

Exhibit B

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Attachments: OHA_GRSBG_Comments_Aug2025_Final.pdf

Dear Chair Wahl, Vice-Chair Hatfield-Hyde, Commissioners, and Director Colbert,

Please see the attached written comments from OHA regarding EXHIBIT B: 2025 SAGE-GROUSE CONTROLLED HUNT PERMIT NUMBERS.

Thank you,



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August 5, 2025

Re: EXHIBIT B: 2025 SAGE-GROUSE CONTROLLED HUNT PERMIT NUMBERS

Dear Chair Wahl, Vice-Chair Hatfield-Hyde, Commissioners, and Director Colbert,

The Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) and its 12,000+ members supports continued harvest for greater sage-grouse due to the indispensable biological data that it yields, and the recreational opportunity that it provides for successful hunt permit applicants. OHA supports the sage-grouse permit numbers for 2025 as proposed by ODFW staff. Sage-grouse hunters play an essential role in conservation of the species in Oregon. However, with recent procedural changes requested by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, the process this year has placed unnecessary hardship and inconvenience for hunters and ODFW staff.

Sage-grouse hunt permit numbers should not be finalized by the Commission in mid-August. OHA strongly encourages the Commission to trust ODFW staff and biologists to set permit numbers based on the year prior, adjust those permit numbers based on current year survey data, and finalize those numbers in a timely manner. Waiting until mid-August to finalize permit numbers for sage-grouse hunts is unacceptable. The permit application deadline for 2025 is 8 August, and as a result of this current frivolous process, hunters are required to apply for sage-grouse permits that have not been finalized. Hunters are unable to adjust their applications if the Commission were to alter permit numbers despite the work of ODFW staff already completed to allocate permits based on population data.

The process in previous years for allocating permits via temporary rule was more than satisfactory and did not place a burden on ODFW staff. ODFW staff need to distribute grouse wing envelopes to hunters in a timely manner to ensure that hunters receive them before their hunt. This new process impacts the timeline for this distribution as well. In short, OHA strongly requests that the Commission return to the successful model of previous years for allocation of sage-grouse permits and remove the unnecessary requirement that permit numbers be finalized at the August Commission Meeting in the future.

Sincerely,

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