

Dear Committee members.

My father was born in Elmira, OR in 1919 and lived his entire life in Oregon. I was born in 1947 and have also lived my entire life (except 4 years in the Navy) in Oregon. We are fourth and fifth generation Oregonians.

I remember how proud my father was to receive his free "Oregon Pioneer Permanent Angling/Hunting License" for a one time \$8. fee in 1985. As a long time hunter and fisherman, it was a benchmark he looked forward to. I turned 65 in 2012 and went to the Regional ODF&W office at Adair Village and filled out the paper work, submitted my one time \$10. fee and received my free Oregon Pioneer Permanent Combination license.

I appreciate what the ODF&W does for our fishing and hunting opportunities here in Oregon. I realize, as a retired business owner, costs of doing business increase. What I don't understand is how a free, permanent combination license can all of a sudden become not free and not permanent. Evidently we have different definitions of the words.

I know it is a daunting task to fund a large bureaucracy. I think one solution to the issue of the permanent pioneer license would be to 'grandfather in' those of us who have already obtained our permanent pioneer licenses and maybe even go a step further and start the \$6. fee in three years to allow those within reach to obtain it too.

Thank you for your efforts and please consider my request.

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