

1/28/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order, Those Present, Flag Salute

Meeting called to Order at 10:00 by Chair Paul Lewis

Present: Commissioner Boyd, Lani Hickey, Paul Lewis, Chris O'Grady, Jim Gansberg, Lyndon Kerns, Anne Wenner, Mason Wolf, Tom Collom, Alex Schwartz, Sam Dodenhoff, Mark Coats

2. Agenda Deletions/Additions

Addition to Agenda: Paul Wolf - APHIS

3. Approval Of 2-13-2020 Minutes

Minutes from 2-13-2020 Approved as presented

4. Tom Collom / ODF&W

Tom Collom: Rogue Pack spent a great deal of time on the Fort Klamath side. There was documentatio of 1 wolf pup but it does not have appeared to survived. The trapped female and collared female from last year does not seem to be travelling with the pack, there is however a breeding male and female that are travelling together. There were 5 wolves documented late summer.

Klamath County is still in Phase 1 of the Oregon Wolf Plan, with this there were 15 confirmed depredations in the Fort Klamath area during 2020. APHIS was very instrumental in helping provide night patrol and all together there were 100 nights that human presence was in Fort Klamath. With this it can safely be said that there would have been a much higher depredation rate without this human presence.

Livestock producers have been very proactive in burying their dead livestock and getting rid of bone piles.

USF&W delisting has moved authority to ODF&W but there are currently two lawsuits pending with more expected. It was suggested that President Biden may likely resind the delisting.

Sam Dodenhoff: Because the Rogue Pack is currently designated as a Cronic Depredating Pack a producer may take lethal measures against the wolf if it is chasing, biting or attaching the cows/calves. However, the producer must be implementing non-lethal measures before this can occur. Outside of the Rogue Pack a producer can only use lethal measures is the wolf is physically attacking the cattle. These conditions can change so producers are encouraged to keep up to date with the current regulations.

Mason Wolf: Alyssa will be leaving APHIS and there is currently a search for a new Conflict Specialist.

5. Depredation Compensation And 2021 ODA Grant

Compensations Rates are as follows:

750 lbs or below \$1.45/lb

751 lbs or above \$1.35/lb

Motion put forth by Chris O'Grady and seconded by Lyndon Kerns.

6. Group Discussion / Future Topics

Klamath County will submit a new grant with the 15 depredations for compensation and 30% or more for non lethal deterrents (AHPIS)

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am