

Hi my name is Brad Staples. I am 55 years old and have lived in Oregon for that long. I have fished and recreated in the state for that length of time as well. I am also a fishing guide in Oregon and this will be my 32nd year. I am very active in our sport fisheries and try to support ODFW. I do not believe that we should see this large of an increase in the cost of our fishing license's, when there is less product to fish for. The agency needs to be managed in a way that the existing programs are being supported and operated efficiently. There has been a lot of effort, both time and financial support by the Federal Government, State Governments and private conservation organizations to maintain and enhance our fish and wildlife. It appears every year there are less opportunities for fishing and hunting, but now the department is asking for a very large increase in fees to provide the same or less services. I understand the cost of goods & service increasing in price, since I live it everyday by being self employed. If I charged more for my service and provided less time on the water and poor quality with my boats and equipment, I would be out of business.

The proposed fee increase will cause a decrease in the future of the angling & hunting population in the State. The anticipated increase in fee's and having less areas to fish & hunt will eliminate families from taking their children in the outdoors to enjoy these types of activities. By not having young people exposed to fishing and hunting with their families or mentors and sharing their experiences in quality outdoor activities they will not continue to fish or hunt as adults and the future will be considerably worse than the current situation.

Sincerely,

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