

Greetings,

As a middle income Oregonian who enjoys fishing a few times per year, I strongly oppose ODFW's plans to increase license fees.

As an "occasional fisherman," I find ODFW's license fee structure to be a major burden and obstacle to participation in the sport. Currently, the cost of a 1-day fishing license is \$16.75, or about half the cost of a yearly license. Someone who fishes two weekends in 2015 would pay the same amount as someone who fishes every weekend. This fee structure is not only unfair, it likely dissuades many people from fishing altogether.

If ODFW wanted to increase participation (and increase overall revenue), they would adjust license fees to better reflect usage. The current system is a bargain for those who fish often, but overcharges those of us who fish infrequently. This ill-conceived fee structure is a hindrance to those considering joining the sport, and has likely contributed to the declining participation and declining revenue that now plagues ODFW.

Now that daily licenses can be purchased online and printed by the user, there is no reason for exorbitant fees. I suggest the department consider raising yearly license fees while reducing 1-day fees. This would likely increase overall revenue, and could reverse the trend of reduced participation in our state's bountiful fishing resources.

Thanks for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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