw Blue Diamond 4-16X42 Scope. This year each ticket purchase will also come with \$60 in general raffle tickets.



Referred to us by **Carl Findling**, OHA Conservation Director, we are pleased to have our next speaker **Stu Garrett** from East Cascades Audubon visit us.

Stu will be speaking about the "Biology of Sage Grouse, Habitat, Rehab and Brothers Project".

You'll want to be there!







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Monthly Door Prize

The January door prize winner was Carolyn Jarschke

> Carolyn won a **\$25** gift certificate from Sportsman's warehouse

Come to the meeting and win!





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Treasurer's Report

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current Bend Chapter's OHA checking account balance was \$63,248.00 as of December 31, 2018.

Come to the meetings and hear what OHA is doing! Consider getting involved It really is gratifying and helps OHA do the right things for Oregon hunting, habitat and wildlife.

JANUARY Membership Raffle

The name drawn this month for **\$350.00** of sporting merchandise was **<u>Robert Williams</u>** of Bend. Robert was **not** present to win!

We give this raffle away every month but you have to <u>be at the meeting to get it!</u>

What were you doing that evening? This is an exciting raffle to win! Come to the meetings, it may be your name drawn!



Wolf update, BL, 1/18/2019

As you probably know, the Oregon Wolf Plan is up for renewal and the Game Commission is about to hear testimony and decide what to include in the plan. Recently, some (most) of the non-hunting conservation groups decided to pull out of the stakeholder process because ODFW was not adopting many of their recommendations; therefore, they don't want to be associated with the new plan (they are boycotting). Their plan now is to show up in large numbers at the commission meeting, overwhelm the commission with testimony against the new plan recommended by ODFW biologist and staff, and if that doesn't work, they'll probably take it to court.

So what is it that these folks want included in the plan? Well, it took some digging, but I found it. I'll include their proposed plan below. Warning: It might make your blood boil. It doesn't make any sense to me but according to Oregon Wild,

"Here are the pillars of what a system wide wolf conservation plan for Oregon would address.

- "No trophy hunting (including keeping the pelts of wolves killed), general hunting or trapping seasons, or deputizing members of the public to kill wolves.
- Increase penalties for wolf poaching and funding for enforcement. Consider legislative reform including closing loopholes for wildlife crimes like ending the McKittrick Policy (allows a poacher to avoid any penalties for killing a wolf if they claim they thought it was a coyote). Include language that makes addressing poaching as significant a priority as addressing claims of livestock loss.
- Only "count" predations for livestock operations employing sufficient and demonstrated non-lethal conflict deterrents to prevent conflict. Killing wolves should be a last resort when other measures fail, not a reward for poor livestock management.
- Create a threshold for when state-sanctioned wolf killing can occur that allows non-lethal measures time to work and makes killing an option of last resort.
- Increased and timely public transparency including for what non-lethal techniques are being deployed, including making details of what non-lethal techniques have been tried public before kill permits can be issued.
- Direct funding to independent, credible scientists (not agriculture and livestock organizations) to conduct Oregon based studies of carnivore behavior and ecology that can help reduce conflict and inform management decisions.
- Close loopholes in the state compensation program, including those that give payouts for cows grazing illegally and reward bad record keeping, and audit the program biannually to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse. Compensation should be tied to livestock operations implementing meaningful efforts to prevent future conflict with wolves.
- No use of taxpayer-provided equipment (telemetry, ATV's, etc.) may be used for wolf hunting by citizens. No killing wolves for eating deer and elk, their natural prey. Habitat loss from logging, off-road vehicles, and
- livestock, together with poaching, pose a vastly greater threat to deer and elk than wolves.
- Investigations into livestock predation and other consequential decisions should only be made by independent experts without conflicts of interest. Final decisions approved by independent ODFW staff."

If you think differently than the people who drafted the above points, be sure to let the Oregon Game Commission know what you prefer because they are the ones that have the authority to decide. The people who don't hunt will certainly be letting the commission know how they feel. Silence will not help.

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"OFF", or "Oregon Firearms Federation" has posted the gun bills introduced so far. You can see them on their website. As they predicted, 2019 is going to be a very hostile year for gun owners in the Beaver State. So, roll up your sleeves folks, we are in for a heck of a fight!

off@oregonfirearms.org Keep tabs on this website, more information to come!

"OFF" will keep you posted as these bills move an are added to. But for now if you'd like to express your feelings about SB501 you can contact its sponsors:

Senator Rob Wagner 503-986-1719 Sen.RobWagner@oregonlegislature.gov

Representative Andrea Salinas 503-986-1438 Rep.AndreaSalinas@oregonlegislature.gov







OHA Bend Chapter 2019 Scholarship

OHA awards scholarships to applicants based on the criteria identified herein while pursuing areas of study and careers that support OHA's mission of "Protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage."

Who is eligible for an OHA scholarship?

Eligible applicants must be new or returning college students enrolled in any accredited trade school, technical school, college or university. Applicants must be in a field of study which aligns with OHA's mission. Fields of study may include, but are not limited to: fish & wildlife, wildlife biology, forestry, environmental policy & planning, environmental law, public lands management, wildlife law enforcement, natural resources.

Who is not eligible for an OHA scholarship?

The following individuals and their family members are **ineligible** for awards: OHA officers and directors, members of the selection committee, trustees, and substantial financial contributors.

What criteria are used to judge applicants?

Applicants are judged on their application, eligibility requirements, volunteer work, essay and other materials provided. Applications will be reviewed by the OHA Scholarship Committee with recommendations to the board of directors. Below are the criteria by which each applicant's information will be evaluated. Consider the following points when answering application questions or writing your essay.

- Major course of study
- Involvement in OHA or other habitat projects (applicants will not be limited to OHA members)
- Extracurricular participation
- Leadership skills
- Community activities
- Awards
- Work experience
- Essay: Content, structure, and grammar
- Photos of you engaged in outdoor activities or community service
- An example of a goal you set for yourself and how you accomplished it

How are scholarship funds dispersed?

The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school at which the student is enrolled and will be credited to their account. The scholarship award is a one-time gift and must be able to be used in the year it is awarded. Any unused funds will be returned to the scholarship fund by the school to be used for future awards.

What must I do to be considered for an OHA scholarship?

Applicants must complete the scholarship application form.

A recipient may apply for the scholarship again in subsequent years; however, winners will be selected from all eligible applicants each year and past success does not guarantee future success.

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient will provide OHA with the college scholarship contact information. OHA will contact the school and arrange for funds to be provided directly to the school

OHA Bend Chapter 2019 Scholarship Application Send Application & Required Documents to:

Oregon Hunters Association. P.O. Box 6618 Bend, OR 97708

Eligibility:

Applicant must:

- 1. Be a graduating high school senior planning to pursue a degree at an accredited institution of higher education as a full-time student, or be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student.
- 2. GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 3. Be a current Oregon resident.
- 4. Submit all scholarship application requirements to the address above postmarked by April 15, 2019.

Requirements:

Please provide the following documents to ensure a complete application:

- 1. Completed application form
- **2.** Official high school transcript
- 3. Hunting or fishing license and last year it was validated
- 4. Two letters of recommendation
 - a. One personal reference: non-relative and non-school official
 - b. One professional reference: non-relative, can include school official
- **4.** Essay of 1 to 3 pages (select one of the options):
 - a. Explain how you would protect Oregon's wildlife and habitat.
 - b. Explain how you would promote and protect the hunting heritage of Oregon.
 - c. Explain the role of hunting and sportsmen in Oregon's wildlife management.

Name:				Age:
Address:				
				Zip Code:
Phone:	Cell:		Email:	
Current School:				Current GPA:
School you attend/plan to	o attend:			
Field (s) of study:				
Awards received and/or	leadership position	s held:		

Extra-curricular and volunteer activities in which you are involved:

Are you/your family a member of the Oregon Hunters Association? briefly explain your participation:		If so,
Are you an active hunter?YesNO If so, please share		
Recent hunting and/or fishing license #:	Year of issu	

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CALENDAR

01/30/2019	MDC Planning Meeting
02/13/2019	February Chapter Meeting
02/20/2019	MDC Planning Meeting
02/27/2019	MDC Planning Meeting
03/06/2019	MDC Planning Meeting
03/16/19	Mule Deer Classic Banquet
04/15/19	Last day for 2018 reporting



From the First Vice Presidents' Chair

The last membership meeting was jam packed with four speakers talking about feral hogs, fall deer herd numbers, road kill salvage program, ELS (Electronic Licensing System), OSP's enforcement of the ELS and programs available through Friends of The NRA. It was a lot of good information and a lot of questions.

I'm going to speak just a little bit on the ELS. Just so everybody understands, I am by no means an expert on the subject. As of January 1st purchasing your licenses, endorsements, harvest tags, controlled hunt applications, purchasing points, etc. will all be done online through ODFW. There are still a few retailers who will sell all of the above to you.

The new system hasn't been without problems, confusion, frustration and a lot of questions as well as concerns. There were many questions of which ODFW and OSP did their best to answer at the meeting. Change can be difficult and whether you're a supporter of the new system or not, it is here to stay. I'm sure we will see changes and improvements along the way.

You can choose to go with the smart devise app or go with paper. If you choose to go with paper it will be printed on 8 ½ X 11 non water proof paper whether you do it from home or at a sales point. I would recommend a water proof pouch or even a good quality zip lock to protect it. It was recommended that you do not try and decrease the size of your license when printing because the QR might not be able to be scanned by OSP. The app program does not require service to access and you can register your harvest on the app. It will go into the system when you get service and OSP can still see that you have recorded your harvest off your app even without service.

If you have had a license in the past three years you will need to confirm your account. If you have not had a license in the past three years you will be required to create an account. The biggest issue with the online registering is that individuals with an account are creating an additional account. This issue can only be resolved with a phone call or a visit to ODFW. When purchasing on line or if you go to a sales point you are going to need the same information I believe. The best source of the information is off your last year's license or tag. If you have moved or changed phone numbers you will need what you used on your last purchase in the last three years. You have an opportunity to update your information after your account has been verified again with your old information.

When purchasing whatever license or harvest tags you are requiring you will find tabs on the top of the page for hunting, fishing, upland bird, water fowl, etc. I found it fairly easy to work my way through it but you do needed to take the time to look the page over completely and read each line.

The system for the first time or two will take patience and you will get what you are requiring. I think it's important to remember that the ODFW representative or OSP officer you may have contact with, most likely were not involved with the developing, planning or implementing the new ELS. They have had to learn and work with it just like everyone else and I believe are working hard to make it work. The OSP game officers I've spoken with say that it may take a little longer to get through an interaction with them simply because they do not want to make a mistake.

In closing I simply want to say do your best and have patience with the system and especially with any interactions with an OSP officer who is just working hard to get it right and get you on your way.



Bob Dixon Bend Chapter 1st VP