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## **“SERIOUS DEPLETION” DEFINED**

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“Serious depletion means a significant likelihood that the species management unit will become threatened or endangered under either the state or federal Endangered Species Act.”

This definition, coupled with the State Wildlife Policy in ORS 496.012, means that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife must manage all native wildlife in ways that will eliminate the “significant likelihood” that they will become threatened or endangered.