

**From:** [SEN Hansell](#)  
**To:** [BROWNSCOMBE Brett \\* GOV](#)  
**Subject:** Sen. Hansell Trip information and required documentation needed.  
**Date:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:25:44 PM

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Brett,

Thank you very much for your willingness and availability to attend the meeting in Boardman on Oct. 26. We will be meeting at the River Lodge Bar and Grill in Boardman at 9:00 AM. From there we will board the bus (donated by the Port of Morrow for our use) and travel to pick up the Legislators who are flying in. Anticipated time of arrival for them is 9:45. This will give us the necessary time to meet at the hotel, park our cars, board the bus and drive to the Hermiston Airport.

A portion of the tour will be on the Army Depot. In order to gain access to the Depot, we have to have clearance before we arrive. In order to do this, they have asked for a photocopy of your Driver's License / Passport. Either will work. In order to have the necessary time to process the paperwork, they have asked to receive them no later than next Wednesday. Please send me a scanned copy of your Driver's License either to this email address or to [branden.pursinger@state.or.us](mailto:branden.pursinger@state.or.us) and I will get them all submitted.

Lunch is being donated by the Port of Morrow and the Eastern Oregon Woman's Coalition. They have asked if there are any dietary restrictions for anyone. Will you please let me know your dietary restrictions in the email you send me your Driver's License. This will allow us the time to convey that to everyone who will be doing the cooking.

I have been asked to convey to you that a good portion of this tour will be spent outside in the field looking at various irrigation systems, as well as water and farming projects. As such, please bring a coat / jacket so you can stay warm incase the wind picks up.

If you are spending the night in Boardman at the River Lodge to participate in the tour the following morning (Tuesday in Wallowa), a room has been reserved for you. The cost of the room is \$99 plus a 6% lodging tax. This can be paid at the time of check-in that evening around 4:30.

I will have a finalized agenda to you by Monday (speaking with one last farmer to confirm details).

If you have any questions please let me know. I can be reached at the following:

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[sen.billhansell@state.or.us](mailto:sen.billhansell@state.or.us)  
503-320-3579 (cell)

Thank you very much,

Branden

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**From:** [SEN Hansell](#)  
**To:** [BROWNSCOMBE Brett \\* GOV](#)  
**Subject:** Wolf Advocate Community Meeting  
**Date:** Friday, October 16, 2015 9:28:40 AM

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**Subject:** RE: Wolf Advocate Community Meeting  
**Date:** Friday, October 16, 2015 12:39:18 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Wolf Advocate Community Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, October 19, 2015 2:26:04 PM

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**Subject:** Eastern Oregon Trip Itinerary - Monday Oct. 26th  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 3:25:12 PM  
**Attachments:** [Hansell OCT 26 2015 outline and itinerary.pdf](#)  
[Dinner Invitation 10.26.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Attached you will find two documents.

- 1) The Outline and Itinerary for the Monday portion of the trip. For those not flying in with the Legislators, we will be meeting at the River Lodge Bar and Grill at 9:00 am to board the bus for the tour.
- 2) The invitation for the Dinner Reception at the Sage Center sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition. The bus will transport everyone from the hotel to the Sage Center for Dinner.

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## EVENT OUTLINE

A Natural Resource Based Economy for the Next Generation

Organizers/Co-Hosts: NOWA, Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition

Date: October 26, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Dinner and Reception at 6:00 p.m.)

### **I. Guests and Local Participants Arriving by Vehicle to Port of Morrow for Bus Tour:**

1. Senator Bill Hansell, Senate District 29
2. Representative Greg Barreto, Rep District 58
3. Brett Brownscombe, Governor's Natural Resource Advisor
4. Scott Fairley, Regional Solutions Office
5. Tom Byler, Director, OWRD
6. Curt Melcher, Director, ODFW
7. J.R. Cook, NOWA
8. Bob Levy, NOWA, WindyRiver
9. Craig Reeder, NOWA, Hale Farms
10. Don Rice, Greenwood Resources
11. Gary Neal, NOWA, Port of Morrow
12. Jake Madison, NOWA, Madison Ranches
13. Mary Anne Nash, OFB
14. Jennifer Dressler, OFB
15. Branden Pursinger, Legislative Aide to Senator Hansell
16. Skeeter Amstad, Amstad Farms

### **II. Guests Arriving at the Hermiston Airport for Bus Tour:**

1. Senator Betsy Johnson, Senate District 16
2. Senator Chris Edwards, Senate District 7
3. Senator Lee Beyer, Senate District 6
4. Senator Ginny Burdick, Senate District 18, Democratic Leader
5. Representative Caddy McKeown, Rep District 9

### **III. Three additional spaces in reserve**

### **IV. Additional Regional Representatives Invited and Area of Expertise:**

- Stahl Stop: Stahl Family, Juul family, St. Hilaire Family, Brachers, Darren Ditchen, Nelson Irrigation, IRZ Consulting, Bill Levy
- Depot Stop: Greg Smith (CDA Director),

### **III. Purpose of Visit:**

To provide guests with a brief but detailed overview of the following natural resource based economic development issues in Umatilla and Morrow Counties:

Goal: To highlight the value of our natural resource based economy to the state, the positive things we are doing, and address our needs to enhance and sustain it for our next generations including:

- NOWA Regional Water Development Proposal, area of impact and steps to fruition
- The Value-Chain of the irreplaceable high-value agriculture region
- Water efficiency and re-use efforts
- Farm family succession (opportunities and constraints)

## **IV. Itinerary**

Landing and departing from the Hermiston Airport (HRI)

- 1. 9:00 a.m. (pick up guests at Port of Morrow, travel to Hermiston Airport)**  
Participants travelling by vehicle park at the River Lodge or Port of Morrow and board bus for trip to Hermiston Airport
- 2. 10:00 a.m. – 10:30**  
Arrive Airport, pick up Senators and Entourage, brief overview of what they will see on the tour
- 3. 10:30 – 11:00 (Transit from Airport to First Stop)**  
Travel Feedville Road to Stahl Farms, show Hermiston Foods re-use along the way and explain Feedville road as more/less the boundary between C. River Farms and CGA farms
- 4. 11:00 – 12:45 (Stahl Farms)**  
Water Efficiency demonstrations, view the East Project area, eat lunch with discussion about the opportunities and constraints of the next generation getting into farming
- 5. 12:45 – 1:30 (Transit through Stahl Farms and G2 Farms to Central Project Via Highway 730 – Powerline Road)**  
Views of Columbia River Pump stations, Port of Umatilla Industrial Park,
- 6. 1:30 – 2:30 (Greg Smith, CDA Director, to Join for Discussion on Depot)**  
Tour Central Project, including recharge opportunity, and discuss economic development opportunities on the depot
- 7. 2:30 – 3:00 (Travel from Depot to Port of Morrow)**
- 8. 3:00 – 4:00 (Tour of Port of Morrow)**
- 9. 4:00 – 5:00 (Private Meeting at River Lodge with CTUIR)**
- 10. 5:15 – 5:50 Guests Check into hotel**
- 11. 6:00 p.m. – Guests Arrive at SAGE Center for reception and dinner**

Join us for

# Conversation and Dinner

*Monday, Oct. 26th*  
*6:00-9:00pm*

**SENATORS:**

- Bill Hansell
- Chris Edwards
- Betsy Johnson
- Lee Beyer
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**REPRESENTATIVES:**

- Greg Barreto
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101 Olson Road, Boardman, OR

*Brought to you by:*



*Special thanks to*  
Port of Morrow for donating our dinner.

**Please RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
541.561.5557 or [bobby@eowc.biz](mailto:bobby@eowc.biz)

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**Subject:** Eastern Oregon Trip Information  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 5:05:02 PM

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Hello,

I have received some inquiries on what the appropriate attire is for the Tour and Reception Dinner. In speaking with the local farmers and the EOWC who is sponsoring the dinner, they have asked me to pass along that individuals should feel free to wear casual jeans and comfortable shoes for both the dinner and the tour. Please keep in mind that portions of the tour will be outside and at the mercy of mother nature, as such please be sure to bring a jacket as the weather is calling for 63 degrees on Monday.

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**Subject:** Eastern Oregon Trip Information - addition  
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All,

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I sent an agenda for Monday to your email yesterday afternoon. Did it not come through? I will be sending an agenda for Tuesday this afternoon.

Do you have a way home from wallowa county on the Tuesday night. I might be able to snag you a ride in the car with me on Tuesday morning but as we are not spending the night Tuesday everyone is taking off after dinner.

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We look forward to seeing all of you the 26! Safe travels.

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8:45 Plane lands

9:00 Leave Airport                      Bus will pick up participants at airport  
 9:15                                      Leave Cloverleaf on Bus  
    Bus will come to Cloverleaf hall, load sound systems on bus

9:45 Joseph Overlook                      Overview of country/canyon land                      Rod  
    Lower Joseph Creek project as first project of WWFC                      Bruce  
    Forest Collaborative    Nils

10:15 Depart for Redmond grade                      (if continuing questions on collaborative conversation can continue on bus)

10:45 Arrive @ Redmond                      Wolf discussion                                      Todd/Rod /Buck and Chelsea

   Fire      Oregon Department of Forestry --                      Doug Decker/Travis Medina/Matt  
    Howard

   Fire      United States Forest Service      ----                                      Mike Rassbach

   Lunch    Susan

12:30 Depart for Sheep Creek Ridge

2:00 Sheep Creek                                      Wolf    Todd/Rod  
    If windy go to sheep creek ridge show area and then move to Scott Shear Barn/shop

3:30 Depart Shears and travel thru upper Prairie Creek and discuss sites of kills etc.

4:00 Pro wolf group meet with Senators and Representatives

4:45 Dinner begins at Cloverleaf

6:30 Leave for airport    (Todd/Rod will supply transportation)

7:00 Take off plane

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Subject: Eastern Oregon Delegation Tour 10.27 - Information and Agenda

Hello,

I am very excited that you will be able to join us for the Tuesday portion (Wallowa County) of the Eastern Oregon Delegation Trip. Attached is a copy of the agenda for Tuesday. We will be taking a bus up to see the Grizzly Bear Fire as well as meeting with Ranchers and Local individuals for conversations on Forest Fires, Forest Collaboratives, Wolves, and Livestock in Wallowa County. **We will be meeting at the OSU Extension Office in Enterprise at 8:45 am on Tuesday (10.27).** Legislators are set to fly into Joseph at / around 8:45 and the bus will then pick everyone up and we will get started.

I spoke to John Williams (OSU Extension Officer) yesterday and again this morning about things people should remember to bring. He said although the temperature in Enterprise on Tuesday is set to be in the 60s he would recommend bringing some warm weather clothing as some areas we are set to tour can get pretty cold. He is recommending gloves, hat, and warm jacket – not just a wind breaker.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be heading out to Eastern Oregon over the weekend, but I am available by email or cell phone if you have any questions.

Thank you very much and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Branden

Branden Pursinger  
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Senator Bill Hansell's Office  
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**Subject:** Eastern Oregon Delegation Tour 10.27 - Additional Information regarding trip  
**Date:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 4:37:11 PM

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Hello,

The OSU Extension Office has asked that everyone attending please bring \$10 to cover the cost of lunch and \$12 to cover the cost of Dinner for the tour on Tuesday. Many of the costs for the tour (such as the bus and gas) are being covered by the Extension office as well as by the County itself; however the cost of lunch and dinner cannot be.

Branden Pursinger

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**From:** [BROWNSCOMBE Brett \\* GOV](#)  
**To:** [SEN Ferrioli](#)  
**Subject:** Catch up?  
**Date:** Friday, October 30, 2015 4:23:00 PM

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Hi Senator—

Do you have any time early next week to catch up in person or by phone?

- F&W Commission reappointments
- Canyon Meadows Dam update
- Water Storage
- Wolf de-list
- Anything else you want to cover

***Brett Brownscombe***

Natural Resource Policy Advisor

Office of Oregon Governor Kate Brown

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**Subject:** Re: ODFW Commission Appointments  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015 2:59:00 PM

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971-240-7783

Sent from my iPhone

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**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015 9:23:06 PM

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Julie,

I have been calling and trying to get ahold of Brett for a few days now but he has not returned my phone calls. He asked Hansell over the weekend if they could meet during Legislative Days to discuss a few things – also asking Rep. Barreto to be in attendance. I have checked with Derry in Barreto's office and have found only one time that works for the two of them. As I have not heard back from Brett I am hoping this time will work.

8:00 – 8:30 Wednesday morning, 11 18 in Senator Hansell's Office (S-423)

Branden

Branden Pursinger  
Legislative Director  
Senator Bill Hansell's Office  
Senate District 29

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**From:** [REP Barreto](#)  
**To:** [BROWNSCOMBE Brett \\* GOV](#)  
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I have sent out an Outlook invitation for this meeting with these details inside. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Julie Tasnady

Executive Assistant, Natural Resources

Office of Governor Kate Brown

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Please call Brett directly on his mobile # 971-240-7833



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**Subject:** Canceled: 8-8:30am: Mtg: Sen Hansell / Rep Barreto / Brett Brownscombe  
**Importance:** High

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11/17/15: canceling this meeting as Brett needs to be at the AOC meeting in Eugene.

Thanks,  
Julie

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**From:** [Jerome Rosa](#)  
**To:** [WHITMAN Richard M \\* GOV](#)  
**Subject:** Accepted: Natural Resources Stakeholders Meeting

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**From:** [Jerome Rosa](#)  
**To:** [WHITMAN Richard M \\* GOV](#)  
**Cc:** [johnhok@hotmail.com](mailto:johnhok@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Accepted: Natural Resources Stakeholders Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 02, 2015 2:13:59 PM

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John O'keeffe will be attending in my place

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 27, 2015, at 8:07 PM, Jerome Rosa <[jerome.rosa@orcattle.com](mailto:jerome.rosa@orcattle.com)> wrote:  
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**Cc:** [SEN Hansell](#)  
**Subject:** Fire group notebook  
**Date:** Thursday, December 03, 2015 7:53:19 AM

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Hi Nancy and Travis. Would you mind having someone run a fire cost group notebook from Tuesday's meeting over to Senator Hansell's office? I saw Branden yesterday and he asked for one given the Senator was unable to make the meeting.

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**Subject:** RE: Fire group notebook  
**Date:** Thursday, December 03, 2015 7:54:32 AM

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Hi Brett

Yes, we will take care of that today. Nancy

Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester  
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12/4/15: (jkt)

Updating meeting location to:  
Public Service Bldg  
255 Capitol Street  
Basement Level Room A  
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**Date:** Wednesday, December 09, 2015 12:06:42 PM  
**Attachments:** [LC0277\\_DRAFT\\_2016\\_Regular\\_Session.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Rep Barreto would like to get your opinion on the wording for the wolf bill LC draft. Take a look at LC 277 and let us know what your thoughts and suggestions are on this. Thanks for your help!

Best regards,

Derry Breeden, Chief of Staff  
Office of Rep. Barreto HD58  
(503)986-1458

# DRAFT

## SUMMARY

Ratifies decision of State Fish and Wildlife Commission to remove *Canis lupus* from state list of endangered species.

Prohibits commission from including *Canis lupus* on lists of threatened species or endangered species unless certain criteria met.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to *Canis lupus*; creating new provisions; amending ORS 496.176; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. The vote taken by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission on November 9, 2015, to remove *Canis lupus*, commonly known as the gray wolf, from the list of threatened species or endangered species established pursuant to ORS 496.172 (2) is ratified and approved.**

**SECTION 2.** ORS 496.176 is amended to read:

496.176. (1) The lists of threatened species or endangered species established pursuant to ORS 496.172 (2) shall include:

(a) Those species of wildlife listed as of May 15, 1987, as a threatened species or an endangered species pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205, 16 U.S.C. 1531), as amended; and

(b) Those species determined as of May 15, 1987, by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to be threatened species or endangered species.

(2) The commission, by rule, may add or remove any wildlife species from either list, or change the status of any species on the lists, upon a determination that the species is or is not a threatened species or an endangered



1 species.

2 (3) A determination that a species is a threatened species or an endan-  
 3 gered species shall be based on documented and verifiable scientific infor-  
 4 mation about the species' biological status. To list a species as a threatened  
 5 species or an endangered species under ORS 496.004 and 496.171 to 496.182,  
 6 the commission shall determine that the natural reproductive potential of the  
 7 species is in danger of failure due to limited population numbers, disease,  
 8 predation or other natural or human actions affecting its continued existence  
 9 and, to the extent possible, assess the relative impact of human actions. In  
 10 addition, the commission shall determine that one or more of the following  
 11 factors exists:

12 (a) That most populations are undergoing imminent or active deteri-  
 13 oration of their range or primary habitat;

14 (b) That overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific or educa-  
 15 tional purposes is occurring or is likely to occur; or

16 (c) That existing state or federal programs or regulations are inadequate  
 17 to protect the species or its habitat.

18 (4) Determinations required by subsection (3) of this section shall be made  
 19 by the commission on the basis of verifiable scientific and other data after  
 20 consultation with federal agencies, other interested state agencies, private  
 21 landowners, affected cities, affected counties, affected local service districts  
 22 as defined in ORS 174.116, other states having a common interest in the  
 23 species and interested persons and organizations.

24 (5)(a) Any person may petition the commission to, by rule, add, remove  
 25 or change the status of a species on the list.

26 (b) A petition shall clearly indicate the action sought and shall include  
 27 documented scientific information about the species' biological status to  
 28 justify the requested action.

29 (c) Within 90 days of receipt of a petition, the commission shall respond  
 30 in writing to the petitioner indicating whether the petition presents sub-  
 31 stantial scientific information to warrant the action requested.

(d) If the petition is found to present such information, the commission shall commence rulemaking.

(e) A final determination by the commission concerning the action requested in a petition shall be provided within one year from the date of receipt of the petition, with the option for an additional 12-month extension of time to complete the listing if the commission determines that limited information or other appropriate considerations require the extension.

(f) If the petition is denied, the petitioner may seek judicial review as provided in ORS 183.484.

(6) The commission may determine not to list a species as a threatened species or an endangered species in any of the following cases:

(a) If the species has been listed pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205, 16 U.S.C. 1531), as amended.

(b) If the species is currently on the list as a sensitive species, or is a candidate species or has been petitioned for listing pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205, 16 U.S.C. 1531), as amended.

(c) If the species has been determined, pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205, 16 U.S.C. 1531), as amended, to not qualify as a threatened species or an endangered species.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (5) of this section, the commission shall take emergency action to add a species to the list of threatened species or endangered species if it determines there is a significant threat to the continued existence of the species within the state.

(b) The commission shall publish notice of such addition in the Secretary of State's bulletin and shall mail notice to affected or interested persons whose names are included on the commission's mailing list for such purposes.

(c) Such emergency addition shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Secretary of State's bulletin and shall remain valid for a period no longer than one year, unless during the period the commission completes rulemaking procedures as provided in subsection (5) of this section.

(8) The commission shall periodically review the status of all threatened

1 species and endangered species listed under ORS 496.171 to 496.192. Each  
2 species shall be reviewed at least once every five years to determine whether  
3 verifiable scientific information exists to justify its reclassification or re-  
4 moval from the list, according to the criteria listed under subsections (3) and  
5 (4) of this section. If a determination is made to reclassify a species or re-  
6 move it from the list, the commission, within 90 days, shall commence  
7 rulemaking to change the status of the species.

8 (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the commission:

9 (a) May decide not to list a species that otherwise qualifies as a threat-  
10 ened or endangered species within this state if the commission determines  
11 that the species is secure outside this state or the species is not of cultural,  
12 scientific or commercial significance to the people of this state.

13 (b) May not include *Branta canadensis leucopareia*, commonly known as  
14 the Aleutian Canada goose, on the lists of threatened species or endangered  
15 species.

16 (c) **May not include *Canis lupus*, commonly known as the gray wolf,**  
17 **on the lists of threatened species or endangered species unless *Canis***  
18 ***lupus* populations in both the east and the west wolf management**  
19 **zones described in the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management**  
20 **Plan adopted by the commission decline to below the population status**  
21 **necessary for implementation of Phase II management activities under**  
22 **the plan.**

23 **SECTION 3. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**  
24 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**  
25 **clared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**From:** [MELCHER Curt](#)  
**To:** [REP Barreto](#); [BROWNSCOMBE Brett \\* GOV](#); [MELCHER Curt](#)  
**Cc:** [BARRETO Chris](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: YOUR LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REQUEST - LC0277  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 09, 2015 4:19:21 PM

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Hi Derry,

We will take a look and get back to you. Thanks for the opportunity to review.

CM

Curt Melcher  
ODFW Director  
503 947-6044

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**From:** REP Barreto  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 09, 2015 12:06 PM  
**To:** BROWNSCOMBE Brett \* GOV; MELCHER Curt  
**Cc:** BARRETO Chris; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: YOUR LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REQUEST - LC0277

Hello,

Rep Barreto would like to get your opinion on the wording for the wolf bill LC draft. Take a look at LC 277 and let us know what your thoughts and suggestions are on this. Thanks for your help!

Best regards,

Derry Breeden, Chief of Staff  
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**Subject:** RE: Baker County ranchers Mark and Patti Bennett recognized for helping sage-grouse, other wildlife  
**Date:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:01:36 AM

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This is great! Thanks Jerome for forwarding. Copying Brett!  
Lauri

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FYI

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**Subject:** RE: Baker County ranchers Mark and Patti Bennett recognized for helping sage-grouse, other wildlife

Some nice coverage of the story on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/Sage-Grouse-Initiative-408072312539614/?fref=nf>

<http://nwsportsmanmag.com/headlines/unity-ranchers-receive-award-sage-grouse-work/>

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**Subject:** FW: Baker County ranchers Mark and Patti Bennett recognized for helping sage-grouse, other wildlife

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2015/december/120815b.asp>

Hi, the news release has been distributed to media and is also posted online. Thanks again for your help.

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December 8, 2015

**Baker County ranchers Mark and Patti Bennett recognized for helping sage-grouse, other wildlife**

**SALEM, Ore.**—Mark and Patti Bennett of Unity were recognized with the 2015 Riley Freeman Award during the Oregon Cattlemen Association conference last weekend in Bend.

In giving the award, ODFW Director Curt Melcher praised the Bennetts for being model stewards on their working cattle ranch in Unity, Ore. Melcher spotlighted their ranch's role in the conservation and recovery of Greater sage-grouse.

"The Bennetts recently signed a Candidate Conservation Agreement related to sage-grouse and are enhancing habitat for these birds," said Melcher.

Chip Dale, ODFW watershed manager for southeast Oregon, praised Mark Bennett's participation on the sage-grouse rule advisory committees (both DLCD and ODFWs), "Mark was a strong advocate not only for Baker County, but also for ensuring the persistence of sage-grouse," Dale said.

As a neighbor, County Commissioner, and private landowner/county representative on Oregon's Sage-Con group, Bennett pushed for a reasonable approach to protecting sage-grouse habitat while also protecting the economic viability of eastern Oregon and working lands. He spent numerous hours working with the Governor's Office, ODFW, BLM, USFWS and others on the Sage-Con group to find common ground between ranchers and others on sage-grouse issues. Through these efforts, the group was able to keep sage-grouse from being listed under the Endangered Species Act.

The Bennetts have also partnered with ODFW, Burnt River SWCD, OWEB and other natural resource agencies on numerous habitat and range improvement projects. Their successful wildlife habitat enhancement projects have included aspen restoration, juniper control, invasive weed spraying, riparian protection and other range improvements. The Bennetts' ranch has become a showcase of how wildlife habitat improvements can also be used to improve range conditions for livestock.

The Riley Freeman award is named after a past Chairman of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association Wildlife Committee. Freeman saw the need for greater coordination and cooperation between private landowners and state and federal natural resources agencies. While he defended an individual's property rights, he also advocated for partnerships between wildlife managers, landowners, and wildlife consumers. In his memory, ODFW and OCA established an annual award to recognize an OCA member that best exemplifies Riley Freeman's passion for the cattle industry, good land stewardship and avocation for partnerships.

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Photo: Mark and Patti Bennett, who were recognized with the 2015 Riley Freeman Award.

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**Date:** Monday, December 14, 2015 5:24:45 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Kirk and all,

Senator Edwards just left Eugene for the Leadership Summit in Portland. If, for any reason, this meeting is resumed, please let me know ASAP. Otherwise, I will have him attend the full day of the summit.

Best regards,  
Tiffany

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**Subject:** MEETING POSTPONED! : Department of State Lands' Rules Advisory Committee -- Stream  
Restoration Actions Mimicking Beaver Dams

Everyone:

My sincerest apologies but I will need to postpone the Monday Dec. 14 RAC meeting. I've had a family medical emergency that will require my full attention on Monday. I hope this doesn't cause you any inconvenience. I will coordinate with our facilitator, Jim Owens, and we'll be back in touch ASAP with a revised plan.

Thank you for your understanding.

With regards,

Kirk Jarvie

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**Subject:** Reminder and meeting materials: Department of State Lands' Rules Advisory Committee -- Stream Restoration Actions Mimicking Beaver Dams

Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) Members and Interested Parties:

A reminder that the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) for Stream Restoration Actions Mimicking Beaver Dams will be holding its initial meeting next Monday.

The attached document is intended to help identify what permitting "tools" are in DSL's "toolbox".

We will have paper copies of the administrative Rules pertaining to General Authorizations (Div. 89) and General Permits (Div. 93) available at the meeting. These and the background materials we distributed earlier are now available on the Department of State Lands website:

<http://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Pages/Rulemaking-Activity.aspx> On the webpage, it's the second entry from the bottom.

Looking forward to working with you.

Jim

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JIM OWENS, Principal

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**From:** Jim Owens

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2015 1:55 PM

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**Subject:** Department of State Lands' Rules Advisory Committee -- Stream Restoration Actions Mimicking Beaver Dams

Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) Members and Interested Parties:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Department of State Lands Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) for Stream Restoration Actions Mimicking Beaver Dams. I will be serving as your facilitator and will be attempting to contact each of you prior to the RAC's introductory meeting on December 14 to introduce myself and give you an opportunity to share your issues or questions related to the Department's proposed rulemaking, your expectations for the RAC process, and any constraints you may have for participating on the RAC.

Attached is the agenda for the December 14 meeting, as well as Operating Principles for the process and a RAC roster (please review your contact information). Additional background materials will be distributed next week.

I will do my best to answer any questions that you may have at this time. Kirk Jarvie will be the DSL lead for the RAC and can be reached at 503.986.5320 or at [kirk.jarvie@state.or.us](mailto:kirk.jarvie@state.or.us).

I am looking forward to working with you,

Jim

Note about parking for RAC meetings: You are encouraged to use the "Yellow Lot" (\$6.00 all day) located on Summer Street, about 2 blocks south of the DSL building (between Marion and Center Streets), entrance on the right. There is some 3-hour metered parking in front of DSL building on Summer Street but they'll need a fist full of quarters (\$1.50/hour).

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**Subject:** Department of State Lands' Rules Advisory Committee

Hello Everyone:

As I reminder, you have kindly offered your time to sit on the Department of State Lands' Rules Advisory Committee for the development of a new General Authorization and/or General Permit for "Stream Restoration Actions Mimicking Beaver Dams". The membership roster is now complete and attached to this e-mail. Note that we have "Committee Members" and "Other Interested Parties". If I have your contact info wrong, please let me know ASAP.

So you know, the Department has hired Jim Owens of [Cogan Owens Greene](http://www.coganowens.com) to help DSL facilitate these meetings & process. DSL staff will be meeting with Jim on Nov. 10 to identify potential dates for our Committee meetings. I will send out a Doodle poll shortly after that to identify your availabilities.

At this time, we anticipate that the Committee will likely meet four times up to the point of having a draft administrative rule ready to go out to public review & hearings. Of course, if the need for additional (or fewer) meetings arises, we can certainly accommodate that. The conceptual meeting plan looks like this:

Meeting #1: Mid- Dec.?

- Review of the rulemaking process & role of the RAC

- What is a General Permit? What is a General Authorization? Requirements and outcomes
- Genesis of the idea, and demand for streamlined permitting
- Identify key regulatory and Committee members' issues to be explored
- Other Committee input and discussion
- Public comment

Meeting 2: Late Jan. 2016?

- Presentation and discussion of current technologies: designs, effects, outcomes
- What actions might fit under a General Authorization? A General Permit?
- Other Committee input and discussion
- Public comment

Meeting #3: Early March 2016?

- Review and discuss first draft General Permit and/or General Authorization
- Other Committee input and discussion
- Public comment

Meeting #4: Late March 2016?

- Review and discuss second draft General Permit and/or General Authorization
- Review and discuss draft Need and Fiscal Impact Statement
- Other Committee input and discussion
- Public comment

At the Committee's discretion, we can convene a final meeting after the close of the draft rule public comment period to discuss public input and responses.

All meetings will be held @ DSL offices in Salem. As a reminder, while we'd appreciate your "live" attendance, we understand that some of you are quite distant from Salem, so conference call-in will be available.

Thank you all and please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me anytime with your comments, questions or concerns. I will be back in touch shortly after Nov. 10 to check your availability. Best regards,

Kirk Jarvie

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**Date:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 9:09:45 AM  
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FYI—Senator is quoted in this news piece.

Regards,  
-Brett

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Thanks Brett. I like the first one myself.

Tiffany

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FYI—Senator is quoted in this news piece.  
Regards,  
-Brett

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Sounds good I will be there.

Thanks

JR

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**Date:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 4:40:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [SB 1517 language amendments to OFB draft--final 1-29-16.docx](#)

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Hi Senator—

I'm forwarding a message that went to Mary Anne w/ OR Farm Bureau earlier today. We have been talking with her re. SB 1517. Attached to that message to her and this one to you is proposed amendment language to the introduced version of SB 1517. In addition to wanting to get it to you asap for transparency purposes, we are wondering if you would be willing to provide a note allowing us in GNRO to work w/ Leg. Counsel in drafting thee attached into a bill amendment for consideration?

Regards,  
-Brett

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Hi Mary Anne—

Richard, Lauri and I have been working on amendment language based on HB 1517 as introduced and based on the doc you attached to the email below. We've also worked with the various NR agencies on this as much as we could given time demands. Attached is where we've landed at this point. You'll see that GNRO language is organized according to the 3 bill segments that you've set forth (Land Use; Liability; Ditch / Removal Permit).

We plan to get this language to Sen. Edwards as well, with a request to have it drafted into a bill amendment. We will also provide it to Sen. Johnson given her interest in the bill. I'm not sure where things are on your end re feedback you've received from others, but if you haven't submitted any amendment language yet and wish to use this in whole or in part of what you submit, feel free.

I'm sure the language could benefit from additional conversations and work with you as well as others, but in the spirit of a short session and keeping things going, we wanted to get this to you with the desire to continue conversations from here. Feel free to let us know when you'd like to talk things through. Lauri is running point on this bill for us.

Regards,  
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Good evening,

Thank you to all who have provided feedback on the wetlands legislation as we work to move it forward - we appreciate your feedback. I received general comments from several of you regarding potential unintended consequences from the original draft language. To satisfy some of these concerns, I have prepared the attached amendments. Notably, they propose retaining the liability shield for innocent landowners, while creating liability for those responsible for project design and construction - a theory that most seemed to support. They also define wetlands using DSL's definition, and create some sideboards around the removal-fill authority.

I wanted to get any feedback on these amendments that you may have before I submitted them. Please let me know by **Thursday at 10am** whether you have any comments on the proposed amendments you would like us to consider.

Thanks,

Mary Anne

**Proposed GNRO amendments to OFB draft amendments to SB 1517  
wetlands/liability section**

**1) Land Use Amendments**

**\*\* existing statutory language in plain text; Proposed amendments in track changes text.**

Instead of creating a new Section 5 as proposed in the introduced bill (p.34, lines 11-20), and instead of using the amended language in M.A. Nash's recent doc. verbatim, GNRO suggests the following approach:

ORS 215.213 is amended to read:

(1) The following uses may be established in any area zoned for exclusive farm use: ...

(m) Creation, restoration or enhancement of wetlands as defined in ORS 196.800(17):

(A) in an area lying east of the summit of the Coast Range; or

(B) in an area lying west of the summit of the Coast Range if:

(1) the creation, restoration or enhancement of a wetland is located in a county where the total area of wetlands and aquatic habitat on exclusive farm use land in the county as reported by the National Resources Inventory has not increased by more than X percent since 1992; or

(2) for counties where the area of wetlands and aquatic habitat on exclusive farm use land in the county has increased by more than X percent since 1992, either:

(i) the owners or authorized land managers of parcels immediately adjacent to or that would be foreseeably affected by the area of wetlands have consented, in writing, to the activity; or

(ii) the creation, restoration or enhancement of wetlands will not materially damage or reduce the effectiveness of any existing agricultural drainage infrastructure or farm roads associated with non-project private lands in the area or result in an increase in costs to the owners of adjacent parcels of more than \$500 per year;

(C) provided that the provisions of subsection (B) do not apply to the creation, restoration or enhancement of wetlands for:

(1) Mitigation banks, as defined in ORS 196.600(3);

(2) Reclamation purposes or surface mining, as defined in ORS 517.750(12) and ORS 517.750(15); and

(3) Prior converted wetlands, as defined in , that remain in agricultural use.

(2) The following nonfarm uses may be established, subject to the approval of the governing body or its designee in any area zoned for exclusive farm use subject to ORS 215.296:

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(bb) The creation, restoration or enhancement of a wetland not meeting the requirements of subsection (1)(m) of this section.

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## 2) Liability Amendments

Existing statutory language in plain text; Existing HB 1517 language in [brackets] or ~~strikethrough~~ language; Proposed amendments in track changes.

SECTION 6 of HB 1517—starting at p.34, line 25

ORS 496.270 is amended to read:

(1) The Legislative Assembly declares that it is the policy of the State of Oregon to encourage operators, timber owners and landowners to voluntarily improve ~~the voluntary improvement of~~ fish and wildlife habitat. In order to carry out this policy, the Legislative Assembly encourages cooperation among operators, timber owners, and landowners and other volunteers.

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(2) Consistent with the limitations of ORS 105.672 and 105.696, a landowner is not liable in contract or tort for any personal injury, death or property damage that arises out of the use of the land by:

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(a) A volunteer conducting a fish and wildlife habitat improvement project; or  
(b) A participant of a state-funded or federally funded watershed or stream restoration or enhancement program.

(3) An operator, timber owner or landowner shall not ~~shall not~~ as those terms are defined in ORS 527.620, may shall not be held liable for any damages resulting from:

Commented [M8]: Change may to shall in the LC draft to match original statutory language.

(a) A fish and wildlife habitat improvement project done in cooperation and consultation with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife or the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, or conducted as part of a forest management practice in accordance with ORS 527.610 to 527.770, 527.990 and 527.992; or

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(b) Leaving large woody debris within the waters of this state to protect, retain and recruit large woody debris for the purposes of fish habitat and water quality improvement.

BB ADDITION:

(4) The limitations to liability provided by subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not apply if: (a) the damages, injury or death was caused by willful, wanton or intentional conduct on the part of the operator, timber owner or landowner or by the gross negligence of the operator, timber owner or landowner; or

(b) For a project or portion thereof that consists of the creation, restoration or enhancement of wetlands as defined in ORS 196.800(17), the operator, timber owner or landowner has not provided sufficient notice to the owners of land that immediately border the land on which the project occurs. As used in this subsection, "gross negligence" means negligence which is materially greater than the mere absence of reasonable care under the circumstances, and which is characterized by indifference to or reckless disregard of the rights of others.

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(5) The limitation on liability provided by subsection (3) of this section does not apply to claims for death or personal injuries. As used in subsection (4):

(a) “gross negligence” means negligence which is materially greater than the mere absence of reasonable care under the circumstances, and which is characterized by indifference to or reckless disregard of the rights of others; and  
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**[[ DELETE: New Subsection (4) from M.A.’s doc**

**(4) A landowner not otherwise included in the definition of ORS 527.620, and not otherwise responsible for project design and construction, shall not be held liable for any damages resulting from:**

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*Intent behind changes: To ensure that innocent landowners still have liability protection, but clarify that a landowner is liable if they are the project contractor or designer.*

### 3) Removal-fill Amendments

**Suggest removing entire Sec. 7 of SB 1517 (as introduced)**—delete p.35 lines 11-17—as well as suggested amendment language in previous M.A. Nash **doc.**

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**Date:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 5:12:27 PM

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And, we can add wolf legislation to the list / agenda. I know we've been trading messages on this. Rocky, thanks for the cb today.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jerome Rosa [<mailto:jerome.rosa@orcattle.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 12:59 PM  
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Subject: Re: Mtg: Rocky Dallum / Jerome Rosa / Brett Brownscombe / Lauri Aunan re: OCA

Sounds good I will be there.

Thanks

JR

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> On Jan 28, 2016, at 12:14 PM, AUNAN Lauri \* GOV <[Lauri.AUNAN@oregon.gov](mailto:Lauri.AUNAN@oregon.gov)> wrote:  
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> 1/28/16: Confirmed for 2/5/16; 11:30am. Meeting location is in the  
> Capitol Bldg, Room #160 Thanks, Julie  
>  
> From: Rocky Dallum  
> <[rocky.dallum@tonkon.com](mailto:rocky.dallum@tonkon.com)<<mailto:rocky.dallum@tonkon.com>>>  
> Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 2:18 PM  
> To: AUNAN Lauri \* GOV  
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> Subject: Re: Setting up OCA meeting  
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> Thanks for the info and the time today Lauri.  
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> Iâ€™m copying Jerome, and Katy in our office will reach out to schedule. Really look forward to working with you and Brett on ranching issues!  
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> Subject: Setting up OCA meeting  
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> Rocky, thanks for the shout out today! When we schedule with Jerome, Brett should also attend.  
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> Attaching for your info:  
> \* GNRO policy advisor assignments list  
> \* Working Farms and Ranches Work Group 1-pager  
> \* 2016 drought proposals fact sheet.  
>  
> Thanks  
> Lauri  
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**From:** [SEN Edwards C](#)  
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**From:** [BROWNSCOMBE Brett \\* GOV](#)  
**To:** [SEN Hansell](#); [REP Barreto](#); [SEN Edwards C](#); [REP Witt](#)  
**Cc:** [HURN Shannon M](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: HB4040 and SB1557  
**Date:** Sunday, January 31, 2016 12:00:04 PM  
**Attachments:** [Oregon Wild HB4040 SB1557 Concerns.pdf](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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Happy to discuss this letter next week if you wish.

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Sincerely,  
Sean

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January 28, 2016

Senator Chris Edwards  
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Representative Brad Witt  
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Dear Chairs Edwards and Witt,

I am writing to follow up on the January 14 hearing before the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee pertaining to wolves and express our opposition to HB4040 and SB1557.

I appreciated the opportunity to present our perspective on wildlife policy and wolf recovery. I also appreciated the committee's desire, exemplified by Chair Witt, to ensure decisions are made with science and sustainability in mind. Considering this desire to base decisions on solid information, it is essential to clear up some inaccurate information that was presented and went unchallenged on Jan. 14.

Certainly, we recognize that some legitimate concerns were raised by bill proponents that are worthy of further discussion. However, HB4040 and SB1557 do nothing to address them. The bills are unnecessary, controversial, and potentially harmful to wildlife conservation and public policy.

- A plain reading of the wolf plan states at least six times that wolves “may be *considered*” for delisting upon sustaining four breeding pairs for three consecutive years. It does not trigger automatic delisting, as was suggested multiple times.
- We participated in the listing review process in good faith and urged ODFW to follow the law informed by the best available science and Oregon's conservation values.
- The law requires an independent review of ODFW's decision to delist wolves. In addition to ignoring that and other legal requirements, the agency ignored comprehensive critiques from world-renowned scientists. One prime example:
  - *“It is my expert opinion that the existing [analysis] is fundamentally flawed and does not provide an adequate or realistic assessment of the Oregon wolf population to meet Criterion 1 or 2 or 4, therefore the delisting requirements are not supported by the results of the [analysis] as it was performed.”*  
- Derek E. Lee, Principal Scientist, Wild Nature Institute, Hanover, N.H.
- Conservation organizations, including Oregon Wild, have asked for a legal review of wolf delisting. We have not asked for an injunction. Wolves are currently delisted. Legislation is not needed to make it so. Rep. Gorsek asked Sen. Hansell and Rep. Baretto if their legislation was intended to preempt a review by the courts. They answered “no.” However, HB4040 and SB1557, if passed, would indeed circumvent the legal review process.

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- In 2013, the legislature ratified an agreement between the livestock industry, conservationists, and ODFW. Subsequently, actions taken by ODFW to address chronic livestock depredation that are consistent with the wolf plan are not subject to the state ESA regardless of the status of wolves. Put differently, ODFW can continue to address wolf-livestock conflict without the proposed legislation.
- Legislation to pile on to ODFW's decision would be precedent-setting and controversial. It would sidestep the public's right to hold public agencies accountable to their own laws and defy the wishes of the vast majority of Oregonians (96% of over 10,000 public comments received on delisting were in favor of maintaining the listed status of wolves).
- HB 4040 goes further by undermining ODFW's discretion and authority to relist wolves as well as undermining the Wolf Plan itself which provides criteria under which wolves may be re-listed.
- Neither bill honors the request of the ODFW Commission for the legislature to address wolf-poaching.

We also heard loud and clear a request for submitting science on issues related to wolves specifically and wildlife more broadly. We will honor that request. Far too often decisions of wildlife management are made based on anecdote, fear, and mythology rather than scientific consensus and conservation values. That's especially true when it comes to native carnivores. Given that Oregon has produced some of the world's foremost experts on the topic (Bob Beschta, Cristina Eisenberg, Bill Ripple, and others) we would encourage these committees and others to consider discussions of such science while not under the pressures of imminent legislation and with credible, unbiased scientific experts.

While wolf recovery and wildlife issues can be controversial subjects, there is a great deal of potential for finding common ground and achieving solutions that work for all parties – including wildlife. We hope we can look forward to those conversations in the future. HB4040 and SB1557 do not advance that cause.

Sincerely,



Sean Stevens

Executive Director, Oregon Wild

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Thanks Brett, I think that would be good.

Greg

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**Subject:** Re: Drought package and GNRO assignments  
**Date:** Sunday, February 07, 2016 1:59:39 PM

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Thank you for the information Lauri. I appreciate all hard work you do. OCA really appreciates you and Bret.

Sincerely,

JR

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 7, 2016, at 1:48 PM, AUNAN Lauri \* GOV <[Lauri.AUNAN@oregon.gov](mailto:Lauri.AUNAN@oregon.gov)> wrote:

John, Jerome and Rocky, it was great talking with you last week. Here is information I promised to email you. If you have questions on drought proposals please let Racquel with WRD know.

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<Drought Resiliency in Rural Communities Proposal 1 13 2015.pdf>

<NR Governor's Office Advisors Agency Issue Assignments Jan\_2016.pdf>

**From:** [Mary Anne Nash](#)  
**To:** [Howard, Elizabeth E.](#)  
**Cc:** [Godwin, Derek](#); [Katie Fast](#); [Mary Anne Nash](#); [Jerome Rosa](#); [Lisa Hanson](#); [AINDL Rj](#); [Gene Foster](#); [Richard Whitman](#); [Chan, Samuel](#); [Curtis Martin \(vprchnp@eoni.com\)](#); [Diann Washburn](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting to discuss OSU paired watershed study  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 10, 2016 8:49:30 AM

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I will be there, but I will be running from a hearing at 1pm, so I may be a few minutes late.

Mary Anne Nash | Public Policy Counsel

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On Feb 10, 2016, at 8:33 AM, Howard, Elizabeth E. <[EHoward@SCHWABE.com](mailto:EHoward@SCHWABE.com)> wrote:

Derek,

Good morning. Will you be sending the agenda in advance?

Please forward the water quality reports as well.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you this afternoon. Elizabeth

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**From:** Godwin, Derek [<mailto:derek.godwin@oregonstate.edu>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 3:50 PM

**To:** Katie Fast; Howard, Elizabeth E.; Mary Nash; Jerome Rosa; Lisa Hanson; Ray Jaindl; Gene Foster; Richard Whitman; Chan, Samuel

**Cc:** Diann Washburn; Godwin, Derek

**Subject:** Re: Meeting to discuss OSU paired watershed study

**Importance:** High

Greetings,

This is a reminder of our meeting tomorrow. Please let me know if you are not able to attend.

I received a couple of water quality related reports from Greg and Ray to help me prepare.

Please feel free to bring documents, or web addresses to documents, that you think would be helpful.

I anticipate a lot of open discussion because the possibilities of this project are so varied. I will develop some questions to guide our discussion, but please understand that this first meeting will be exploratory in nature.

Thank you,

Derek



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**From:** Derek Godwin <[derek.godwin@oregonstate.edu](mailto:derek.godwin@oregonstate.edu)>

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**Subject:** Re: Meeting to discuss OSU paired watershed study

Folks,

It seems like we have a date that works for us, as long as the legislature doesn't pull anyone away.

Let's meet on February 10th from 1:30 – 3:30pm at the Oregon Farm Bureau building (corner of Gates and Capitol, 1320 Capitol St NE). Please plan on meeting in the first floor meeting room in the lobby (across from the Master Gardener and OSU Extension office.)

I will prepare an agenda to guide our discussion. Please let me know if there are any references or other information that I should review prior to our meeting. I would love to have some background to this discussion.

Thank you,

Derek

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Folks,

I am waiting to hear from a few others regarding their availability. It looks like the best time to hold this meeting would be on February 9th (1:30-3:30pm), 10th (1:30-3:30pm) or 11th (9:00 – 11:00am).

Please hold these dates and times in your calendar until I can confirm one.

Thank you,

Derek

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**Subject:** Meeting to discuss OSU paired watershed study

Greetings,

I am writing to request your involvement in an initial exploratory meeting to discuss a new project.

Dr. Dan Arp, Dean of the OSU College of Agriculture, asked me to take the lead on developing a project plan for a new agriculture focused paired watershed study in the Willamette Valley. Dan and Katie Fast suggested that you would be an excellent participant to begin this discussion. As a matter of fact, you know far more about this proposal than I since it was part of the current OSU Statewides funding package.

Would you be willing to attend a two hour meeting to share your perspective on the primary issues this project should address, as well as, provide initial guidance to help frame this project proposal? If so, please respond to this Doodle poll for potential dates and times that would work for a meeting.

I plan to hold the meeting in Salem at the Oregon Farm Bureau board room (1320 Capitol Street NE). I am willing to connect you via polycom if you are not able to travel to the meeting. Please let me know if you feel someone else should join us in your place or in addition to you.

Doodle Poll - <http://doodle.com/poll/hpdxrh5utdg4kvzp>. I put in general morning and afternoon times with a lot of dates to choose from.

This first meeting will be designed to help me understand the background that prompted this proposal and the agriculture related issues you hoped this study would address. My next step will be to engage an interdisciplinary science and policy team to begin fleshing out a plan. It is imperative that I understand and honor the original intent you envisioned for this project before I engage other faculty.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. I am honored to be asked to develop this project, and I look forward to working with you.

Derek Godwin

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February 16, 2016

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
900 Court Street N.E.  
Room 347  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chairman Edwards and Members of the Committee,

I understand you are considering legislation, HB 4040, that would ratify the extremely misguided decision by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to remove the gray wolf from the state Endangered Species Act. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (Department) recommendation to delist the gray wolf was premature and not supported by the best available science. I urged the Commission to reject the Department's recommendation and was shocked when they voted to delist the wolf in November. I immediately called on the Governor and Oregon legislature to reverse this outrageous decision.

Instead, the Oregon House is moving forward with legislation that would ratify the Commission's action to delist the wolf in order to preempt judicial review of the flawed decision. I find this to be an extraordinary abuse of power and I urge you to reject HB 4040 and any other legislation that would undermine wolf recovery.

Through my extensive experience with federal wolf delisting efforts, I know it is critically important that wildlife management, especially management of an iconic predator species like the gray wolf, is based upon sound scientific findings and analysis. The fact that the Department decided not to conduct an external, independent peer-review panel as required by state law is both alarming and telling, especially since the pending federal proposal to delist the gray wolf has been mired in controversy over both the science used to justify the delisting as well as improper influence by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the independent peer-review panel.

Oregon should take a cautious, scientifically informed approach and avoid grave risks to species recovery. While I am encouraged by the hard work the Department put into the wolf status review, the Department moved forward with a proposal that is not scientifically defensible and is inconsistent with Oregon's Endangered Species Act.

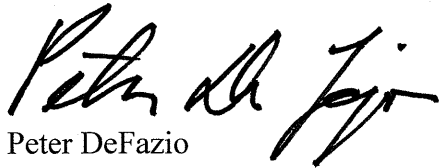
Wolves have just begun to recover in Oregon and still only inhabit small portions of their historical range. Despite some of the successes we have had in Oregon, wolf recovery is still at a very fragile, early stage. Wolves have just moved out of the first recovery phase in the state's

eastern recovery zone, and have populated just 11 percent of suitable habitat in the state. Population numbers are simply not high enough and distribution not wide enough to warrant a state delisting.

Caution needs to be exercised and delisting could signal to some that it is "open season" on wolves. The experiences of other states such as Idaho and Wyoming provide evidence of this. It is critical we avoid any increase in wolf mortality during this early recovery period. We cannot simply hunt wolves back down to their lowest sustainable population levels. This should not be tolerable in Oregon.

The extensive non-lethal efforts and stakeholder outreach by the state have made Oregon the model for wolf conservation in the nation. Ratifying the delisting decision will signal a sharp departure from these efforts that have made wolf recovery a success so far in our state. Instead, the committee should reverse the Commission's decision and demand an external scientific peer review of the Department's proposal to delist the wolf to ensure its recommendation is legally and scientifically sound. I urge you to reject this legislation that would harm wolf recovery efforts in Oregon. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter DeFazio", written in a cursive style.

Peter DeFazio

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Thanks for the heads up Brett.

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Rob—thanks for copying me on this email.

While I would characterize the letter attachment to Gov. Brown as more of an advocacy piece (with the ask of “Pressure the Commission to reconsider continuing protection for wolves in our state ...” and “If HB4040 is passed by the House and Senate, veto the bill when it lands on your desk ...”) than simply science input from a peer review expert, I remain willing to talk about some of the statements made in your letter. I know we did not agree on a variety of points when we met a week or so ago, but I also know that your organization and others are valued stakeholders that will play a meaningful role in the Wolf Plan Revision process on the near horizon. As for statements made in your attached letter about communications regarding settlement, anything related to the potential for settlement discussions should, at this point, likely be between attorneys given the ongoing litigation filed by Oregon Wild and the two other organizations.

Senators and Speaker Kotek, I am open to talking with you about this matter if desired.

Regards,  
-Brett

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Senator Edwards,

Attached please find information following up on unanswered questions and continued misunderstandings/misrepresentations from the most recent public hearing on HB4040. Given that it is a direct follow up to the public hearing, I hope it may be included on the public record for HB4040 and will get appropriate consideration before any future action on the bill, specifically:



- Input from a peer review expert that addresses a concern raised by Senator Olsen.
- Clarification about underlying wildlife policy.
- A response to a question regarding our position on the Wolf Plan.
- Clarification addressing concerns raised by the livestock industry regarding the ramifications of independent judicial review.

As ever, please feel free to be in touch if you have any lingering questions or concerns we can address.

Thank you,  
Rob

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Folks,

I just wanted to let you know our final amendments are live on OLIS, and it looks like they are going to be the -6 amendments. So our testimony should be asking for adoption of the -6 amendments.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2016R1/Downloads/ProposedAmendment/8747>

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Please let me know if there's anything else I can get you.  
Regards,  
Nick

# Memorandum

**To: Senator Chris Edwards**

**CC: Senator Floyd Prozanski**

**From: Peter DeFazio**

**Date: 2/19/2015**

**Re: HB 4040**

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**Summary:** In advance of your committee's work session scheduled for Tuesday where you will consider and vote on HB 4040, I wanted to send you some additional information as a follow up to conversations we have had. Specifically, I want to address the claims that the science supporting the delisting was strong and that the delisting was necessary in order to honor an agreement made to the cattlemen.

**Sound Science:** The claim that the science ODFW used to justify the delisting decision was good science and that the scientists who publicly questioned their study are all "social scientists" or "environmentalists" is false and misleading. At least four nationally renowned scientists with expertise in viability of wolf populations (Dr. Derek E. Lee, Dartmouth, Dr. Carlos Carroll, Dr. Robert L. Beschta, and Dr. William Ripple, Oregon State University) reviewed ODFW's study and found it fundamentally flawed and stated that delisting was not warranted by the findings. ODFW did not consider this analysis (even though it was submitted during the public comment process) in their final summary.

Additionally, the state Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires an independent peer-review of the science used to justify a species delisting. Instead, ODFW decided against a formal peer review and moved forward with a scientific review process that was simply based on a "peer review model." This process included self-selecting three scientists (two from Idaho Fish and Game) a few weeks before the final study was released to get their edits to the actual document. This is reflected in ODFW's scientific review summary where reviewers suggested wording changes, organizational changes, text edits, and areas where additional data and clarification was needed.

ODFW's editing process vastly differs from a true peer review where the final product is reviewed to determine whether it meets the necessary scientific standards and there is scientific consensus on the findings. Judicial review is an essential step in this process. If ODFW did in fact do a proper scientific review to warrant the delisting, then the courts will uphold the Commission's decision to delist.

**Honoring “the agreement”:** The claim that it is necessary to delist wolves to honor “the agreement” set forth in the Wolf Management Plan is also false. Whether or not a wolf is listed under the state ESA has nothing to do with the Wolf Plan. The Wolf Plan is a political agreement that sets forth how the state manages its wolf population, regardless of whether the species is listed as endangered.

The Wolf Plan states that the minimum requirements for the Commission to consider initiating a delisting process, if it is warranted under the state ESA, is 4 breeding pairs within 3 consecutive years, otherwise known as “Phase II”. In other words, it is merely a population threshold that needs to be crossed before the Commission can consider delisting the species. It is not a trigger or commitment.

While it is likely true that wolves will ultimately be delisted, that can only occur after the Commission scientifically establishes that the population is not in danger of failure as required under the state ESA. The state ESA also requires that the population cannot be in danger of extinction in any significant portion of its range. Since wolves just recently returned to Western Oregon (there are likely less than 10) it is important that the rigorous scientific review process set forth by the state ESA is adhered to if a statewide delisting is being considered.

Ultimately, the ESA is driven by science, not politics. Making a decision to delist a species based on a political agreement is not how the law is intended to work and will set a dangerous precedent.

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FYI, this is the minority report language that has been submitted.

Chris

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HB 4040-AMR4  
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Requested by Senator PROZANSKI

**PROPOSED MINORITY REPORT AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 4040**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 3 through 26 and  
2 insert:

3 “Whereas the management and protection of this state’s wildlife and na-  
4 tural resources requires policymakers, agencies and various stakeholder  
5 representatives to grapple with making complicated choices that can have  
6 pervasive impacts on their constituencies; and

7 “Whereas the finest solutions to this state’s most complex wildlife and  
8 natural resource disputes are the products of collaborative decision-making  
9 processes that include representation from all concerned parties; now,  
10 therefore,”.

11 On page 2, delete lines 1 and 2.

12 Delete lines 4 through 7 and insert:

13 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission and the**  
14 **State Department of Fish and Wildlife may not, during the pendency**  
15 **of any action, suit or proceeding to which the commission or the de-**  
16 **partment is a party, modify in any manner the Oregon Wolf Conser-**  
17 **vation and Management Plan adopted by the commission or any**  
18 **related rules adopted by the commission, if the action, suit or pro-**  
19 **ceeding challenges a portion of the plan, or a decision made by the**  
20 **commission or the department pursuant to the plan or associated**  
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1 mission to remove the gray wolf from the state lists of threatened  
2 species or endangered species established pursuant to ORS 496.172 (2).

3 “(2) The commission and the department may not enter into any  
4 settlement agreement related to an action, suit or proceeding chal-  
5 lenging a portion of the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management  
6 Plan, or a decision made by the commission or the department pur-  
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10 pursuant to ORS 496.172 (2), unless any intervenors in the action, suit  
11 or proceeding had an opportunity to participate in the settlement  
12 process and either failed to participate or agreed to the terms of the  
13 settlement agreement.”.

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Hi Brett – Hope you can make it.



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Brett would you pass on these thoughts to the Governor for me. Thanks

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association has just recently been involved in a west wide effort to prevent the ESA listing of the Greater Sage Grouse. A successful effort in collaborative conservation. Also, The Oregon Wolf Plan, another collaborative, working effort in conservation. Collaboration starting to be accepted as a way to get things done.

Even more recently the Oregon Cattlemen's Association commented to the press that the OCA did not support the occupation of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge.

We are at a fork in the road, the clear path forward is to diligently advance our interests through all lawful means. That is what OCA intends to do. However everyone does not view this the same way. Many would choose to go down an anti-government path, leading to solutions promised by those that interpret the US constitution in ways that would benefit a local planning interest. This is not new, but the question is, could this effort be pushed to critical mass by issues perhaps best termed as the urban-rural divide.

We now have HB4040, clearly wolves are doing well, ODFW's delisting is based on valid peer reviewed science, you can always call for more science, that is the nature of science. But it is clear to those out in the country that wolves are here to stay, litigation focused on the listing decision is viewed as an attempt to open a new place to move forward the wolf advocacy agenda at the expense of what has already been done in the Oregon Wolf Plan as well as the ODFW delisting decision. We have seen this before, Just a short time ago. Senator Edwards states it appears that is happening now.

Litigation is a safeguard to our checks and balances, it is also a tool that can be abused by well funded advocacy groups to delay or alter the collaborative process.

Wolves are a controversial species that tends to rise above the day to day management of wildlife species, the passage of a bipartisan bill is not a low bar, this cannot be done everytime someone is not happy with a plan. It takes a huge effort with buy in from many parties, it is truly done on a case by case basis.

Litigation does undermine the collaborative process. Litigation takes funding away from the collaborative process, litigation takes money away from our already strapped agencies, litigation places settlement in the hands of a few behind closed doors, the settlement process is affected by who has something to lose out on the ground and who doesn't. These are all reasons why it is appropriate for the legislature to weigh in and say let's get on with the next

steps in managing our growing wolf population.

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**To:** [John O'Keeffe](#)  
**Cc:** [BROWNSCOMBE Brett \\* GOV](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Message for the Governor  
**Date:** Friday, March 04, 2016 9:30:16 PM

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Well said John, thank you very much.  
JR

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 4, 2016, at 9:25 PM, John O'Keeffe <[johnhok@hotmail.com](mailto:johnhok@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Brett would you pass on these thoughts to the Governor for me. Thanks

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association has just recently been involved in a west wide effort to prevent the ESA listing of the Greater Sage Grouse. A successful effort in collaborative conservation. Also, The Oregon Wolf Plan, another collaborative, working effort in conservation. Collaboration starting to be accepted as a way to get things done.

Even more recently the Oregon Cattlemen's Association commented to the press that the OCA did not support the occupation of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge.

We are at a fork in the road, the clear path forward is to diligently advance our interests through all lawful means. That is what OCA intends to do. However everyone does not view this the same way. Many would choose to go down an anti-government path, leading to solutions promised by those that interpret the US constitution in ways that would benefit a local planning interest. This is not new, but the question is, could this effort be pushed to critical mass by issues perhaps best termed as the urban-rural divide.

We now have HB4040, clearly wolves are doing well, ODFW's delisting is based on valid peer reviewed science, you can always call for more science, that is the nature of science. But it is clear to those out in the country that wolves are here to stay, litigation focused on the listing decision is viewed as an attempt to open a new place to move forward the wolf advocacy agenda at the expense of what has already been done in the Oregon Wolf Plan as well as the ODFW delisting decision. We have seen this before, Just a short time ago. Senator Edwards states it appears that is happening now.

Litigation is a safeguard to our checks and balances, it is also a tool that can be abused by well funded advocacy groups to delay or alter the collaborative process.

Wolves are a controversial species that tends to rise above the day to day management of wildlife species, the passage of a bipartisan bill is not a low bar, this cannot be done everytime someone is not happy with a plan. It takes a huge effort with buy in from many parties, it is truly done on a case by case basis.

Litigation does undermine the collaborative process. Litigation takes funding

away from the collaborative process, litigation takes money away from our already strapped agencies, litigation places settlement in the hands of a few behind closed doors, the settlement process is affected by who has something to lose out on the ground and who doesn't. These are all reasons why it is appropriate for the legislature to weigh in and say let's get on with the next steps in managing our growing wolf population.

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**To:** [BAKER Lindsay](#)  
**Cc:** [SEN Edwards C](#); [MELCHER Curt](#); [ANGLIN Ronald E](#)  
**Subject:** FW: HB4040 - addressing questions from 02/18 public hearing  
**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2016 9:46:10 AM  
**Attachments:** [AF Peer Review to Gov Kate Brown.pdf](#)  
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FYI attached—and additional FYI from me below based on my experience with this issue (I am not speaking for the Governor directly here):

- I spent a good bit of time on the phone w/ Congressman DeFazio's staff last Friday. I think it helped them to talk through and better understand the context. I can talk more about that if desired.
- As to the input in the attached letters, as well as past and likely future correspondence, here is what I would say re. what's going on:
  - The litigant groups have asserted a legal duty upon the State to perform a peer review on the scientific basis of underlying the F&W Commission's de-listing decision. A couple important points:
    - While it is clear that de-listing decisions need to be based on documented and verifiable scientific information, DOJ does not necessarily agree w/ the plaintiffs conclusion that this means a peer review process must be done on the various elements of scientific analyses that ODFW did. Their argument asserts that state agency decisions like this must go through a formal peer review process, and if accepted as true / fact as the groups assert, this kind of allegation has significant precedential legal, policy, and fiscal implications for a variety of agency decisions (likely not just ODFW).
    - The notion that ODFW based its scientific analysis on bunk science, ignored relevant science, or the botched the scientific process does not ring true to me. This is an issue of certain groups trying to substitute their science and scientists for that of the body of work relied upon by the agency and Commission. The Population Viability Analysis the agency did use / relied upon a model that went through a peer review process (and this fact is something the advocacy groups are choosing to overlook / leave unmentioned). The agency's additional analysis was professionally done by scientists, including in communication with experts in the field of wolf science.
    - The scientists the groups are relying upon are from a cadre of scientists these groups commonly rely upon in advocacy settings related to not just wolves but other predator and other issues on which they work in the policy arena.
  - Many of the arguments related to this bill—including those of the scientists the advocacy groups are relying upon—are premised on one thing: de-listing equals a loss of or a significant reduction in protection for gray wolves in Oregon. While it seems somewhat misplaced to me for "scientists" to stating legal and policy conclusions (e.g., from recent CBD letter to Chair Edwards of Feb. 22, 2016: *"two dozen scientists who wrote to the Commission and advised that the legally-required, scientifically-based five delisting criteria have not been met."*), this premise misses a couple very important things:
    1. Those making these arguments seem to be conflating the federal and state ESA—or maybe more specifically, conflating a federal "delisting" (which is the context with which most are familiar) w/ the state delisting here in Oregon. We are not ID, MT, or WY. We have done and continue to do things differently here, and the Wolf Plans and legal rules / OAR's tied to it bear this out.
    2. Even with the removal of the ESA "listed" label, very protective Oregon laws remain and will in place for wolves here. Specifically, even with delisting, Oregon law / OAR's require the equivalent of ESA-listed protections in Western

Oregon, and this law will remain in place until wolf numbers increase to the 4 breeding pair for 3 consecutive year threshold on the West side. And even once this threshold has been met in the West, as it has currently in Eastern Oregon, the next phase of legal protection applicable to both Eastern and Western Oregon still requires (and imposes protections to ensure) wolf populations continue to recover to the 7 breeding pair threshold (on both sides of the State). And even after that, the next phase of legal protections prohibits trophy hunting, poaching, and other things related to killing wolves for other than livestock, human, or wildlife protection. All said, don't get so hung up on what's in the label of "listed" vs. "de-listed"; the OAR scheme Oregon has adopted via the Wolf Plan ensures strong protections without such strong reliance upon an ESA-listed label.

- The advocates are implying that the legislature weighing in on this subject is improper (e.g., CBD letter of Feb. 22, 2016: *"However, having legislators make scientific decisions about whether an endangered species is recovered is like allowing scientists to pass laws – it simply defies reason."*).
  - First off, legislators are not making scientific decisions about whether wolves have recovered. Last session, OCA advanced a bill that would have put the legislature in this position—would have legislatively de-listed wolves (as the legislature did for the Aleutian goose, and as Congress did federally for wolves in the N. Rockies). The bill died in committee. Oregon has done fairly well compared to other states and Congress in letting biologists, the state wildlife agency and its Commission make these decisions.
  - Second, these kind of decisions involve a mix of science and policy. To claim the Commission's decision lacked scientific underpinning or was wholly political ignores the blend of science and policy that is the ESA. That said, the decision was and is science-based, publicly vetted in an open / transparent way over extensive time, and made by Commissioners that the Oregon Senate confirmed to serve in this role. For the legislature to then say—in the face of ongoing litigation by the same groups who have often brought litigation in order to leverage outcomes on this and other matters—that this decision meets with the intent of the state ESA provisions referenced in HB 4040 does not seem to me like anything other than the legislature expressing its own position on whether the statute it passed in 1973 (the state ESA), and over which it maintains ownership, is something it believes the Commission has met. Yes, such a vote has meaning and is more than a proverbial pat on the back, and whether to weigh in is a policy matter for the legislature to decide / debate. But the legislature has long been involved in state ESA matters, wolf matters, Commission appointments, etc.—so to say legislative action is misplaced seems odd to me. In the end, the Exec. Branch has acted, the Judicial Branch will act (based on the litigation that has been filed), so in some ways, perhaps staying silent in this context may be more strange.
- Further Background: There is a paper trail of litigation threats from OR Wild and other current litigants dating back to 2015, trying to leverage or re-negotiate terms of the Oregon Wolf Plan prior to the administrative process for revising it (which begins this Spring). The ODFW / Commission decision process / timeline was to consider the wolf biological status / de-listing question first, and then open the process for Wolf Plan revision soon thereafter. There are various reasons for this ordering, and advocate groups didn't like it. In trying to leverage a different approach, they threatened to sue if ODFW did not advance a process to make the Wolf Plan changes they want first, prior to or as part of acting on the state ESA de-listing question they've feared. Essentially, they wanted to force a quasi-settlement negotiation over an administrative rulemaking / review process (Wolf Plan revision) that had not yet begun by threatening litigation over the potential outcome of a Commission decision that had not yet been made (de-listing). ODFW and the Commission declined to be put in this position and moved ahead

with the process of biological status review / de-listing consideration. When the Commission decided to de-list, the groups decided to sue. So, now we are here (and it's as much about the advocates' strategy as anything). In my mind, while couched in concerns over best science / battle of the science or process, this is what's really underpinning the debate (i.e., trying to undo the de-listing decision in order to gain leverage during the Wolf Plan revision process). Again, there is some paper trail on this.

- The focus on precluding access to the courts or cutting off judicial review remains another main line of argument against this bill. Litigation has been filed, so this is really not a matter of precluding litigation (it has already been filed). The question is whether the language in HB 4040 might moot certain claims that plaintiffs may raise but have not yet briefed. As to claims related to substantive compliance with the state ESA provisions cited in the bill, I would say there is a good possibility a court would look to the legislature's direction in HB 4040 on those specific types of claims. But how a court chooses to read the legislature's action and the implications on the entirety of the ongoing lawsuit (which, as stated, plaintiffs have not briefed in detail yet re. their specific claims) is a matter of open question. It is something the court would need to review / resolve as part of the judicial review process—which is not a preclusion or avoidance of the judicial review process. Further, the bill's language is discrete as to its applicability to certain (not all) state ESA provisions. I would imagine lawyers would look to a variety of other avenues and statutes. For example, I don't read the bill's language as speaking to process-based claims and arguments under statutes such as the Administrative Procedures Act, and many of the advocacy groups complaints seem process-based (i.e., the ODFW public comment timelines, what science and comments it considered, etc.).

Feel free to call me as desired. Given all the recent emails to legislators on which I've been directly copied, I thought I would share my thoughts.

Regards,  
-Brett

**From:** Rob Klavins [mailto:rk@oregonwild.org]

**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2016 11:36 AM

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**Subject:** HB4040 - addressing questions from 02/18 public hearing

Senator Edwards,

Attached please find information following up on unanswered questions and continued misunderstandings/misrepresentations from the most recent public hearing on HB4040. Given that it is a direct follow up to the public hearing, I hope it may be included on the public record for HB4040 and will get appropriate consideration before any future action on the bill, specifically:

- Input from a peer review expert that addresses a concern raised by Senator Olsen.
- Clarification about underlying wildlife policy.

- A response to a question regarding our position on the Wolf Plan.
- Clarification addressing concerns raised by the livestock industry regarding the ramifications of independent judicial review.

As ever, please feel free to be in touch if you have any lingering questions or concerns we can address.

Thank you,

Rob

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Re: ODFW's Delisting of Wolves from OESA  
February 12, 2016  
Governor Brown,

The ODFW's scientific process to justify delisting of wolves was incomplete and flawed. Proposed legislation to "ratify" the decision (HB4040) will further enforce the flaws in this public process and undermine public trust in Oregon's leaders.

For 13 years, I have been managing peer-review processes for scientific journals. As Associate Director of Scientific Journals for a nonprofit scientific society, I am well versed in scientific publishing ethics and peer-review best practices. I am a committee chair and past board member of the Council of Science Editors, and a member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). I currently serve on a Code of Professional Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy task force for the Institute of Food Technologists. I've lived in Portland for over 9 years, and this year I attended three ODFW public comment hearings, testifying in support of continued wolf protections at two of them.

I am concerned that ODFW used a deeply flawed and last-minute peer-review that was merely done to minimally satisfy a requirement for an independent review of the science on which the delisting decision was based.

I am also very concerned that HB4040, which is scheduled for vote in the House this week, sets a dangerous precedent for the legislature to legislatively delist wolves, undermining the ODFW's authority as well as the public process and potential for judicial review of the ODFW's decision. The wolf plan is in place; we do not need the legislature to step over the agency's head to try to set ESA policy.

Why, when Russ Morgan's report, "Biological Status Review for the Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) in Oregon", was presented in April at the ODFW Commission meeting in Bend, did the Commission wait until October—six months—to *begin* to seek independent review? The report recommended that the Commission begin the delisting process, and according to the rules of the Wolf Plan, such a report must be independently peer-reviewed before delisting can be considered. A typical and appropriate peer-review process takes up to several months. The Commission seems to have done nothing to pursue independent review for months, rushing a review process to completion just days before the rulemaking meeting in November. Worse, the reviews the Commission received were not posted where the public could access them until after the delisting rulemaking meeting began.

The 5 determinations which must be met for delisting to occur, as stated in the Wolf Plan, "must be based upon verifiable scientific information." As defined in the ODFW Administrative Rules, '*Verifiable*' means scientific information reviewed by a scientific peer review panel of outside experts who do not otherwise have a vested interest in the process. (<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/100.pdf>)

In the world of scientific journals, and, I would argue, according to the state's definition of "verifiable" above, the reviewers and process used by ODFW staff to obtain "independent" review does not pass muster. According to the Committee on Publication Ethics' guide, "Code of Conduct and Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors" ([http://publicationethics.org/files/Code%20of%20Conduct\\_2.pdf](http://publicationethics.org/files/Code%20of%20Conduct_2.pdf)), peer-review should include:

- ensuring that appropriate reviewers are selected for submissions (i.e. individuals who are able to judge the work and are free from disqualifying competing interests);

- providing a description of peer review processes, with justification provided if there were any important deviation from the described processes;
- requiring reviewers to disclose any potential competing interests before agreeing to review a submission.
- having systems to ensure that peer reviewers' identities are protected unless they use an open review system that is declared to authors and reviewers.
- managing conflicts of interest of staff, authors, reviewers, and editorial board members

In contrast, the ODFW's process consisted of the scientists themselves asking past colleagues and persons in similar positions in nearby states to conduct the reviews and send comments back directly to ODFW staff. This presents a bias where reviewers are less likely to be critical because not only are their identities known to the report's authors, but their responses are directly sent to the authors.

Meanwhile, many independent scientists *did* review the report and submitted their critiques, which were included in the public comment for the delisting meeting but summarily ignored by the Commission.

In closing, Governor Brown, I ask that you restore public faith in the Commission's work and process. Pressure the Commission to reconsider continuing protection for wolves in our state until a more appropriate review process can be completed and the science can be independently verified or revised to where independent scientists come to a consensus that can then be considered by the ODFW Commission. If HB4040 is passed by the House and Senate, veto the bill when it lands on your desk and allow the Commission's authority and the public's right to legal review stand.

Sincerely,

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February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

RE: HB4040 SENR Public Hearing

Chair Edwards,

I appreciate that your Committee (SENR) has put HB4040 under appropriate scrutiny. I agree with your statement that things have “not been above board”. Please accept these comments for the record as they directly address the public hearing that took place on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Your statement about the above board nature of this bill applies equally to HB4040 proponents this session as to ODFW’s delisting process that the bill seeks to “shore up”. By “ratifying” that decision, and - as a practical matter - insulating it from independent judicial review, HB4040 could also set a precedent that the requirements of the state Endangered Species Act and associated rules are not standards that need to be met for all wildlife. Especially with its weighted whereas language, the bill also rebuts input from dozens of independent scientists, thousands of citizens, and stakeholders who have played by the rules.

I hope you have given – or will give - serious consideration to the letter we submitted on February 18<sup>th</sup> before determining how, or if, to proceed. Passage of HB4040 would only satisfy a desire to weigh in on one side of a controversial issue and further deepen divisions between stakeholders. Given the misinformation and misrepresentations upon which the bill has moved thus far, it would also send a troubling message at a time that Oregonians are keenly sensitive to ethical concerns.

Below please find some specific follow up to unanswered questions posed and misrepresentations made at the hearing on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Senator Olsen asked for a professional opinion on the state’s peer review:
  - Attached please find a letter submitted to Governor Brown earlier this month from constituent with professional peer-review credentials.
  - On several occasions during the status review process, ODFW staff explicitly told conservation stakeholders that even the “science review” and “scientific review summary” documents were not meant to satisfy a peer review requirement.
- During the public hearing on February 18<sup>th</sup>, the peer review was called a “red herring.” It is a legal requirement:
  - The Farm Bureau questioned the need for a peer review by reading the requirements of ORS 496.176 for “verifiable” science. The relevant rule (OAR 635-100-0010(16)) defines “verifiable” as meaning “scientific information reviewed by a scientific peer review panel of outside experts who do not otherwise have a vested interest in the process.” Starting in April of 2015, we publicly and repeatedly asked for an independent peer review and followed up with several legal analyses highlighting the requirement.

- Senators asked stakeholders for their position on the Wolf Plan:
  - Oregon Wild has consistently supported the Plan since its promulgation despite making many concessions to gain the support of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and other stakeholders who immediately opposed it. We recognize the Plan is not perfect, but have lived up to our commitments. We stand by its overarching framework, celebrate its success so far, and have continued to work with the state and stakeholders to improve it within that framework.
  - Our consistent support includes campaigning for full funding, defending it against no less than 7 proposed piece of legislation since 2011 that would have undermined it and ODFW authority, a weakening of the Plan during the 2010 review, challenging actions that ran counter to the Plan, Commission action in 2013 that arguably violated a settlement agreement, participating in the status review in 2015, and reaching out to other stakeholders to avoid conflict. Our trust has been violated on numerous occasions. By rewarding dishonest actions of bill proponents, passage of HB4040 could test the limits of conservation community support for the Plan and erode public trust in ODFW.
- Additional misinformation on February 18<sup>th</sup>:
  - Some of the inconsistent behavior of bill supporters has been exposed during recent proceedings, however it has continued. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, livestock industry representatives seemed to acknowledge the bill's purpose was to prevent a successful legal challenge. They encouraged the Committee to pass the bill because a legal process would exclude them. They neglected to say that they had requested intervener status. Having achieved that status, those parties will be part of any legal review. Other parties have pending petitions to be included.
  - Confronted with that information, on February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Farm Bureau transitioned to saying that their concern was that *settlement* could occur and may not include them. We have been proactively told by state officials that there is no interest on the state's side to engage in any sort of settlement agreement or discussions.

The continuing misrepresentations of stakeholder actions, history, policy, and other important facts should be sufficient to give the legislature pause before declaring an emergency and passing HB4040. Rather than encourage co-operation, the passage of HB4040 would only further drive a wedge between stakeholders in wolf conservation and management. We urge you to vote no on HB4040.

Best,



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Senate President Peter Courtney  
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Tue, Nov 10, 10:13 AM

Vote has been taken to delist, as you likely know. Long tough meeting, and thank you for being there at outset. Reaction is still coming in. Would be good to sit down next week w you and rep Baretto if possible.

Absolutely. I'll get Branden on it. I was



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when Branden  
called last night with  
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Tue, Nov 17, 5:31 PM

Hi Senator. I  
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at your office earlier.  
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morning. Apologies on this, but I have a prior engagement with the counties that I can't miss. I could talk by phone at any point in the day outside of 7-930 am and 215-330. Thanks

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Tue, Feb 23, 6:31 PM

Thank you Brett. I understand you did a great job before the committee on



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