

For October Meeting

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Subject: Joint Meeting Topics

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The use of joint meetings to share information and observe both common challenges and successes is to be commended. I would assume that you will already be discussing such topics as wolves, drought, and marijuana grow habitat and water impacts so I would like to ask the Oregon Commission to share two unrelated topics:

- 1) In conjunction with Washington and Idaho, the requirements for muzzle loading rifles are more primitive than California's and I wonder how the public is accepting the novel concept of primitive rifles during a primitive rifle season and how is it working as a management tool if that is a consideration.
- 2) The Oregon Commission has a makeup based on districts, while that of California is a de facto one of various constituencies. How does the Oregon Commission function with the added input from rural areas and does local knowledge of habitat and conditions outweigh the political focus of California's contrasting makeup? Again, how is the Oregon makeup accepted by the public and is there any influence (positive or negative) on Jeffersonian type resentments by rural areas?

I appreciate any input on these topics that can be given and I assume that it would be brief and as informative as I always find the meetings of the California F&W Commission.

Sincerely,

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