



# THE OHA TRACKER

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## Group seeks OHA support to overturn Measure 18

A newly formed group called the Oregon Outdoor Council Foundation has solicited OHA for funds to help test the waters for a possible campaign to overturn Measure 18. This foundation, spearheaded by Jerod Broadfoot of Oregon, was formed to explore a campaign to overturn Ballot Measure 18, the measure that in 1994 prohibited using dogs to hunt bear and cougar.

At a recent meeting, the OHA State Board determined that OHA was interested in supporting the proposal and voted to send a letter to the members of the OOCF requesting the following information:

- Confirmation of other funds granted to OOCF.
- A budget for a possible campaign.
- Strategy for a possible campaign.
- Written confirmation that OHA will be granted two positions on the campaign committee, as offered.
- Agreement that all OHA funds granted to OOCF – even chapter contributions – will flow through the OHA office for tracking to ensure that OHA stays within its legal guidelines.

The letter went on to state the restrictions imposed on OHA by the IRS in relation to providing monetary support to initiatives or ballot measures. The letter further stated that once the requested information is received from OOCF then the board would review it and determine what amount of money will be awarded for funding.



OHA has been approached for startup funds to explore a possible campaign to repeal Measure 18.

## Legislator, ODFW reply to OHA letter on deer and elk management

In July of this year OHA sent a letter to the ODFW Commission, ODFW leaders and Oregon State Legislators that outlined concerns regarding the management of deer and elk in Oregon.

In September ODFW penned a lengthy response to the letter, which is being reviewed by OHA.

In August OHA received a letter in response to the OHA letter on wildlife management in Oregon from Rep. Wayne Krieger (R-Southern Coos, Curry and SW Douglas Counties). In his letter, Krieger wrote: "As to my own ranch in Curry County, we have maybe 10 percent of the deer that were present in the 70s and 80s. Cougar and bear predation is what has taken the population down. So why do we have a doe season?"

A meeting with the ODFW director and staff is being set up to further discuss deer and elk management in Oregon.

## Wildlife Management Committee to meet

In the early months of this year, representatives from wildlife and fish user groups were invited to attend a meeting on the federal Wildlife Services program. This group eventually split into two subgroups: one to examine the financial structure of the Wildlife Services program and the other to study "wildlife management" with an emphasis on predator control.

The next formal meeting of the original big group that met earlier this year will be held on Oct. 19 in Corvallis. At this meeting reports will be given from the two subgroups on their findings and the recommendations for the Federal Wildlife Services program. The group will also discuss future agendas and meeting locations.

## ODFW seeks blacktail teeth

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is asking hunters who are successful in their western Oregon deer hunt to return a deer tooth to ODFW. The tooth indicates the deer's age, which is used in population modeling efforts.

Hunters need to remove one of the two middle incisor teeth and mail it to ODFW's Wildlife Population Lab. Postage paid envelopes are available at ODFW offices and license sales agents.

Directions on how to remove a middle incisor tooth are included on the tooth envelope or can be found on the ODFW website.

If you can't pick up an ODFW envelope, mail the tooth to: ODFW, Wildlife Population Laboratory, 7118 NE Vandenberg Ave., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Hunters who submit a usable tooth will receive a postcard indicating the age of the deer. It takes about nine months for hunters to receive this postcard.

# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 30

Deadline to buy tags for rifle deer, bear and cougar

## OCTOBER 1

Deer rifle season opens; OHA Capitol Chapter Abiqua Basin access project begins, (503) 585-1318

## OCTOBER 8

Seasons open for pheasant, chukar, Hungarian partridge, E. Oregon quail and controlled fall turkey

## OCTOBER 8-9

Klamath Chapter youth chukar hunt, (541) 591-2452

## OCTOBER 12

Eastside buck season closes

## OCTOBER 14

Deadline to buy Cascade elk tags; Cascade buck season closes temporarily

## OCTOBER 15

Cascade elk season opens; general fall turkey season opens

## OCTOBER 21

Cascade elk season closes

## OCTOBER 22

Cascade buck season reopens

## OCTOBER 25

Deadline to buy tags for first Rocky Mountain elk season

## OCTOBER 26

First Rocky Mountain elk season opens

## OCTOBER 30

First Rocky Mountain elk season closes

## NOVEMBER 4

Western deer rifle season closes; Deadline to buy tags for 2nd Rocky Mountain elk season

## Two Imnaha pack wolves to be killed after latest attack



ODFW staff will kill two wolves from the Imnaha pack after confirming they were involved in another livestock loss.

The two wolves that will be targeted are the alpha male and an uncollared wolf in the pack. Data from the alpha male's GPS collar confirm he was at the scene where the calf was killed in mid-September.

Removing two wolves will reduce the size of Imnaha pack to two – the adult/alpha female and a pup born in spring 2011. Other wolves from the Imnaha pack moved to new areas earlier this year.

“Today’s decision was not made lightly,” said ODFW Director Roy Elicker. “We’re working hard to conserve wolves in Oregon, yet be sensitive to the losses suffered by livestock owners.”

The latest attack brings to 14 the number of livestock animals confirmed to be killed by the Imnaha pack in the past year and a half. ODFW or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service confirmed seven losses this year (two in February, and on April 30, May 4 and 17, June 5, and Sept. 22) and seven last year.

The 2011 losses are repeating a pattern similar to 2010, when the Imnaha pack wolves killed livestock April through early June and again in the fall (September). An additional two losses were determined to be probable wolf kills by this pack, including one on Sept. 7.

ODFW assumed responsibility for wolf management in the eastern third of Oregon May 5, after wolves in this area were delisted from the federal Endangered Species List. After four confirmed livestock losses in spring 2011, ODFW killed two wolves from the Imnaha pack in mid-May.

Under the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, ODFW kills wolves after chronic livestock depredation.

The most recent investigation scene showed clear evidence of a wolf attack. The large spring calf had been dead less than two days, yet was almost completely consumed, suggesting the entire pack had fed on it. The alpha female was observed



*The alpha male of the Imnaha pack is among two wolves now on death row.*

near the investigation site the following day, and GPS collar data indicates the alpha male was with her at the time.

This latest confirmed depredation occurred in the same area where livestock losses had been confirmed in May and June 2011, on private property with livestock operations near Joseph.

Landowners in this area have been using numerous non-lethal measures to avoid wolf-livestock problems.

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