

Public Correspondence

Virginia Opossums

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Tam Fluff <tam.fluff@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 12:06 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Possums

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Sent from my iPhone

Please Stop Killing Possums because they are great little animals that will help eat a lot of bugs and they have the lowest chance of getting rabies because their temperature is to low and because of Global Warming they are on the move and killing they should be against the law!!!! You needed to save as many as you can because they are the only animals that has a pouch for their young just like Kangaroo They make great friends and they don't like to fight unless they have to and if they get scared they faint and they don't have control over it but the biggest benefit is that they will eat a lot of bugs that harm fruit trees and vegetables Bugs are getting worst and we needed the possum now more then ever!!!! With all the bugs that are invasive that are killing are trees and a lot of other things we NEEDED THE POSSUM SO PLEASE STOP KILLING THEM IT's BAD ENOUGH THAT PEOPLE ENJOY RUNNING THEM OVER WITH THEIR CARS BECAUSE THEY ARE SLOW AND THAT's because some of them are carrying babies in their pouch

Thank you so much

God bless you and all of God's animals!!!!

From: Izzy Breunig <isabellabreunig@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 6:30 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Opossum classification

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Hello, I'm writing because I heard that the Virginia opossum is classified as an invasive species, forcing veterinarians and wildlife rehabbers to euthanize any that were brought in for treatment.

As a wildlife rehabber, I am horrified to hear this, opossums are beneficial to the ecosystem, and they don't deserve to be killed based on a classification based upon technicality

Opossums have been in Oregon for over 100 years and have benefited the local ecosystem by controlling tick and Japanese beetle populations.

Although opossums were introduced into the ecosystem from another they have been there long enough that local species and environments have adapted to their presence, and classifying opossums as invasive causes harm to the ecosystems that you are looking to protect.

As an invasive species, Opossums are being killed for a classification based on technicality

I urge you to reclassify the Virginia Opossum as a native species and stop the killing of this species.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Frank O'Donnell <frankbodonnell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 3:07 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Opossum

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Hello. As a lifelong Oregonian I strongly oppose any non native species and encourage ODFW to try and eliminate all non native species. ODFW should be actively encouraging people to get rid of them. In fact I don't feel like ODFW is doing enough to eliminate all non native species. There also should/ needs be a way every Oregonian has a vested interest in Oregon fish and game animals instead of just people that purchase licenses and tags. Currently you are probably receiving lots of emails to save possums because it was posted on Reddit to help save them. If I was a betting man, I'd wager that most of the people in this thread have never had any interest in paying for fish or wildlife management.

Thank you

Frank

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Sabatino <sabstacchi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 1:52 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Remove Oposums From The Invasive Species List!

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Good afternoon,

My name is Sabatino Stacchi and I am a resident of Portland. I am writing in support of removing opossums from the ODFW's invasive species list.

I recently read an [article](#) from the Canadian Broadcasting Service that detailed how opossums are helpful members of the North American ecosystem, particularly in urban areas. They benefit human health by consuming animal carcasses and food waste, in doing so removing dangerous pathogens from the environment. They also consume other pests that prove a nuisance to those of us who have gardens, including rodents and cockroaches. Additionally, they are averse to conflict and pose a very low risk of transmitting rabies. Given their positive role in our animal hierarchy, I oppose the ODFW rule requiring the mass euthanasia of opossums. None of Oregon's neighboring states have such a rule, and we should not either.

Please ensure that my comments are made available to the ODFW officials that are considering this rule change. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Sabatino Stacchi
Portland, OR 97221

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Sabatino Stacchi

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Alexis Ash <aash951@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 3:12 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Please take opossums off the invasive species list

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Opossums are incredible for the environment and do little harm. They are one of two marsupials native to North America and not invasive at all. They help eat and destroy invasive bug populations. Do the right thing and take them off the list so they can be protected.

Alexis Ash

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW


From: karaajames@icloud.com
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 12:56 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Opossums

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Please stop the slaughter. The opossums have right to be where they are. The difference between non- native and invasive is the same difference as you & me versus misinformational bot.

Gratefully,
Kara

From: Sathya Arivalagan <sathyaari7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2025 10:05 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Request to Remove Virginia Opossums from Oregon's Invasive Species List

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Dear Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I am writing to strongly urge the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to remove the Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) from the state's invasive species list. The current classification is not supported by scientific evidence and misrepresents the role this species plays in Oregon's ecosystems. Opossums are not invasive in the biological sense and in fact provide valuable environmental benefits.

The term "invasive" is meant to describe species that cause measurable harm to native ecosystems or wildlife. Virginia opossums do not fit this definition. They are not aggressive competitors, do not displace native species, and have coexisted with local wildlife in Oregon for decades without causing ecological damage. They are mostly found in urban, suburban, and disturbed areas — environments already shaped by human activity.

In addition to being non-disruptive, opossums contribute positively to the environment. They are natural pest controllers, consuming ticks, beetles, slugs, cockroaches, and even small rodents. They help by eating "bad bugs" — including disease-carrying pests like ticks and roaches — which benefits both the ecosystem and public health. Studies show that opossums can significantly reduce tick populations, which helps limit the spread of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. As scavengers, they also clean up carrion and waste, reducing bacterial spread and helping maintain a balanced ecosystem. Furthermore, their body temperature is too low to effectively harbor the rabies virus, making them one of the lowest-risk mammals in North America for disease transmission.

Labeling opossums as invasive misguides the public, discourages coexistence, and may lead to unnecessary killing or denial of care by wildlife rehabilitators. Many Oregonians peacefully coexist with opossums and value them as harmless, beneficial parts of their local environment.

There is no ecological justification for keeping Virginia opossums on the invasive species list. I respectfully ask the Commission to remove them from this list and acknowledge their established, non-destructive presence in the state. This update would reflect current scientific understanding and promote responsible, humane wildlife policy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sathya

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Amy Roberts <wordgirl41@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2025 12:49 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Remove opossums from invasive species list.

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Only the state of Oregon refuses to recognize the Opossum as a vital part of our ecosystem. Right now its a felony to take an injured one to a rehabber, illegal to release it and vets immediately euthanize them!

This legal status needs to change! We need Opossums to eat ticks, Japanese beetles, slugs and other bugs.

Signed,

Amy Mitchell

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Oregon City, OR 97045

From: lionsruletheserengeti@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2025 11:31 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support for Reclassifying Opossums as a Beneficial, Naturalized Species in Oregon

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Dear Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,

As a lifelong Oregonian and advocate for our state's wildlife, I am writing to express my support for reclassifying opossums as a beneficial, naturalized species in Oregon. I understand your department is considering this change, and I believe there are compelling reasons to move forward with this reclassification.

Opossums provide significant ecological benefits, particularly in pest control and maintaining a balanced ecosystem. Notably, they consume large numbers of ticks, reducing the risk of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, which are a growing concern in Oregon. Their diet also includes other pests, such as slugs and small rodents, further supporting healthy ecosystems.

Additionally, opossums' natural range is expanding northward due to environmental changes, and their presence in Oregon reflects this natural shift. Neighboring Washington already recognizes opossums as a naturalized or beneficial species, offering a precedent for Oregon to follow. While some may view opossums as non-native, their ecological contributions and adaptability suggest they are a valuable part of our wildlife community.

On a personal note, I find opossums to be gentle, fascinating creatures that enrich Oregon's biodiversity. Allowing wildlife rehabilitators to treat opossums with the same care as native species would align with their ecological value and public sentiment.

I respectfully urge the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to reclassify opossums as a beneficial, naturalized species and to update regulations to support their rehabilitation. Thank you for considering this matter and for your dedication to Oregon's wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration,
Liesl Shiman

From: Carmilla Satyr <themonadosatyr@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2025 3:21 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Protect the opossums

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Opossums are natural pest controllers, consuming a wide variety of insects that are detrimental to both agriculture and public health. This includes:

- **Ticks:** Opossums are highly effective at grooming ticks off their bodies, consuming thousands in a single season, thereby reducing the risk of tick-borne diseases.
- **Japanese Beetles:** These destructive pests wreak havoc on crops and gardens, and opossums can help control their populations.
- **Slugs and other bugs:** Opossums readily consume these common garden and crop pests, offering a natural and chemical-free form of pest management.

Furthermore, a fascinating and important fact about opossums is their remarkable immunity to rattlesnake venom. This natural resistance has even aided in the discovery and development of anti-snake venom treatments, highlighting their unique biological significance and potential benefit to human health research.

From: S D (xnos2) <xnos2xnos2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2025 9:38 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Please Reconsider the Legal Status of the Virginia Opossum in Oregon

Categories: Wildlife

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Dear ODFW Commission,

I'm writing in response to guidance from the Oregon Invasive Species Council, which advised members of the public to send comments directly to ODFW regarding the current classification of the Virginia opossum in Oregon. I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts and concerns.

I'm writing to ask that you review Oregon's current classification of the Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) as an invasive and prohibited species. While it's true that opossums are not native to the region, they've lived in Oregon for more than a hundred years, and the evidence supporting their classification as a significant ecological threat appears limited.

Although they are not native, opossums have been present in Oregon for more than a century without causing widespread ecological damage or instability. Their long-term presence suggests they have found a niche without displacing native species in any meaningful way.

Unlike other non-native species that cause direct and measurable harm to native ecosystems, opossums have mostly settled into urban and suburban environments. They do not appear to be displacing native wildlife, nor do they spread rapidly through undeveloped habitat. In most cases, they behave more like passive scavengers than aggressive invaders.

They also offer some benefits that are often overlooked. Opossums eat pests like slugs, snails, beetles, ticks, and even rodents. These are species that harm crops, damage native vegetation, or carry disease. Their natural diet may help reduce the spread of Lyme disease and ease pressure on farmers and gardeners. In addition, their low body temperature makes them highly resistant to rabies, which counters a common public concern.

What's especially troubling is that Oregon's current policy leaves no room for humane options. Wildlife rehabilitators are not permitted to care for injured or orphaned opossums. Veterinarians often have no choice but to euthanize them, and individuals who try to help risk breaking the law. This puts people who care about wildlife in an impossible situation, especially in areas near the Washington border where regulations are different just a few miles away.

I hope the Commission will consider removing the Virginia opossum from the prohibited species list, or at least updating the current rules to allow for rehabilitation and responsible care. These animals are already part of Oregon's landscape, and with thoughtful management, they can continue to coexist here without causing harm.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely,

Sam

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: John Rehagen <jjrx9c@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 11:56 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: KEEP Opossums Classified as an invasive species

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It came to my attention there is an emotionally charged moment to declassify opossums as an invasive species in Oregon.

I am writing ODFW to stay grounded in facts and to maintain them as an invasive species.

They are not native to Oregon and are very effective nest predators. Declassifying them will allow them to further proliferate to the detriment of native bird populations.

ODFW needs to be an advocate for the ability of sportsmen and the general public to be able to effectively manage both predator and prey species. Giving in to confused and emotionally charged animal welfare enthusiasts because they garner support from the uninformed public is not a good approach for Oregon's fish and game species.

Respectfully,
John Rehagen

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: michelle scaman <mscaman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 11:23 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Opossums

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please remove opossums from the invasive species list. They are now part of the eco system and were introduced to Oregon by humans.

Kindly,
Michelle

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Todd G <todd.garretson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 10:53 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Please remove opossum from invasive species list

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To whom it may concern,

I urge organ department of fish and wildlife to Remove the North American opossum from the invasive species list in Oregon. They do not displace native wildlife and fill a vital role in the ecosystem. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Todd Garretson
I live in Southeast Portland FYI.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: B. <bobbimwelch@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 10:45 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: opossums

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Hello,

Please consider reclassifying opossums and removing them from the invasive species list. They are very helpful to the environment by eating Japanese beetles, slugs, ticks, and other pests. They are also important to the ecosystem as prey for larger predators.

Thank you,

Bobbi Welch, Portland resident

From: David Van Slyke <david.vanslyke@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 9:27 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: reclassifying opossums?

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Hi!

I have heard the ODFW is considering reclassifying opossums. Despite having no fondness for them (every few years one appears in my yard to eat from my fruit tree and leave messy poops), I am writing to support this idea, assuming what I have been told by a friend is true:

- Their population has been around 100 years and has not pressured out native populations
- They clean up the environment in helpful ways
- They are much less of a rabies risk than raccoons and other animals we have in equal or greater numbers

To me it seems 100 years of doing at least as much good as harm should shift an animal from "invasive" status to "like smelly Uncle Bob we put up with at Thanksgiving dinner" status.

Thank you,
David Van Slyke
Eugene, Oregon

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Nathaniel Knepper <nathaniel.knepper@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 9:52 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Save the opossum!

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To whom it concerns,

As a lifelong resident of the pacific northwest, it absolutely sickens me that government is killing the wonderful opossum living in Oregon state. This is absurd, and it is verified that these precious creatures are essential to a healthy ecosystem and environment. The opossum enriches our lives in this region of the country. They are amazing and intelligent creatures already and pose no threat whatsoever, especially when one considers that they do not spread rabies. Additionally, they rid our lands and homes of countless pests.

I beg you to reconsider this initiative which history will frown upon and brings great shame to the state of Oregon. This will not be forgotten by the countless residents who love them, and the potential negative impact of eradicating opossum is absurd.

I beg this to be stopped immediately. Let's save our opossum friends!

Best regards
Nathaniel knepper,
He/Him

Regards [Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Britt Mottola <britt.mottola@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 9:43 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Remove opossums from invasive species list

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- Their lifespan is only 2 years They clean up the environment
- They are not aggressive
- They eat Japanese beetles that the ODFW is trying to eradicate because they harm farmers and crops.
- They can't get rabies because their temp is too low
- They have been in Oregon for over 100 years and are North Americas only marsupial :)

From: Megan Wasson <lwasson04@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 8:52 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Re-classifying the Opossum

You don't often get email from lwasson04@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi,

I'm writing to you concerning the status of the Virginia opossum as a euthanized invasive species. The species may be non-native but they have been there long enough to naturalize to the ecosystem. They play an important part in the ecosystem: they clean up road kill, eat invasive bugs, and help quell the tick population. They are generally non-violent, and pose little to no risk of rabies, unlike many other animals. Unless the animal poses a direct risk to society or the existing ecosystem, they deserve a chance to live. Your neighboring states recognize this. They are not native to California, for example, but they do not mandate euthanasia. Instead, they adopted a compromise to maintain the population or kill in the event of crop harm/property damage. I encourage you to reconsider your ruling on the euthanasia mandate of the Opossum.

Thank you for your time.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ian Deeley <iantdeeley23@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 7:35 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Opossums

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I just discovered that opossums are considered a non-native invasive species. I strongly object as these are harmless beneficial animals, unlike raccoons which are not considered invasive despite the damage they do to property and pets.

I cynically believe licensed trappers like Tim TenBrink and others have no use for opossum pelts unlike raccoons.

Please change the classification of opossums to non invasive!

Ian Deeley
503-705-4200

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kelly Miller <millerkellya@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 6:04 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Request to Update Legal Status of Opossums

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Dear Council Members,

I'm writing to respectfully request that you reconsider the current legal status of opossums in Oregon. These animals provide a tremendous ecological benefit by helping control pests that are harmful to both agriculture and public health—including ticks, Japanese beetles, slugs, and other destructive insects.

Now is a critical time as this issue is under debate. I strongly urge you to revise the law to reflect the important role opossums play in supporting healthy ecosystems and protecting crops.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelly Miller
843-582-6711

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Frank O'Donnell <frankbodonnell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 4:51 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Re: Opossum

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Hello again. If the invasive species can help benefit our local ecosystem then I would support such logical decision making. However our track record of introducing species is not so great. Thank you

Frank

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> On Jul 24, 2025, at 15:07, Frank O'Donnell <frankbodonnell@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello. As a lifelong Oregonian I strongly oppose any non native species and encourage ODFW to try and eliminate all non native species. ODFW should be actively encouraging people to get rid of them. In fact I don't feel like ODFW is doing enough to eliminate all non native species. There also should/ needs be a way every Oregonian has a vested interest in Oregon fish and game animals instead of just people that purchase licenses and tags. Currently you are probably receiving lots of emails to save possums because it was posted on Reddit to help save them. If I was a betting man, I'd wager that most of the people in this thread have never had any interest in paying for fish or wildlife management.

> Thank you

> Frank

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From: Gene Cho <genebcho@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 3:42 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Concern Regarding Opossums' Invasive Species Status in Oregon

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my concern regarding the classification of opossums as an invasive species in Oregon. Opossums play an important role in maintaining a healthy environment and deserve our protection, not exclusion.

These animals have a short lifespan—just around two years—but during that time, they provide valuable ecological services. Opossums are natural pest controllers, consuming ticks, beetles, slugs, and other insects that harm crops and spread disease. Contrary to common misconceptions, they are not aggressive and pose little threat to humans or pets.

Additionally, due to their low body temperature, opossums are highly resistant to rabies. They have been part of Oregon's ecosystem for over a century and are North America's only native marsupial—a unique species worthy of appreciation and support.

I respectfully urge you to remove opossums from Oregon's invasive species list and recognize the positive role they play in our environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Eugene B. Cho

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jon Mohr <l.jon.mohr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 3:32 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Opossum classification

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To whom it may concern:


I urge the commission to not list opossums as invasive in Oregon. They are beneficial for pest management and minimally affect their at large environment.

Thanks,
Jon

Jon Mohr
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970.412.5022

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: John Keane <keajoh02@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 3:07 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: support of re-classifying opossums

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Dear ODFW,

I am writing in support of reclassifying opossums to no longer be considered invasive species. They are an interesting and benign species that do not negatively impact Oregon's environment. It does not benefit us to euthanize them when they are captured. I was saddened to hear that was the policy. Please add my support to removing them from being classified as invasive!

Best wishes,

John Keane
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Portland, OR 97219
503-360-7549

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: bryan sanchez <mojorisin1293@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 3:00 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Request to Reconsider Classification and Treatment of Opossums in OR

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Hello,

I am writing to respectfully urge a reconsideration of how opossums are classified and treated in Oregon. While they are not native to the region, opossums have become a naturalized part of the ecosystem and do not meet the typical criteria for being considered invasive. In fact, they provide measurable ecological benefits by helping control pests like ticks and slugs, consuming carrion, and reducing the spread of disease.

There is no evidence that opossums are causing significant harm to native species or habitats in Oregon. On the contrary, their presence often supports environmental balance in urban and rural areas alike. Killing them not only disrupts this balance but also promotes unnecessary cruelty toward a species that poses minimal threat to people, pets, or property.

Instead of lethal management, I ask that Oregon adopt a more science-based and humane approach—recognizing opossums as beneficial wildlife and encouraging peaceful coexistence.

Thank you for considering this request. I appreciate your dedication to responsible and compassionate wildlife stewardship.

From: Steve McAllister <s.alexander.mcallister@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 10:17 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Support for De-listing Virginia Opossums as "Invasive"

Categories: Wildlife

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Dear Commissioners,

I write to urge the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to re-evaluate the status of Virginia opossums under Oregon's invasive species framework. Current evidence—spanning ecology, climate science, and regional policy—demonstrates that opossums provide critical ecosystem services and that their presence in Oregon is increasingly inevitable due to climate-driven range shifts. Their designation as "invasive" is ecologically and practically untenable, especially as neighboring states like Washington manage them as a naturalized, beneficial species. I request their removal from Oregon's invasive species list and the development of a science-based management strategy that reflects their ecological value.

Ecological Benefits of Opossums in Oregon: Scavenging and Pest Management: Opossums clean carrion, reduce rodent and insect pests (e.g., beetles, slugs), and mitigate agricultural and garden damage. Their resistance to rabies (due to low body temperature) further minimizes zoonotic risks. Urban Resilience: In cities, they control garbage-borne pests and invasive invertebrates, supporting sanitation efforts without posing significant threats to humans or pets when undisturbed.

Climate Change as a Driver of Natural Migration: Opossums are not "introduced" but are naturally expanding into Oregon due to climate shifts. **Historical Range Expansion:** Originally confined to the southeastern U.S., opossums migrated northwestward over a century, arriving in Washington in the early 1900s and Oregon more recently. This mirrors natural adaptations to warming temperatures, not just human-assisted introduction. **Climate Acceleration:** Models confirm that milder winters and extended growing seasons enable opossums to thrive in previously unsuitable habitats. Oregon's warming climate (e.g., reduced frost events) directly facilitates this expansion, rendering their presence inevitable regardless of human intervention. **Distinction from Harmful Invasives:** Unlike zebra mussels or Japanese beetles, opossums do not displace native species or degrade ecosystems. They occupy disturbed habitats without monopolizing resources, aligning with the definition of "naturalized" species.

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Respectfully,

Steve McAllister

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: zach brumaire <zach.brumaire@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 6:15 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: opossums

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I am writing to urge you to cease your policy of killing invasive species in general and opossums in particular. Where removal of invasive animals is necessary, I would support human relocation or sterilization efforts.

In Omnibus Solidaritas,
Zach Brumaire

he/him/his, ze/zim/ziz

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: kevin ouellette <kvnouellette@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 2:47 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Euthanasia for opossums

To whom it may concern :

Opossums actually do way more good by keeping them alive and actually don't really have any negative outcomes by keeping them alive . They help control pests and keep the ecosystem clean.! They are natural pest controllers eating ticks , rodents, insects and venomous snakes. They are immune to snake venom! They also help consume dead animals and control the spread of disease! They are voracious tick eaters which helps to control Lyme disease . The areas they are in . Lyme disease is a brutal infection to catch for a human being . It can make living the most difficult you can imagine . Opossums have a very low body temperature so it is very rare they catch rabies. They are rabies resistant but not immune. But I am a rehabber and I have not yet seen an opossum with rabies . So I hope you will change the laws in your area and protect the opossums . 😊 . Have a wonderful day !

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jesus Osuna <jhectoro@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 3:49 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Opossum Classification

Categories: Wildlife

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Hi there,

I'm a proud resident of the great state of Oregon. I'd love if you can PLEASE re-classify opossums so that they're no longer considered a non-native invasive species.

This is an intelligent animal that eats beetles, ticks, and other human-harming pests. They also can't get rabies because their temperature is too low.

Thanks,
Hector

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: DEHART Keith B * ODFW
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 9:44 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Cc: GRAHAM-HUDSON Bernadette N * ODFW; WOLFER Brian H * ODFW
Subject: RE: Opossum should be removed from the invasive species list

Please do send them all my way (within reason I guess....).

Last week, on Thursday, the Oregon Invasive Species Council had a business meeting and a member of the public engaged them during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Unfortunately, I wasn't there but as I understand it the public comment was from a rehabber that doesn't want to euthanize Opossums that come into their care. The council provided them information on how to request a change in rule.

This has been a growing conversation over the past year with rehabbers and apparently, they finally put something together.

Thanks,
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From: ODFW Commission * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2025 8:45 AM
To: DEHART Keith B * ODFW <Keith.B.DeHart@odfw.oregon.gov>
Cc: GRAHAM-HUDSON Bernadette N * ODFW <Bernadette.N.GRAHAM-HUDSON@odfw.oregon.gov>; WOLFER Brian H * ODFW <Brian.H.WOLFER@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: FW: Opossum should be removed from the invasive species list

Seven letters so far....

Let me know if you want me to send all of them.

Keith: Do you know what is driving this request?

Roxie 😊

From: Jackie Swift <jackie.swift@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 1:39 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW <odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov>; coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org
Subject: Opossum should be removed from the invasive species list

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I just found out that opossums are on the invasive species list. This is unacceptable.

We should be treating animals with respect, not killing them just for existing.

Please take action to remove this outdated information.

Not only are opossums a valuable part of the animal world, but they benefit the communities they are part of by helping to manage dangerous tick and wasp populations.

I know you are speaking with an Oregonian Janine C. today on this matter and she has my full support.

If you need anything else, please don't hesitate to reach me.

Jackie Swift

Resident of North Portland, Oregon

jackie.swift@gmail.com

503-609-0090

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: jany gonzalez <janyg26@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 12:59 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Fwd: Opposums

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From: jany gonzalez <janyg26@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 8:31 AM
Subject: Opposums
To: coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org <coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org>

Hello,

I live in Eugene, OR and I am emailing you to urge you to reconsider the classification of the virginia opossum as an invasive species. Yesterday I found several opossum joeys after their mom was hit by a car. I worked to save them, only to find out that the wildlife rehabilitators couldnt assist due to their classification as an invasive species, therefore resulting in euthanization. I am shocked by this classification.

By your definition, invasive species are considered to be "non-native organisms that cause economic or environmental harm and are capable of spreading to new areas of the state." While it is true that opossums are non- native organisms, It's a stretch to consider them invasive as our neighboring state has reclassified them as naturalized.

Opposums are not ecologically aggressive in the state of Oregon. They do not rapidly displace native species and they help clean up carrion, fruit and trash. There is little evidence of serious harm to native biodiversity that would scientifically categorize opossums as invasive. Additionally, opossums are preyed upon by native predators such as coyotes and raptors, and in many urban and peri-urban areas, they are now functionally integrated into local food webs. While they may pose some risk in sensitive nesting areas or wetland habitats as many omnivorous mammals do, their overall ecological footprint appears to be modest.

I would also respectfully point out a precedent in Oregon's fish and wildlife policy: several non-native fish species — including smallmouth bass and walleye — are well-documented as invasive, yet they are not eradicated. Instead, they are managed through regulated harvest and are even promoted as sportfishing opportunities. This pragmatic approach acknowledges both the ecological impact and the social reality of their presence. A similar distinction could be applied to opossums: targeted management in sensitive areas where needed, without overextending the invasive species label.

I thank you for taking the time to read my email and I thank you for all the work you do. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Jany Gonzalez

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Laura Calvache <lacalvache@att.net>
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 10:27 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Opossums

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Hi,

Please remove them from the invasive species list. They provide many ecological benefits here locally.

Thank you,
Laura Calvache
Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Amber Rowland <amber.b.rowland@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 7:39 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Let's save the Possums!

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Hello there!

I am writing in support of removing Virginia Possums from Oregon's invasive species list based on the positive impacts they have on Oregon's environment. As both a Wildlife Care Center and OCCRA volunteer, I have had the pleasure of interacting with ODFW folks and do not envy the decisions you have to make and I know you don't take them lightly.

I appreciate your time,

Amber

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Erica Hand <ehand@oregoncharter.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2025 8:46 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Oposummns

Categories: Wildlife

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Dear ODFW Commission,

I am writing to you to please remove Opossums from the invasive species list. This law was made a long time ago and is outdated, as Opossums were already migrating here, and they not only have a multitude of predators here, but they also provide much-needed protection from harmful bugs such as ticks and wasps, as well as slugs and Japanese beetles that negatively impact crops. Oregon is one of the ONLY states that immediately murders the Virginia Opossum if anyone attempts to save or rehabilitate one. Even the state of Washington allows rehabilitation. I was born and raised in Oregon, and I was horrified and saddened to learn this. I implore you to take them off the invasive species list immediately. Please let me know when the hearings are to save these amazing creatures, so I can attend and let others know who want to fight for the protection of these innocent and awesome creatures.

Sincerely,
Erica Hand

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Erica Hand
Pronouns: She/Her
LA 9 Teacher
Creative Writing teacher
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Oregon Charter Academy (ORCA)
971-261-0862
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"Story is everything." -Shem Malone

From: Jeanine Beverly <jeaninecomstock@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 9:03 PM
To: Robyn Draheim
Cc: EMERSON Joshua * DEQ; ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Re: Formal Request for Reclassification of Virginia Opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*) and Recognition of Their Ecological Benefits in Oregon

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Is there any way myself and Loren Kelley (he is my partner but was unable to make the meeting because of work, unfortunately) can get in touch with both parties / entities at the same time? I still believe that community partners working together is the most powerful way to create change, especially with support from the community (which I can try and do). I am also a licensed social worker and happy to help any way I can in regards to advocating for the Opossum. They are truly being wrongfully killed due to their classification. It should have been changed a long time ago, imo.

On Thu, Jul 17, 2025, 10:25 AM Jeanine Beverly <jeaninecomstock@gmail.com> wrote:

I found the link to the meeting, thank you. I hadn't realized it was in the agenda document. We will be there at 3:45 today to give testimony. I am also going to CC the ODFW to this email as well as it seems both entities need to converse to create change and remove Opossums off the invasive species list. They are currently immediately murdered for no reason as they don't hurt the local environment what so ever. This has become common public knowledge as education about Opossums has increased. I was horrified to learn my state is one of the only with such extreme laws. None of the neighboring states have such horrible restrictive laws on Opossums as they are aware they are beneficial and would have migrated here already by now. Even the state of Washington allows rehabilitation and release. I would like this topic taken very seriously. There is absolutely no reason for our beautiful state of Oregon (the state I was born and raised in) to be murdering a species that provides nothing but positives to our local environment, especially while climate change is causing ticks and other horrible bugs to migrate here.

Thank you for your time.

On Sun, Jun 22, 2025, 1:17 PM Robyn Draheim <RobynDraheim@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org> wrote:

Dear Jeanine,

I have you both on our list for public testimony at our summer business meeting. You can find more information about the meeting on our website: <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/meetings>. Public testimony is traditionally the last slot at the close of our business meeting on the 17th. You may choose to attend remotely or in person. The remote call-in information is on the agenda.

I will note that the listing authority for opossums is the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, and information about upcoming Commission meetings (which also allow for public comment) can be found here: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/>

-Robyn

From: Jeanine Beverly <jeaninecomstock@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 15, 2025 1:03 PM

To: Robyn Draheim <RobynDraheim@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org>

Cc: EMERSON Joshua * DEQ <joshua.emerson@deq.oregon.gov>

Subject: Re: Formal Request for Reclassification of Virginia Opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*) and Recognition of Their Ecological Benefits in Oregon

Can you please sign my partner and I up to speak at this event? We are both passionate about this cause and would love the chance to testify and discuss. Thank you so much.

My name is Jeanine Comstock and his name is Loren Kelley. We can attend virtually.

On Fri, Jun 13, 2025, 2:00 PM Robyn Draheim <RobynDraheim@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org> wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding your proposal to redesignate opossums in Oregon. I will pass your request on to the Council. If this is an issue that you would like to share with the Council in person you may make a request to provide public testimony at our upcoming summer business meeting on July 17th which will be held at ODFW headquarters in Salem and will also be available as a hybrid meeting.

- Robyn

Robyn Draheim
Oregon Invasive Species Council
OISC Coordinator Team Leader, Samara Group, (she/her)

oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org

coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org



From: Jeanine Beverly <jeaninecomstock@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 10:57 AM

To: Coordinator <coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org>

Subject: Formal Request for Reclassification of Virginia Opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*) and Recognition of Their Ecological Benefits in Oregon

Dear Council Chair and Members,

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(Add name here)

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 8:43 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Cc: L K
Subject: Removal of the Opossum from the invasive species list

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P.S. I am struggling to understand why any organization would allow sugar gliders as pets but then turns around and kills north Americas only native marsupial en mass.

- Jeanine Comstock
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jackie Swift <jackie.swift@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 1:39 PM
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Be Green <alwaysbgreen1111@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 11:33 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: possums (revised)

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Sorry, I meant to say Please remove possums from the invasive species list.

Thanks!

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

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Please remove possums from the endangered species list.

Thank you!

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Carol Armstrong-lovanovici <carolcosmo45@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 6:00 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Remove Opossum from invasive species list

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I wanted to add my voice to those that would like to have Opossum removed from the invasive species list in Oregon.

Carol Armstrong-lovanovici
Portland Oregon

