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To whom it may it concern,

Managing Oregon's fish and wildlife is a delicate process , as an Oregon resident and outdoorsman my entire life I have seen this first hand and follow closely to the changes and reports on our fish and Wildlife across the state. There are many things that have affected are hunting and fishing over the years and have had a negative impact on cultural and economical development in our area . Hunting by far has changed drastically . We must manage and find a balance for prey/predators . The Cougar population has exploded in great magnitude over the years . Not many hunters have success targeting cougars as they are an elite predator that can follow us in the woods without being seen . The use of managing cougar populations with Dogs needs to be considered and brought back before it is to late . Our deer and elk populations have already dropped , we must do what is right and save our wildlife for future generations as well as our given right to hunt and provide for our family's and friends . The disruption of mine and many others hunts has been very obvious due to cougar populations increasing and putting pressure on our game . Please bring back hound hunting , please listen to the voice of those who care for our wildlife and want to see a proper balance . Hound hunting is no longer a social belief of wanting it to come back . The facts are there we need management of Cougars in the state of Oregon .