

# **Exhibit B**

**Supplemental  
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Mr. Brandon Reishus  
Migratory Game Bird Coordinator  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Dear Mr Reishus,

On behalf of the 12,000 members of the Bird Alliance of Oregon, we respectfully ask for a ban on the hunting of Harlequin Ducks. The current population estimate of Oregon Harlequin Ducks is small and estimated to be approximately 200-300 individuals which is based on expert opinion and older estimates<sup>1</sup>. This species is of concern in Oregon and Washington due to narrow breeding habitat requirements, increasing human disturbance at breeding and wintering sites, and a lack of information regarding threats, causes of declines, factors limiting population size, and basic demographic information in the Oregon and Washington portion of its range. There is regional concern that western Harlequin Ducks may be in decline. This species is listed as an Species of Greatest Conservation Need in ODFW's own State Wildlife Action Plan<sup>2</sup>.

We recognize that the current hunting demand on this species is low with only 3 individuals being taken this past season. However, any increase in hunting pressure for this species under the current regulation bag limit of 1 duck per day could impact a significant portion of this species' state population and lead to local extirpations and even cause concern for potential functional extinction in Oregon. For example, if 10 hunters targeted 3 Harlequin Ducks in a given year that would approximately take out 30% of the state's population (assuming a state population of 300).

Given this species is recognized as at-risk in Oregon with a small population and low-productivity<sup>3</sup>, that there is concern about regionwide declines, and basic life history on this species is still needed, we encourage the Commission to take a precautionary approach and ban the hunting of Harlequin Ducks in Oregon at this time.

Sincerely,

Joe Liebezeit  
Statewide Conservation Director  
Bird Alliance of Oregon

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<sup>1</sup> Latta, S. 1992. Distribution and status of the Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) in Oregon. Unpubl. U.S. Dept. Agric., For Serv, Eugene.

<sup>2</sup> <https://swap.oregon.gov/>

<sup>3</sup> Bond, J. C., S. A. Iverson, N. B. MacCallum, C. M. Smith, H. J. Bruner, and D. Esler. 2009. Variation in breeding season survival of female Harlequin Ducks. *Journal of Wildlife Management* 73: 965-972.