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OPRD Public Comments
Division 21, Smoking Restrictions

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August 2, 2014

OPRD Beach Smoking
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Salem, OR 97301

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please put me down as being in favor of the smoking ban on Oregon beaches.

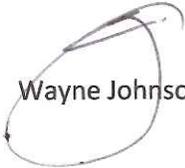
There is a large casino here in Lincoln City that sits at the edge of the beach and it seems if a person gambles, then they drink and they also smoke plus often throw their butts on the beach.

The problem with the filters of cigarettes is they don't deteriorate, or break down and become part of the sand. Also those plastic tips used on cigars stay around forever.

I used to be a chain smoker myself (4 packs of PallMall a day, then a cigar plus finish off with a pipe) in my younger years so I know and understand the habit of having to have that smoke. I quit when I developed cancer.

All in favor of the smoking ban on Oregon beaches.

Best regards,


Wayne Johnson

August 4, 2014

OPRD Beach Smoking

725 Summer Street N.E. Suite C

Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Smoking Ban on Beaches in Oregon

I would like to encourage you to ban smoking on the beautiful beaches of Oregon.

I have lived in Lincoln City for 40 years, own a business here, and fully realize that tourism is our only economy, other than retirement. Our only real attraction is our seven miles of beaches within our city limits. They should be clean and pristine both for nature and for human enjoyment.

I walk a mile of beach every other day and pick up garbage along the way every time. I don't pick up cigarette butts as I would not get any exercise.....I would be stooping over all the time.

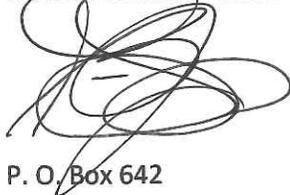
When SOLV has their beach clean-ups every year, they pick up literally millions of butts. I'm sure you have access to their numbers as they publish them. It is a universal problem everywhere.

I do hope you will consider the quality of the environment and the rights of non-smokers and create a smoking ban on all beaches in Oregon. I wish it would go further as a ban in all of our parks, too.

I used to smoke, so I understand it from the "other side", but I never considered it right to just throw my smoking residue around for others to clean up. It is also a health problem for our whole society, but should not become a problem in nature.

Thank you for considering my opinion and rights.

Barbara Jenkins-Gibson



P. O. Box 642

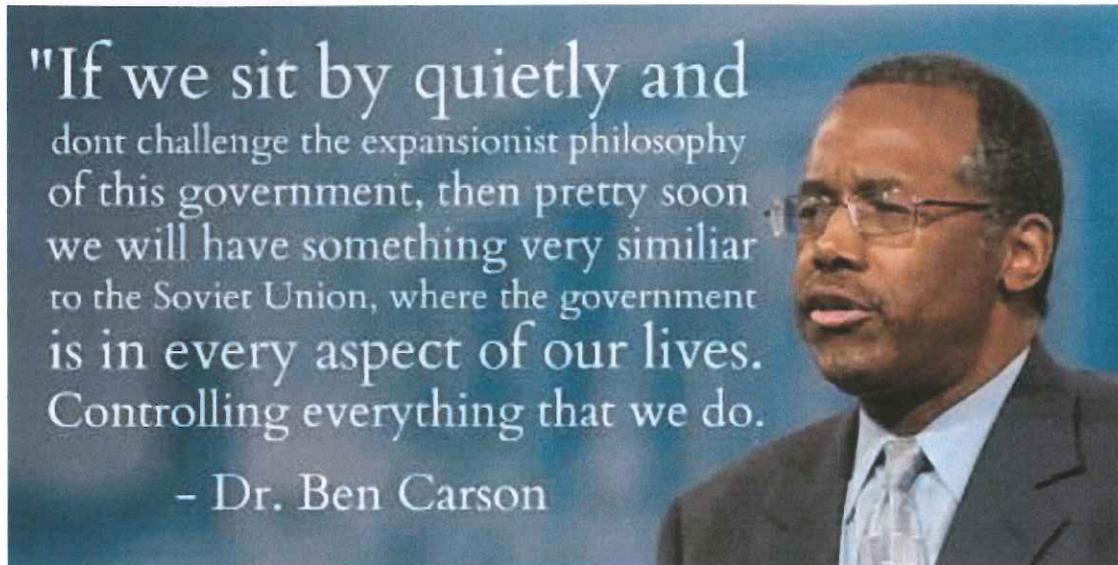
Lincoln City, Oregon 97367

541-994-3762

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Banning cigarette smoking on Oregon beaches.

Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Department;



"This government" also includes the great state of Oregon's meddling "..... in every aspect of our lives."

I am against further state encroachments on citizen's liberties. Smoking is not the problem with our beaches. If the argument is going to be 'litter' then perhaps Oregon Parks & Recreation should also consider banning consumption of beverages from cans and bottles which far outnumber the cigarette butts one may find on our beaches. After that has been done I suppose food wrappers might also be considered.

Respectfully,



Richard Wisner (pushing social security age and a life-long Lincoln County, Oregon citizen)
Post Office Box 434
Siletz, Oregon 97380-0434



Janet Stahl
John R. Stahl

aug 15, 2014

O.P.R.D.
Beach Smoking

Oregon has a fastacted "Beach Bill" since 1967. Lets re read the bill.

Oregon Beaches belong to all the people, they must be responsible.

Who polices the beaches now? Where would funds come from for law enforcement?

O.P.R.D. already has laws and please no new signs. So I've cleaned beaches twice a year as do local people all year long. What makes up this debate?

We walk Cape Lookout State Park Beach approx. 4 mornings a week, we do not see any tobacco products on this beach. Perhaps

(over)

9780 Whiskey Creek Road West, Tillamook, Oregon 97141

503-842-8708

Some people do police themselves.

We do see debris that comes in on the waves, mostly from boats and Japan. Will boaters be restricted from smoking on Oregon waters; what about Washington?

Where does this stop, this proposed law, it could get really stupid.

Yours for Oregon,

John

Janet

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August 22, 2014

Richard Walkoski, Recreation Program Manager
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer St. NE, Suite C
Salem, OR 97301

Mr. Walkoski:

The Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division would first and foremost like to commend the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Executive Committee and Commission for demonstrating leadership in tobacco prevention and education by making Oregon ocean shores smoke-free.

By making all of Oregon's coastal beaches smoke-free, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will improve the quality of life for all people in Oregon. Oregon has a rich history of preserving Oregon's beaches for public use. Since 1967, the public has had free and uninterrupted use of the beaches along Oregon's 362 mile-long coastline. OPRD has the responsibility to protect and preserve the recreation, scenic and natural resource values found on the ocean shore – by taking the step to go smoke-free OPRD is also promoting the health of our community, environment and the state's bottom line. A majority of smokers initiate smoking before the age of 18. By creating smoke-free ocean shores, OPRD is contributing to a growing list of places in Oregon that model healthful behaviors for youth and promote health for everyone.

The Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division (PHD) is fully supportive of OPRD in establishing smoke-free ocean shores. PHD also encourages expansion of the rule to include e-cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, reflecting the successful model policies put forward by local jurisdictions. Currently, Oregon has 17 tobacco-free fairgrounds and 45 jurisdictions have restricted tobacco use in parks. Local governments are also establishing tobacco-free properties and creating healthier workplaces. Most recently Klamath and Washington counties have joined Benton, Clatsop, Deschutes, Hood River, Jackson, Multnomah and Umatilla counties in passing tobacco-free policies for county properties. Many of these policies are comprehensive and inclusive of electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products.

All seven Oregon coastal counties have higher cigarette smoking rates compared to the state average. Curry County has the highest smoking prevalence in the state - nearly one in three

adults smoke. Providing smoke-free state ocean shores will make a difference for Oregonians that are disproportionately affected by tobacco.

In Oregon, tobacco use continues to be the number one cause of preventable death and illness, resulting in approximately 7,000 deaths per year. Tobacco use costs Oregon in dollars as well as lives, costing Oregon nearly 2.4 billion dollars in direct medical expenditures and lost productivity due to premature death. Smoke-free ocean shores will help smokers quit, protect Oregonians from second-hand smoke, and show kids that tobacco use is not the norm.

- Three out of every four Oregon smokers want to quit, and having a tobacco-free environment helps with the difficult decision to become tobacco-free. The Surgeon General's 2000 Report on Reducing Tobacco Use found that smoke free laws "have been shown to decrease daily tobacco consumption and to increase smoking cessation among smokers."
- Second-hand smoke can be just as deadly outdoors as indoors. Recent studies show that sitting three-feet away from a smoker outdoors can expose you to the same level of secondhand smoke as if you were sitting indoors with a smoker.^{1,2} In addition, secondhand smoke can trigger asthma attacks and other immediate adverse health effects for park users.
- Tobacco-free spaces promote a healthy lifestyle and discourage youth tobacco use initiation and future addictions.

Again, PHD thanks you for moving forward on protecting people from tobacco in Oregon. PHD houses a nationally recognized Tobacco Prevention and Education Program and is available to provide technical assistance, provide community education, and support your implementation efforts. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,



Karen Girard, MPA

Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention Section Manager

Oregon Public Health Division

Center for Prevention & Health Promotion

¹ Wayne Ott and Neil Klepeis. Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association (JAWMA), May 2007.

² Barnoya and Glantz. Cardiovascular Effects of Secondhand Smoke: from the Center for Tobacco Control.

8/12/14

Dear Parks + Rec

As an avid visitor to the Oregon Coast, I hate seeing cigarette butts on the sand. They are gross and toxic.

Our beaches should be clean and a healthy place for citizens to visit. Second hand smoke bills + I can't believe it is still allowed on the coast.

Please step up and ban cigarette smoking ~~at~~^{from} the Oregon Coast + Oregon Parks.

Just Do it!
Evin Rowland

Portland, OR 97202
3822 SE Schiller St

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask you to please ban
Cigarette Smoking on our beaches. Cigarettes
are the number one litter item that I pick up and
see everywhere. They are highly toxic and are not
bio degradable. Wildlife eat them, little kids + dogs
pick them up, we step on them, the list goes on.
They are harmful to our environment and marine
wildlife. As Stewards of the land, Sea, + air - I
ask you to ban Cigarette Smoking on our beaches.

Thank you!

Kirsten Brachet
5834 NE 25th Ave
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33309

8/12/14

Dear Parks,

This measure to ban smoking on the beaches and in Parks in Oregon means a lot to me. I grew up on the Oregon beaches and do monthly clean ups in the Portland area. Cigarette butts are the worst offender in the variety of litter found along the wayside. They can be found anywhere with no effort. This measure has potential to limit the amount found in recreational areas along the coast. I am in full support of passing this measure because I feel that it will aid in combating toxins in the environment. Cigarette butts lead to many poisons being leached into the watershed that harm the animals both directly (when they eat them mistaking them for food) and indirectly (when chemicals are released as they begin to break down). Please pass this measure to ban smoking in these areas.

Sincerely,

Kenista Jackson ✱
730 NE 74th Ave Apt. C
Portland, OR 97213

Concerning the proposed ban on tobacco products on Oregon's beaches... I am all for it! I have attended countless beach clean-ups over the years and it is my experience that the most often encountered litter is/are cigarette butts.

When I go to the coast for recreation, my wife and I take buckets and collect trash... in every instance cigarette butts are the main litter.

I encourage you to move forward with the cigarette/tobacco products ban on our beaches.

John L. Thompson
Portland, OR

Lynne Compton
Francis Thompson
Portland, OR

Dear ^{OREGON} Parks I am 12 years old and I think you should also ban ~~some~~ smoking on the beaches because it hurt animals and makes them sick also it hurts the environment! Some kids/baby's could pick them up from the sand and eat them (grosssss) it pollutes the beach and no one wants to step on cigarettes, or swim in them.

~Olivia B.

21762 SW Sherwood Blvd #164
Sherwood, OR 97140

Dear Parks Commission,

Cigarette butts are disgusting. I am a surfer and frequent visitor to Oregon's coasts, and cigarette butts are among the items I sometimes find too repulsive to pick up and throw away.

Please help all the smokers who want to quit anyway by making it illegal to smoke on our beautiful beaches. Seriously, they're gross.

Thank you for taking the time to read my hand writing,

Mike Mathews

Portland, OR

7020 N Pierce ave

SE Portland OR 97203

To whom it may concern,

My name is Phil Schieder. After a year process I became an Oregon resident. I have been living in Oregon for 5 years and I absolutely love our beaches. I am an avid surfer and recreate frequently up and down the coast.

Having been a smoker in the past I feel like I have a unique perspective on this issue. I am a supporter of banning smoking on our beaches. Although this law will not necessarily enforce people to stop smoking on beaches, I do think that it will spur the conversation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Phil Schieder

539.301.2375

Phil.Schieder@gmail.com

8/12/14

Dear Oregon Parks + Recreation Commission -

I am writing today as an Oregon resident in favor of the cigarette ban. As an avid hiker, surfer, and frequent tour guide (for visiting friends + family) at the coast I am a relevant constituent who is directly affected by smokers on the beach. It truly takes away from the enjoyment of the coast, as an athlete, to breathe in second-hand smoke. Secondly, the waste caused by cigarette butts is damaging to the environment + the aesthetics of our beautiful coast. I understand a ban may be difficult to enforce, but an education + awareness campaign would really be beneficial. Just like the ban of fireworks it would really help to have a ban - especially in the more populated / frequented coastal spots.

Thank you for your time
and attention,

Virginia Borchardt
1615 SW Morrison Apt 417
Portland OR 97205
(503) 869 8284

Oregon Parks + Rec,

Please, add this statement to your Public Comment in regards to banning smoking on Oregon beaches.

I have been doing beach clean-ups for the last two years on the North Oregon Coast + on my own in Portland along the Columbia River. Most of the trash I pick-up honestly is cigarette butts. Anecdotely, a good 90% of it is plastic, cartons, + butts. It is extremely important to ban smoking on beaches to spread educational awareness on the negative effects of butts in the fragile ecosystems along the coast.

Your efforts, will help mine as a volunteer + active citizen who spends her free time cleaning up after those who litter.

A vote to ban smoking, is a vote to help me + my family in our individual efforts to enjoy a clean, smoke-free + butt-free time on the Oregon coast.

Thank you for your support,

Lindsey Stover

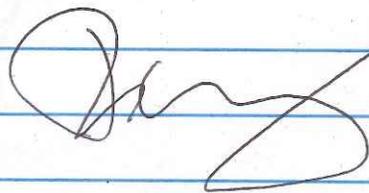
1652 N. Jarnett St, Portland, OR
97217

To whom it may concern...

As a member of the Portland Surfers chapter, I want to express my support of the proposed ban on smoking on the Oregon coast. Please use your position to make a positive difference for the environment.

Thank you,

Jan Kennelly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jan Kennelly', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

2402 NE 15th
Portland OR, 97212

8/12/14

Oregon
Dear ~~Resident~~ Parks & Rec,

My name is Jacque Rodriguez, (Portland resident).

I would like to say

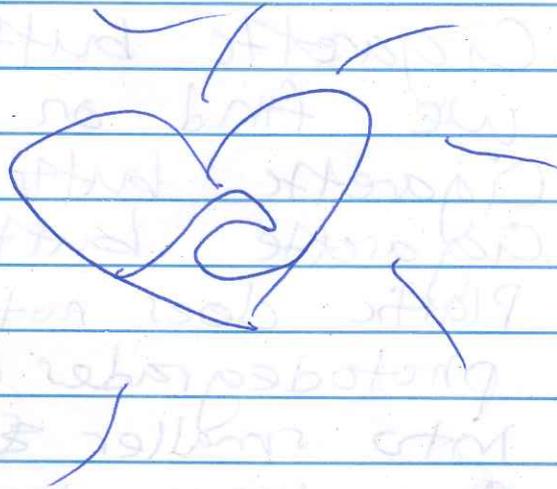
I support the banning of cigarettes in Oregon state parks. I support

the banning of cigarettes
on the beaches.

- Cigarette butts are top litter we find on beach cleanup
- Cigarette butts leach toxic chemicals
- Cigarette butts are plastic. Plastic does not biodegrade, it photodegrades (breaking down into smaller & smaller pieces. ~~pieces~~)
- ~~I~~ I think I should have the freedom of clean air & water (environment).
- Keep in mind:
 - 16.3% of Oregonians are smokers
 - 81% wisher they could quit



I am also the Secretary
of Surfrider Foundation
Portland Chapter. We have been
working on the HOTYB campaign
(Hold On To Your Butt campaign)
and we would really appreciate
if you ban smoking from beaches.
We know people will still smoke
on the beach but it will
discourage it and discourage
littering. Thank you for
doing this! YAS!



730 NE 74th Ave. Apt C
PDX OR 97213

Sincerely,
Jacque Rodriguez
Jacque R

To Whom it may Concern,

My name is Matthew Spencer and I am writing to support the proposed ban on Cigarette smoking on Oregon Beaches. I frequent the Coast often and see lots of trash, especially Cigarette butts and tobacco associated debris. While this ban may only be part of the solution to reduce trash on public beaches while improving public health, I believe this is a further step in the right decision. Thank you for your interest in this important issue.

Sincerely Matt Spencer

2921 SE Yamhill
PDX OR 97214

10/11/14

Dear Oregon Parks + Rec Commission,

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER IN SUPPORT OF BANNING CIGARETTE SMOKING ON PUBLIC BEACHES. AS AN AVID USER OF OREGON BEACHES AND AS A CITIZEN CONCERNED WITH THE HEALTH OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT I STRONGLY SUPPORT A NO SMOKING ON PUBLIC BEACHES POLICY. ONE YEAR AGO I PARTICIPATED IN A BEACH CLEANUP AT ALKI BEACH IN SEATTLE, WA. I WAS SHOCKED AT THE AMOUNT OF CIGARETTE BUTTS THAT WERE COLLECTED THAT COULD NOT BE SEEN AT FIRST. IN SANDY ENVIRONMENTS WITH TIDAL EFFECT THEY TEND TO MIGRATE DOWNWARDS INTO THE SAND, ALTHOUGH THEY CANT BE SEEN ON THE SURFACE THEY ARE NO LESS DAMAGING TO THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH LACK OF DECOMPOSITION AND LEACHING OF TOXIC CHEMICALS.

PLEASE CONSIDER ADOPTING THIS BAN. IT HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN OTHER PLACES (SUCH AS HAWAII).

THANKS!
Sincerely,
Joe Wood
1208 SE WMATILLA ST
PORTLAND, OR 97202

Dear ^{OREGON} Parks and Rec

I'm in support of the ban on smoking at the beaches. I have been part of beach cleanups and I have seen how many cigarette butts are thrown away. To know ~~that~~ how much harm will come of the environment by such a silly action breaks my heart.

I have enjoyed surfing for more than half of my life and I would like my daughter ~~and~~ to be able to enjoy the beaches just as much as I have.

Please consider the future of ~~of~~ our children when weighing this issue.

Thank you

John M. Baker
~~2175~~ Sherwood, OR.

To whom it may concern: (Oregon Parks & Rec Commission)

The bill which is being proposed in Oregon which would ban tobacco use on all state beaches is near and dear to my heart. Having studied the bio accumulation effects of plastic pollutants it is critical to assist in all ways possible to keep our beaches free of cigarette butts. Seabirds marine (underwater) life ingest these among other pollutants and suffer greatly. Kick it at the source. People can smoke in their own cars and (hopefully) properly dispose of the waste.

Thank you,
AL MASLOWSKI

3017 NE 14th AVE
PORTLAND, OR 97212

TO OREGON PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT,

AS A RESIDENT OF THE BEAUTIFUL STATE OF OREGON I AM DISHEARTENED TO LEARN OF RESOURCES BEING EXPENDED TO EVEN CONSIDER THE BANNING OF SMOKING ON PUBLIC BEACHES. WHILE UNDERSTANDING THAT MANY INDIVIDUALS FIND SMOKING APPALLING, I WOULD ALSO POINT THAT HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ABUSE AND SUBSEQUENT LITTER IS EQUALLY APALLING.

AS A RESIDENT OF NEWPORT IT IS NO SECRET TO MANY IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ALL ALONG THE BEACH AND NEARBY GREEN SPACES, HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS ARE DENSE. ADDITIONALLY, THE BEACH AND TREES OFFER HAVENS FOR DRUG ABUSE AND CHILDREN LEARN IN SCHOOL, PRIOR TO BEACH CLEANUP FIELD TRIPS, TO "NOT TOUCH THE NEEDLES" THAT THEY COME ACROSS.

WHILE MANY EFFORTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT REDUCING BOTH OF THESE ISSUES, THEY STILL PERSIST AND REMAIN PRESENT IN MY MEMORY MUCH MORE PROFOUNDLY THAN THAT OF ANY SMOKER I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED.

TO THAT I ASSERT: STOP WASTING TIME, MONEY AND RESOURCES WITH INCONSEQUENTIAL LEGISLATION AIMED AT FURTHER DEMONIZING A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHOSE HABIT IS OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE TO ANYONE BUT THEMSELVES. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS A USEFUL ALLOCATION OF MY TAX DOLLARS. DO NOT BAN SMOKING ON PUBLIC BEACHES AND STOP ASKING.

Sincerely


DEVIN WHITAKER

To Whom It May Concern,

I am against the proposed rule to restrict smoking of tobacco products on Oregon beaches. It seems like this rule would be impossible to enforce. It's against the law to litter - if the butts are a problem - that law is not being enforced! How will we enforce this new law?

Thank you,

Ellen Abrego

OPRD Beach Smoking

725 Sumner St, NE – Suite C

Salem, OR 97301

August 25, 2014

Dear Sir or Madam:

Since the e-mail I tried to send on Friday never went through, I guess I'll have to resort to snail mail.

I am writing in support of a ban on smoking on the beaches. Even if it's unrealistic to think that very many people will be fined, I think it's important that a statement is made – saying that non smokers have a right to clean air. A letter to the editor in The Daily Astorian referred to this as a trivial issue. I disagree wholeheartedly. It's bad enough that all the non-smokers have to deal with the law of smokers being 10 feet away from entry ways. That's a joke. I get tired of constantly having to hold my breath just to walk to my car from my office. Let's make a statement of clean air for the beaches at least.



Jane Holland

1310 Parker Place

Astoria, OR 97103

OR Parks and Recreation Department
ORPD Beach Smoking
725 Summer St. NE Suite C
Salem OR 97301

Attn: Grp SG
P.O. Box 949
Astoria OR 97103
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RE: Beach Butt Ban

My vote is for smokers to Butt off of the beaches.

When I'm at the beach, it's not about secondary smoke, bad breath and watching people with the prospect of a portable oxygen tank that I may have to pay for in their future. The wind is usually blowing. It's the unnecessary garbage left by lazy and inconsiderate, and frankly, stupid people. The pot smokers are stupid too, but they have always saved their roaches, and recycled!

I have the normal concerns about the erosion of personal freedoms by the government. I also have the same concerns about the erosion of personal responsibility in our society. Over time I have found that smokers, generally, are slobs. In the military, people smoked – but they soon learned to dispose of the butts properly – either from some “Personal Attention” from the drill Sgt., or from morning “policing detail”, picking up the butts from those that just didn't get it.

I believe, like most other rights, they stop when they violate mine – like my nose, my health and finances. In this country - people are generally free to go to hell in their own manner. But why should we have to pay for their trip? With all the health costs involved with smoking – I would even support “Registration of Smokers” – and no payment of smoker related medical cost, or making them pay extra premiums for smoking – (They already do it for life insurance. Like the idiot motorcyclists that want to ride without helmets: ER personnel refer to them as “organ donors”. How about not requiring *helmets* – because their brains are obviously not working well, but extra insurance, *body* armor and mandatory donor status to protect the organs for harvesting? YO! Is there a legislator in the house!?)

I have found that many smokers are also dishonest. They smoke where they know they are not supposed to, against the law, rules and policies. (Sneaky beggars' – and like I said - stupid – as if we can't smell the smoke in the stairwell or bathroom?)

Can't enforce it? Let some citizens do it like they did with the Handicapped Parking signs. I'm sure there are plenty anti-smoking, anti-littering, Global warning NKVD wannabe's that will take that challenge. This *is* Oregon.

To paraphrase a saying of my grandmothers about graffiti “Peoples butts like their faces, always seen in public places.”

Thank you.


S. Throup

Hello,

Definitely ban smoking along Oregon beaches. I'm sick of cleaning up after slob who care nothing about the earth, its wild-life, other beachgoers, or their own health.

Protect our beaches; it's your job.

Sincerely,

Charmaine Behg

346 7th Street

Springfield, OR 97477

Hello, my name is Bob Woodward and I am from Beaverton,
OR.

World-wide 4.5 trillion cigarettes are tossed each year. If a conservative 80% of the cigarettes tossed have a filter, we have 4 Trillion filtered cigarettes tossed. My research tells me that it can take up to 25 years to break down a single cigarette filter. Do the math; 4 Trillion X 25 years gives you a potential of 100 Trillion cigarette filters existing in some form in the environment at any one time.

The more I think about this situation, the more frustrated I get. It has been observed there are people that will make a great effort to pick up all their beach picnic garbage and lug it back to parking lot trashcans, but those very same people will think nothing about tossing a cigarette butts onto the sand. This clearly demonstrates the need for education; but, education programs cost money. If this Smoking Ban is approved, we will need to put up hundreds of signs along the 360 miles of beaches to notify the public of the new ban; but, signs cost money. Where would all this money come from? I venture to guess, it would be our hard earned Tax Dollars and I am not at all happy with that total waste of money!

Received

AUG 28 2014

State Parks and
Recreation Department

I pay my taxes every year and I am tired of seeing this money spent on projects the likes of education programs simply to teach inconsiderate smokers the total consequences of their addiction and the common courtesy of properly disposing their cigarette butts. I would much rather see my tax dollars go to prepare our degrading infrastructure to the inevitable earthquake that will harm our economy like the recent one in Napa, CA. We have far more urgent uses for Oregonian's tax dollars. Putting up hundreds of smoking ban signs on Oregon Beaches and funding education programs that teach what most of us consider a common sense courtesy we should have learned from our parents is simply not one of them.

I would respectfully suggest there is an alternate solution that pays for itself without a single tax payer dollar. This solution gets 100% of its funding from the people responsible for causing the problem in the first place. This plan is modeled after the San Francisco Cigarette Litter Abatement Fee Ordinance of June 2009. Under that plan San Francisco added a 1 cent per cigarette fee or 20 cents for every pack of cigarettes sold in the city. It was noted in its enactment, **"As a regulatory fee, and not a tax, any State or City tax requirements are not applicable."** With this fee, they were able to raise \$5,000,000 to specifically fund efforts to pick up cigarette butts.

I would suggest Oregon pass a similar ordinance with the following modifications using a two phase implementation approach:

Phase 1: The Filter Fee Collection

- I would suggest a much more substantial fee of 3 to 5 cents per cigarette, translating to 60 cents to \$1 per pack. This fee would help fund Phase 2 and would make it prohibitively expensive for teenagers to start smoking in the first place. I realize this will make current smokers will kick and scream all the way to the check-out stand, but they will eventually thank you in the end if this will give them the financial incentive to quit smoking for good.
- These fees would be collected at the time the cigarettes receive the Oregon Cigarette Stamp allowing the cigarettes be sold in Oregon.
- I would strongly recommend collecting these fees on filtered cigarettes and plastic tipped cigars only. The non-biodegradable plastic in the filter is the focus of the issue here and therefore non-filtered cigarettes should be exempt. Assuming retailers would only adjust the price of the filtered cigarettes affected by the fee to recover the costs, smokers would have the choice to pay less for non-filtered cigarettes and still feed their addiction at no additional cost.

- Lastly; if this helps push tobacco manufacturers to develop or employ a truly biodegradable filters like those developed by Greenbutts (see below) that are said to biodegrade in only a matter days; they could apply for a reduced fee based on the results of biodegradability tests performed by the State of Oregon at the manufacturers expense.

Phase 2: Recycling Program

- Another reason for the higher fee per filter would be to fund an infrastructure similar to the “bottle bill”, with this one targeting a recycling program for cigarette filters.
- According to Terracycle Inc. out of Trenton NJ, cigarette butts are 100% recyclable. They already have an agreement with New Orleans, paying the city \$4 per pound for cigarette litter recovered.
- If the filter fee was substantial enough we could fund setting up collection kiosks to pay anyone a “per-pound” recycling rebate to collect and return cigarette litter.
- The plastic in the filters can be retasked into useful products like shipping pallets and sold to cover any balance of the State’s project costs plus generate a small profit.

Bottom-line: I do not believe a total ban on smoking on Oregon's beaches is in the best interest of the public, nor is it worthy of a single tax dollar. It has been mentioned that there are only 5 rangers to patrol all of Oregon's ocean beaches, so there is no reasonable expectation that writing citations will do anything to reduce the problem. It is expected this law will raise awareness and miraculously cause smokers to "self-comply" out of guilt. I believe this to be naïve and wishful thinking. Any one that knows someone that smokes more than a pack-a-day understands that with indoor smoking bans in place, smokers take every opportunity they can to satisfy their fix when outdoors. The inevitable result of this ban will put non-smokers into the unenviable position of filling in for the absent Beach Ranger by trying to inform the violators of the new ban. Realistically, they would not say a thing in the first place unless they are pushed to some level of frustration. When you put one frustrated citizen in a confrontation with a violating smoker that is angry at being told they cannot smoke in yet another public location; I believe we will experience a new twist on road rage called "beach rage" where some level of physical violence will eventually happen.

I am a realist; I truly believe a ban would “initially” reduce cigarette litter on beaches, if only because of the publicity campaign blitz our tax dollars will fund announcing the ban. I do not believe this will be effective for long. Sometime in the near future; when the story disappears out of the headlines and the non-smokers give up trying to politely remind the violators, the smokers will simply start tossing again and we are back to square one with millions of Oregon’s hard-earned tax dollars totally wasted.

I beg you to base your final decision on the minimal and most effective use Oregon’s tax dollars. I strongly believe you have an opportunity to provide a solution that pays for itself; makes those that cause the problem totally accountable for the solution; gets the toxic butts out of our water and landfills; and could potentially provide a revenue source for the State of Oregon to fund much more urgent programs.

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New Orleans Joins Innovative Cigarette Butt Recycling Program

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In New Orleans, discarded butts are being turned into something useful.

The first of 50 cigarette butt recycling receptacles was installed at a downtown intersection Monday. Developers of the program say New Orleans is the first U.S. city to participate in a large-scale recycling effort launched in Canada last year.

Trenton, New Jersey- based recycling company TerraCycle Inc. developed the program in 2012. The first citywide receptacles were placed in Vancouver, British Columbia, in November 2013.

"Globally we have collected 25 million butts since November of 2012," said company spokesman Albe Zakes, adding that the company is in talks with officials in Toronto, Sydney, Tokyo, Phoenix and Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Officials with the New Orleans Downtown Development District said joining the program was a no-brainer. Smokers flock to curbside trash bins and public benches for nicotine fixes, and smoking is still allowed in bars that do not serve food. The downtown area is just blocks from the French Quarter and is home to the huge Harrah's Casino.

That adds up to a lot of cigarette butts.

District president and CEO Kurt Weigle said a one-day sweep in 2011 turned up nearly 7,000 cigarette butts downtown.

According to TerraCycle, New Orleans will be paid \$4 for each pound of cigarette waste collected.

The organic materials, such as tobacco and paper, are composted.

Cigarette filters, though they look and feel like fiber, are made of cellulose acetate, a plastic. Once collected, they are shredded and bio-toxins removed with the use of gamma radiation, Zakes said.

"It's the same exact process used on fish and other meats to assure there are no bio-contaminants, so it is very safe," Zakes said.

The filters are then melted into plastic pellets for industrial use in the same way a plastic bottle would be recycled, Zakes said.

"We only use the pellets for industrial applications, such as plastic lumber and plastic shipping pallets," he said. "We don't make any consumer products from this material, mostly because of the stigma around butts."

Outside a patio bar and restaurant about a block from where the first receptacle was installed Monday, 23-year-old Ryan Schumacher puffed on a cigarette and said the receptacles may help break some "bad habits." Schumacher said he's among many smokers guilty of throwing cigarette butts on the ground.

"I'm happy that we have somewhere to put our cigarette butts now," he said, but added that there will be smokers who just don't care. "There's still going to be the people who are stubborn about it and just throw it on the ground because that's what they're used to doing."

Weigle said he is hopeful the receptacles will get used to help keep downtown clean, improve the quality of life for residents and visitors alike and promote environmental awareness.

"That's something that's important to us and our stakeholders, so every chance we get to become a greener downtown, we grasp it," he said.

Better butts



Tobacco Reporter April 2014 issue, By Timothy Donahue.

Greenbutts aims to ease the environmental impact of the more than 2 billion pounds of cigarette butts discarded globally every year.

Standing on the shore of a California beach, Tadas Lisauskas and Xavier Van Osten witnessed the problem firsthand. The ocean was a minefield of cigarette waste. Beachgoers were battling the butts for space. The duo knew there had to be a better way to make cigarette filters.

Greenbutts was founded in 2010 as a company dedicated to mitigating the environmental and economic impact of cigarette litter. Lisauskas says he and Van Osten started by researching whether there were biodegradable butts available in the cigarette market and found that the product did not yet exist. They also found another disturbing fact: Cigarette filters were the single- most littered item in the world.

Billions of cigarette butts are flushed from city sewers into the ocean every day, where they wash up on beaches around the world. More than 2 billion pounds of butts are discarded annually, according to Earth911.com, with each pound representing nearly 2,000 cigarette butts.

The process started in Van Osten's kitchen, essentially turning the small space in his apartment into a laboratory. The entrepreneurs experimented with different natural fibers: cotton, flax and hemp. "We knew we needed to try to find a viable solution to this problem," says Lisauskas. "We started out with some natural materials and began trying to create some kind of material that would make a good cigarette filter."

The first provisional patent on the concept was filed. "This idea could revolutionize the cigarette industry," says Van Osten.

They eventually contracted with one of the premier nonwovens research institutions to identify and source the optimum performing natural materials for the manufacturing of the Greenbutts filter substrate. More provisional patents were filed. After a number of attempts, it finally happened: The biodegradable butt was born.

Only 10 days after launching its website, Greenbutts began to receive emails from small independent and multinational cigarette companies, says Lisauskas. They also received an email from Dr. Mervyn Witherspoon, who was new product development director for Filtrona (now Essentra), the world leader in independent filter production. Witherspoon invited the new entrepreneurs to present their ideas to the company. Afterward, he told the Greenbutts team that they needed to do more research and testing, as well as figure out how to develop the materials in a way that would be commercially viable. He suggested teaming with the research institute. Witherspoon, who later retired from Filtrona, subsequently joined Greenbutts as its lead technical advisor.

"They were putting together a product made of a range of fibers," says Witherspoon. "I knew the best physical form for that to be is almost like a sheet of paper-like material. The industry has got equipment that can make paper filters. In that sense, we are able to use exactly the same equipment that already exists in the industry."

The Greenbutts product is revolutionary, not just because it's more biodegradable, but also because it can be mass-produced using existing filter making machinery, providing a cost-effective and seamless transition for the cigarette industry. "Our filter is a combination of a variety of natural materials. Flax, hemp and cotton are the three main ingredients," says Lisauskas. "The exact list of ingredients is proprietary information. We also use an all-natural starch binder. The composition we have come up with now is the end result of four years of development work."

Greenbutts' prototype filters achieve tar/nicotine retention and pressure drop values within the desired ranges of those made of fine cellulose acetate filters, according to Lisauskas. The unique blend of materials will allow for standard paper-filter manufacturing run rates (140–200 meters per minute) on existing paper filter machinery. The average time period for biodegradation of Greenbutts' nonwoven sheets with applied binders is three days, and the degradation for the filters is around 2–6 weeks depending on environmental conditions. A material is considered biodegraded when its residual tensile strength is decreased by 90 percent or more from the time it was first introduced into the environment.

There seems to be much debate about the definition of “bio-degradable,” but the term, as defined by the scientific community, is applied to matter that can be decomposed by living organisms, such as bacteria. A typical acetate cigarette butt takes 12 years to break down, but microscopic remnants and toxic chemicals remain longer.

When a cigarette butt is improperly discarded, it most often ends up being washed or blown into the water supply. This has been scientifically proven to have adverse consequences on aquatic and avian life that mistake the cigarette butts for food and can die from not being able to pass the acetate butts through their digestive systems.

With Greenbutts, the synthetic fibers are eliminated; the rapidly biodegrading cigarette filter uses no artificial compounds and is free from chemical residues, according to Van Osten. “Moreover, Greenbutts filters biodegrade within days and significantly reduce the unsightly accumulation and waste cleanup costs associated with cigarette litter.”

Lisauskas says the company is about 95 percent of the way to bringing biodegradable filters to market. “We have done extensive testing on filtration. We just recently had our latest sensory testing done and those results were very positive,” he says. “I believe the consensus was that there was no difference in the smoking experience—feel, taste, smoke draw, etc.”

Controlling costs

Another challenge being confronted by Greenbutts is cost. With ever-growing taxation on cigarettes, consumers are continually plagued by rising prices. Lisauskas says that any production cost increases associated with transitioning to Greenbutts filters could potentially be passed on to consumers, “who may be willing to pay a small amount more for biodegradability.”

Lisauskas may be right. According to the GfK Roper Yale Survey on Environmental Issues, more than half of those surveyed would be willing to spend up to 15 percent more on eco-friendly products. “People probably believed, up until a few years ago, that acetate filters were biodegradable,” says Lisauskas.

“It’s becoming obvious to most people that they are not.”

Cost is an area Greenbutts is still optimizing, but progress is being made, according to Witherspoon. “We must continue to go through the development process and get to the final composition of the filter in terms of fiber content,” he says. “Then, we need to get a better understanding of the economics behind securing the raw materials and the processing before looking [at] what those costs will be as compared to the acetate filter. We would expect there will be some minimal additional costs, but it is all a question of balancing things out at the end of the day.”

Another factor that could play a role in the future of Greenbutts is legislation. Some U.S. states, as well as other countries, are considering legislation that could mandate companies provide eco-friendly alternatives to acetate cigarette filters. Two U.S. states, Maryland and California, are mulling a ban of acetate filters. California recently tried to ban

cigarette filters altogether, but that legislation failed to pass. One obstacle for legislators is there is no current alternative to the acetate filter on the market. You can't mandate something that doesn't exist yet, says Lissauskas. "We have been contacted by various government organizations around the world about our progress with biodegradable butts," he says. "Once a viable product is available, I think you'll see more governments moving toward mandating the biodegradable filter. Once environmental

legislation like this is introduced, it tends to snowball."

The exact date Greenbutts filters hit the market will depend on various factors, including following the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's protocol for new tobacco products. Greenbutts is also focused on meeting the guidelines of the EU as well as other countries. "The roll-your-own segment may be the first to be able to use our product. We are in talks with companies who are keen to launch as early as August," says Lissauskas. "Obviously we have to finish up our development process, but this looks like this will be our first product to market. We estimate the machine-made cigarette using our product could be available as early as the second quarter of 2015, once we complete our consumer testing, shelf-life testing and other tests that still need to be done."

Moving forward, Greenbutts hopes to continue developing relationships with leading environmental organizations to gain stamps of approval from those institutions aligned with the Greenbutts vision for reducing global waste. It is also staying abreast of global developments in the tobacco industry as a whole. When asked what impact the emerging e-cigarette market and the growing decline of combustible cigarette users will have on Greenbutts' future, Lissauskas says the company is focusing on tackling the pollution problem while people still choose to smoke traditional cigarettes. "The fact is that people like to smoke tobacco, and they overwhelmingly like to smoke tobacco using a filter," he says. "Our goal is to provide the tobacco industry, the consumer and the environment with a viable solution that is a win-win."

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SUMMARY

More than 360 billion cigarettes were consumed in the U.S. in 2007. Cigarette consumption results in the littering of cigarette butts and other tobacco-related packaging. Tobacco product litter, particularly cigarette butts, has been shown to be toxic, slow to decompose, costly to manage, and growing in volume—a trend that appears to be exacerbated by the increased prevalence of indoor smoking bans. Growing concern over cigarette butt litter has prompted states and municipalities to undertake a variety of policy initiatives. In this report we estimate the costs of tobacco product litter (“TPL”) to the City of San Francisco. We focus mainly on direct costs, but the indirect costs associated with environmental impact and tourism—while not the basis for the fee discussed herein—are also discussed. The overall objective is to calculate a cost-per-pack (of cigarettes) that offsets the costs of TPL incurred by the City. TPL is estimated to cost the City \$7,487,916 after applying data from the City’s 2009 Streets Litter Audit. Based on a per annum pack consumption of 30.6 million, the City would need to charge a “maximum permissible fee” of \$0.22 per pack to recover the costs of TPL.

1. INTRODUCTION

An “externality” occurs whenever the activities of one economic agent affect the activities of another agent in ways that are not taken into account by the operation of the market. When these activities are harmful to one of the economic agents, and the harmed agent is not compensated for the harm, we typically refer to it as a “negative externality.” Litter is considered a “negative externality” in that the market prices for litter-producing products generally do not reflect the costs incurred by third parties for the management and disposal of litter—a direct byproduct of consumption of the product.

More than 360 billion cigarettes were consumed in the U.S. in 2007.¹ While many cigarette smokers dispose of their cigarette-related litter properly, it is statistically inevitable that others will not, thereby resulting in the littering of cigarette butts and other tobacco-related packaging.² According to an extensive annual worldwide litter audit performed by the Ocean Conservancy, tobacco product litter (“TPL”) comprises 28% of all litter collected from beaches and coastal areas.³ Some estimates put the total weight of tobacco product litter in the U.S. at more than 175 million pounds per year.⁴ TPL has been shown to be toxic, slow to decompose, costly to manage, and growing in volume—a trend that appears to be exacerbated by the increased prevalence of indoor smoking bans.⁵

Growing concern over TPL has prompted states and municipalities to undertake a variety of policy initiatives.⁶ Novotny et al. summarizes the problem as follows: “Carried as runoff from streets to drains, to rivers, and ultimately to the ocean and its beaches, cigarette filters are the single most collected item in international beach cleanups each year. They are an environmental blight on streets, sidewalks, and other open areas.” The authors suggest a variety of policy options to address the problem, including developing biodegradable filters, increasing fines and penalties for littering butts, monetary deposits on filters, increasing availability of butt receptacles, and expanded public education.

In this report we estimate the costs of TPL to the City of San Francisco. We focus mainly on direct costs, but the indirect costs associated with environmental impact and

¹ USDA (2007)

² Novotny and Zhao (1999)

³ Based on the 2009 annual worldwide litter audit; see Ocean Conservancy (2009) The Ocean Conservancy litter audit relies on nearly 400,000 volunteers worldwide to survey litter found at beaches (the majority of which washes onto beaches via storm water outflow). The survey takes place on the same day each year, typically in early September. The 2008 International Coastal Cleanup collected more than 6.8 million pounds of trash in 104 countries and 42 U.S. states.

⁴ See generally www.longwood.edu/cleanva/ciglitterarticle.htm

⁵ For example, see Fueling cigarette litter reduction effort (2005); Atwater (2005); Jeff (2006); Johnson (2006); Moriwaki, Kitajima, and Katahira (2009b)

⁶ Novotny et al. (2009)

tourism—while not the basis for the fee discussed herein—are also discussed. The overall objective is to calculate, using conservative cost calculation methods, a “maximum permissible fee” cost-per-pack (of cigarettes) that offsets some or all of the costs of TPL incurred by the City.

2. METHODOLOGY

The main methodological approach to this study was to combine data from the City of San Francisco Streets Litter Audit (“SLA”) with data from the City pertaining to its direct costs in managing TPL. We use the 2009 SLA to adjust operating cost data provided by the City departments bearing primary responsibility for TPL management, clean-up, and disposal. These departments include Public Works (“DPW”), Recreation and Parks (“RPD”), Port Commission (“PC”), the Municipal Transportation Authority (“MTA”), and the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”).⁷

The overall objective is to calculate a “maximum permissible fee” per pack (of cigarettes) that offsets some or all the costs of TPL incurred by the City. In order to do so, we supplemented SLA and City cost data with a variety of external sources, including federal government documents (U.S. and non-U.S.); state government documents; city government documents; published literature; unpublished reports; industry trade press; economic data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Economic Census; and smoking prevalence data from the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, the National Health Interview Survey, and the California Health Interview Survey. Most of these sources were used directly and are cited accordingly in the analyses.

We constructed a database containing all of the available data elements, and used the database to conduct a series of simulation models. These models calculated the range of TPL costs to the City, combining those data with estimates of the number of cigarette packs sold in San Francisco. The models take into account the proportion of tobacco products purchased in the City versus carried in from other jurisdictions (due primarily to commuting and tourism). The data are combined to derive an estimated maximum permissible regulatory fee per pack of cigarettes sold in San Francisco. Again, the fee is designed to produce revenues not exceeding the estimated 2009 costs of TPL.

⁷ The main reason for not directly assessing TPL-related costs from the departments was that the departments are not accustomed to tracking cost data for specific types of litter. Instead, the departments typically track the costs of general categories of activity (i.e., street sweeping). Thus, we employ the TPL proportion to adjust activity-based cost estimates.

3. TPL PREVALENCE ESTIMATES

The City conducted SLAs in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Working with HDR / BVA Engineering, a local San Francisco full service firm, the City audited litter on city streets. HDR / BVA in turn contracted MGM Management, a Canadian environmental consulting firm that has expertise in the area of litter audit work to design the audit to conform to their proven methodology. MGM Management has conducted over fourteen major litter audits in major North American municipalities since 2002, and has an accumulated data base of over 56,000 litter observations.⁸

In 2008, the San Francisco Department of Environment re-audited the 2007⁹ sites and to add additional sites to strengthen the litter observations.¹⁰ HDR / BVA Engineering managed and provided trained auditors for the work, while MGM Management provided the audit design, methodology protocols, site selection including new randomly selected sites, data management and data analysis services. MGM classified “large” litter as those items over four square inches in size and “small” litter as items less than four square inches in size. Eighty-four sub-categories of large and sixteen sub-categories for small litter were examined. A total of 3,973 items of large litter were observed by auditors, on San Francisco streets during the April 2008 litter audit. One hundred and thirty two sites (increased from 105 in 2007) were audited April 7-18, 2008. This audit was conducted at approximately the same time of year in 2008 as the 2007 audit (conducted April 9-20, 2007).

An additional data collection method was added to field work activities during the April 2009 litter audit.¹¹ The San Francisco Department of Environment requested that MGM examine 32 sites to observe *all* small litter and large litter of those sites. These sites were referred to as “Super Sites.” The labor-intensive approach was added to the 2009 audit as a means to over-sample areas known for high litter density, with a secondary goal of increasing overall sample sizes in order to support more robust estimates of litter sub-categories, of which TPL is part.

Table 1 summarizes the results of the April 2009 observations. These count data exclude chewing gum deposits from the denominator, as they are the result of historic accumulations on sidewalks and street curbs, and are generally viewed as uncollectible (and thus not a significant cost-driver). Count data (as opposed to weight or volume data) are appropriate for this analysis because we focus on the costs of manual cleaning, the costs of which vary more by count than by weight or volume.

⁸ See generally <http://www.mgm-management.com/>

⁹ HDR (2007)

¹⁰ HDR (2008)

¹¹ McKenney (2009)

Table 1
Litter Prevalence Reported by 2009 Streets Litter
Audit, City of San Francisco

Litter Category	Count	Percentage
Glass	4,100	37.5%
TPL	2,638	24.6%
Paper	1,819	16.6%
Hard Plastics	720	6.6%
Candy Wrappers	390	3.6%
Plastic Film	328	3.0%
Metal (not aluminum)	263	2.4%
Aluminum	197	1.8%
Other Materials N.E.C.	127	1.2%
Polyfoam pieces	107	1.0%
Bottle Caps	65	0.6%
Rubber	57	0.5%
Straws	55	0.5%
Polyfoam Packing "Peanuts"	16	0.1%
TOTAL	10,927	100.0%

Source: McKenney, M.G. "San Francisco Super Site Data 2009." Osoyoos, BC, Canada: MGM Management & HDR Engineering, 2009. *Notes:* Excludes chewing gum deposits

Pieces of broken glass were a dominant sub-category of litter observed on the 32 Super Sites, making up 38% of all litter observed. Cigarette butts and other small tobacco litter (matches, filters, etc) accounted for 2,683 observations or 24.6% of all litter observed and were the second most predominant sub-category recorded. Paper pieces were third, at 17% of all litter observed at the Super Sites. These three sub-categories of litter accounted for 78.7% of items observed at the Super Sites.

These data are supported by observations made by the City of Toronto, in Super Site audits conducted by MGM in 2004-2006. Toronto observed 98,819 pieces of small litter at 68 sites, with TPL, paper and glass representing 73% of all litter observed. The TPL estimates also bear remarkably close resemblance to the TPL proportions found by the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup ("ICC") data. The 2008 ICC found that TPL comprised 28% of all litter found in the collection effort.¹²

¹² Ocean Conservancy (2009)

4. TPL COST ESTIMATES

Direct Costs. The City departments were asked to report their total operating costs attributable to general litter management, collection, abatement. These reported costs for fiscal year (FY) 2009 are shown in Column 2 of **Table 2**. These cost estimates underestimate the actual costs of TPL mitigation because they *exclude* the costs of mechanical street sweeping (“MSS”). The costs of MSS are incurred at least in part as a result of the mandate, contained in the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit, that the City sweep its streets and clean out catchment basins in order to address non-litter materials (e.g., silt, sediment and heavy metals). In addition, these cost estimates are exclusive of the costs of collecting and handling TPL and other waste that is properly disposed (i.e., these cost estimates do not include the costs of emptying City trash receptacles). Similarly, we do not include the costs of depositing TPL (legally or illegally disposed of) in the City landfill.

For the same reasons we exclude the PUC's TPL costs. The PUC assumes primary responsibility for collecting and treating storm and waste water. The overall process is described on the PUC website,¹³ and is generally analogous to wastewater collection processes in other cities.¹⁴ There are two sources of litter that enter the water treatment process: street and sidewalk litter (the portion not collected by DPW mechanical and manual street sweeping); and litter entering the sewage system through residential and commercial indoor drains (toilets, sinks, floor drains, etc.). Both of these introduce TPL into the water collection and treatment process. The main points in the process whereby TPL accumulates are storm water drains/inlets,¹⁵ drainage culverts and piping, intermediate pumping stations, catch basins and storage boxes, and the screens, filters and skimmers located at the main wastewater treatment plant entry points. Hence, like MSS carried out by other departments, a potentially large proportion of the PUC's TPL costs are inseparable from the activities associated with NPDES compliance. To the extent that the PUC's TPL mitigation costs are not entirely encompassed in NPDES compliance, our overall TPL cost estimates are understating the true TPL mitigation costs.

¹³ See generally http://sfwater.org/mto_main.cfm (“Bringing Wastewater and Stormwater Together,” “Catch Basins and Storage Boxes,” and “Making Dirty Water Clean Again.”)

¹⁴ For general information on wastewater collection and treatment, refer to Peirce, Weiner, and Vesilind (1998)

¹⁵ Storm water drains and inlets trap TPL in grate coverings, curb hoods, and collection box (especially accumulation in the bottom of the box, in the space between the bottom and the outtake piping).

Table 2
Estimates of Direct Litter Mitigation Cost and TPL Share by Department,
City of San Francisco, 2009

Department	[1] Litter Mitigation Activity	[2] Total Litter Cost Estimate (2009)	[3] TPL Share of Litter ^a (2009)	[4] TPL Mitigation Costs (2009)
DPW	MC	\$20,290,482	24.6%	\$4,991,459
RPD	MC	\$2,961,675	24.6%	\$728,572
PC	MC	\$1,044,696	24.6%	\$256,995
MTA	MC	\$495,705	24.6%	\$121,943
SUBTOTAL		\$24,792,558		\$6,098,969
Public Education Costs				\$215,000
Administrative Costs ^b				\$1,173,947
TOTAL				\$7,487,916

Source: Data provided directly by the City departments to Paul Ledesma (City Government Zero Waste Coordinator, Department of Environment). *Notes:* DPW = Public Works; RPD = Recreation and Parks; PC = Port Commission; MTA = Municipal Transportation Authority; PUC = Public Utilities Commission; MC = manual litter collection, using a variety of non-mechanized methods; (a) McKenney, M.G. "San Francisco Super Site Data 2009" MGM Management & HDR Engineering, 2009; (b) this estimate sums the totals from Tables 3 and 4.

The estimated total direct cost of TPL to the City is \$6,098,969 per year, based on annualized 2009 data. To this estimate we add two additional costs—public education and administration of the proposed regulatory fee. The rationale for including public education costs is based on the desire on the part of the City to undertake additional efforts to mitigate TPL while recovering the costs imposed by it. The \$215,000 cost estimate is based on the design and production of a multi-media public education effort utilizing five types of communication mediums (cable television, print, internet, billboard, and transit). The administrative cost of the per-pack maximum permissible fee (\$1,173,947) is equal to the sum of the estimated annual costs (**Table 3**) and formation (i.e., “start-up”) costs (**Table 4**), both of which were estimated and reported by the City’s Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector. As indicated in the last row of Table 2, the result is a total direct cost of TPL to the City of \$7,487,916.

Table 3
Estimates of Annual Costs of Administering TPL Fee

Percent Effort	Code	Description	Annual Cost Estimate
<i>Cashier payment processing, check control and research</i>			
7%	4320	Cashier I	\$4,554
24%	4321	Cashier II	\$16,997
5%	4322	Cashier III	\$3,622
6%	4310	Comm Div Asst Sup	\$6,177
4%	0922	Manager I	\$5,793
<i>Account Services (mailing, customer service, return process, analysis, form printing)</i>			
5%	1654	Principal Accountant	\$6,115
100%	1632	Senior Account Clerk	\$79,084
5%	1824	Principal Administrative Analyst	\$7,362
<i>Auditing</i>			
200%	4222	Sr. Personal Property Auditor	\$250,774
30%	4224	Prin. Personal Property Auditor	\$42,077
10%	0931	Manager III	\$16,764
4%	0933	Manager V	\$7,763
<i>Reconciliation - payment validation</i>			
50%	1630	Account Clerk	\$34,148
<i>Enforcement - collection from non-filers, non-payers, audit billings</i>			
200%	4308	Sr. Collections Officer	\$176,427
10%	4310	Collections Supervisor	\$11,743
20%	4335	Senior Investigator	\$22,124
15%	0922	Manager I	\$21,723
5%	8177	Attorney	\$11,477
<i>Technical & Administrative Support</i>			
20%	1053	Business Analyst	\$25,319
Total Labor^a			\$750,045
Overhead @ 15.97% per May 2008 Master Fee Schedule			\$119,782
Total Labor			\$869,827
<i>Ongoing Direct Costs</i>			
BTS and Cashiering Systems Maintenance (ongoing)			\$5,000
Form Printing			\$5,000
Postage and Mailing Costs			\$4,000
Supplies			\$1,000
P.O. Box			\$600
<i>Total Maintenance and Supplies</i>			<i>\$15,600</i>
TOTAL			\$885,427

Source: Office of the Treasurer & Tax Collector, City of San Francisco. Notes: (a) Salary at these rates until 6/30/09; increase by cost of living thereafter

Table 4
Estimates of TPL Fee Administrative Formation Costs

Position	Number of pay periods	Cost Estimate
<i>Labor Costs:</i> ^a		
Director, Business Tax	2.00	\$14,497
Manager, Policy & Programs	3.00	\$19,344
Budget Director	0.50	\$3,224
Principal Administrative Analyst - BTS	3.00	\$16,427
Principal Accountant	2.00	\$9,092
Account Clerk	2.00	\$5,065
Business Analyst	5.00	\$25,928
Subtotal		\$93,576
Overhead - 15.97% - per fee schedule		\$14,944
Total Labor		\$108,520
<i>Other Direct Costs:</i>		
Programming set up ^b		\$150,000
Cashiering Set up		\$30,000
Subtotal		\$180,000
TOTAL		\$288,520

Source: Office of the Treasurer & Tax Collector, City of San Francisco. Notes: (a) Salary at these rates until 6/30/09; increase by cost of living thereafter; (b) assumes the development of new technology

Indirect Costs. We do not include indirect costs due to the complexities of estimating such costs. Nevertheless, a brief discussion of potential indirect costs suggests that our total cost estimate (based completely on direct costs) is likely *understating* the total costs to the City. Two potentially important indirect costs of TPL are (1) the costs to the City attributable to the toxicity of TPL (particularly cigarette butts) and (2) the costs to the City attributable to TPL's indirect impact on tourism, due to the effects of toxicity on the environment and the effects of litter on the City's image to prospective tourists. As additional scientific evidence on TPL is published and future regulations are promulgated, the City may wish to reconsider the exclusion of specific indirect costs.

The toxicity and environmental impact of cigarette butts remains a relatively new area of scientific inquiry, but recent evidence strongly suggests that cigarette butts are more toxic than previously believed. Cigarette butts are designed to capture some of the chemicals present in cigarette smoke, which means that the typical used (or smoked) cigarette butt contains some combination of ammonia, formaldehyde, butane, acrylonitrile, toluene, benzene, alkaloid nicotine, and many other chemicals. When burned, many of these chemicals form new compounds.

Many of the chemicals and compounds found in cigarette butts are toxic at even low concentrations. For example, Register (2000) used short-term bioassays (48 hours) to determine how a test organism (the water flea *Daphnia*) reacted to various concentrations of cigarette butts per liter of water. The results indicate that the chemicals released into freshwater environments from cigarette butts were lethal to *Daphnia* at concentrations of 0.125 cigarette butts per liter (one butt per two gallons of water).

In a similar study, Micevska et al. (2006) assessed the acute toxicity of 19 filtered cigarette types to freshwater cladoceran *Ceriodaphnia cf. dubia* and the marine bacterium *Vibrio fischeri* using leachates from artificially smoked cigarette butts.¹⁶ There was a 2.9- and 8-fold difference in toxicity between the least and most toxic cigarette butts to *C. cf. dubia* and *V. fischeri*, respectively. Overall, *C. cf. dubia* was more inherently sensitive than *V. fischeri* by a factor of approximately 15.4, and the interspecies relationship between *C. cf. dubia* and *V. fischeri* was poor ($R^2 = 0.07$). This poor relationship indicates that toxicity data for cigarette butts for one species was a poor predictor of the toxicity of cigarette butts to the other species. Of the 14 organic compounds identified, nicotine and ethylphenol were suspected to be the main causative toxicants. There was a strong relationship between toxicity and tar content and between toxicity and nicotine content for two of the three brands of cigarettes ($R^2 > 0.70$) for *C. cf. dubia* and one brand for *V. fischeri*. However, when the cigarettes were pooled, the relationship was weak ($R^2 < 0.40$) for both test species.

A study conducted in Japan reached similar conclusions. Moriwaki et al. (2009), studying a sample of roadside litter (mostly cigarette butts) collected in the suburban city of Ueda, reported that the elution of arsenic (0.041 mg/L) and nicotine (3.8 mg/L) was ascertained by a dissolution test of cigarette butts, and the loading of heavy metals, such as lead, copper, chromium and cadmium, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) from cigarette butts into the environment was confirmed.¹⁷ The load potentials of heavy metals were 0.02–1.70 mg/km/mo, and that of total-polyaromatic hydrocarbons was 0.032 mg/km/mo. The authors concluded that the roadside litter has a “harmful influence on the environment.”

In a recent unpublished study, Richard Gersberg of San Diego State University evaluated the effects smoked cigarette butts have on marine life.¹⁸ He found that the chemicals from just one filtered cigarette butt had the ability to kill fish living in a one-liter bucket of water. Gersberg's study used three types of cigarette butts: smoked filtered cigarettes without any portion of un-smoked tobacco; smoked filtered cigarettes with a portion of un-smoked tobacco remaining; and clean un-smoked filtered cigarettes. In all cases, about half of the fish were killed with a very low concentration of cigarette butts.

¹⁶ Micevska et al. (2006)

¹⁷ Moriwaki, Kitajima, and Katahira (2009a)

¹⁸ See generally http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newscenter/news.aspx?s=71209

It is difficult to attribute specific costs to the toxicity of cigarette butts. However, toxicity suggests that the balance of marine ecosystems could be disrupted, and such a disruption is likely to have greater economic impacts on cities that support tourism centered on marine life (e.g., marine life viewing; commercial fishing; charter/recreational fishing) and recreational use of coastline and beaches.¹⁹

In addition to the effects of toxicity on marine life and coastal recreation, environmental “cleanliness” plays an important role in the demand for tourism. Urban tourism is to a large extent dependent on “place image”—the process through which individuals perceive the urban environment.²⁰ Individuals typically assign high rankings to destination characteristics likely to be affected by TPL, including “cleanliness and conservation,” “[trash] removal,” and “beach cleanliness,”²¹ and litter itself can have a direct impact of tourism.²² Even small reductions in tourism can result in diminished economic activity and lower tax revenue to cities.²³

5. CIGARETTE SALES

We employed two methods of calculating the volume of cigarette sales in San Francisco. First, we calculated the total dollar value of cigarette sales in San Francisco using the U.S. Census Bureau’s Economic Census. The Economic Census is conducted every five years. In 2002, the latest year for which complete and geographically detailed data is available, there were nearly 25 million business establishments in the U.S. and 7 million of these had paid employees. This accounted for about 97% of business receipts. Data include industry-level information (categorized by the North American Industrial Classification System, or NAICS) on the number of establishments, employment, revenues generated and payroll expenses. It also provides detailed data at a national, state, MSA and county level. Moreover, the data provides detailed information, by industry and state-level geography, on the total value of sales generated from particular product lines, such as frozen food, dairy products, beers and ales and tobacco products.²⁴

Two types of data were collected for both San Francisco County and the state of California. The first type of data collected measures the dollar value of total industry-level

¹⁹ See generally Ocean Conservancy (2009)

²⁰ Selby (2004); and BBC News (2004)

²¹ See, for example, Kozak et al. (2004)

²² See, for example, Smith (1987)

²³ Jie, Madsen, and Jensen-Butler (2007); Lundie, Dwyer, and Forsyth (2007); Poling (2006); Tyrrell and Johnston (2006)

²⁴ Further details on the 2002 Economic Census, and NAICS classification, can be found at the following web site: <http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/>.

sales for selected NAICS codes.²⁵ This data is available for both the state of California and for San Francisco County.²⁶ Data pertaining to sales for product line 20150 (cigarettes) is not available at the county level.²⁷ Hence, we collected this product line data for California and utilize it to estimate product line 20150 sales for San Francisco County (see below). Finally, we collect data from the US Census on population and population aged 18 and older for both California and San Francisco County that we also utilize to estimate product-line 20150 sales for San Francisco County.

Using the California data, we calculate for each NAICS code the share of total sales that is attributable to sales of product-line 20150. These shares are then applied, with one modification, to the San Francisco County total sales figures to obtain an estimate of San Francisco County product-line 20150 sales. The modification was made to these shares to reflect differing demographic profiles between San Francisco County and the state of California. For instance, the proportion of the population aged 18 and older (a primary smoking and tobacco-using demographic) is somewhat larger in San Francisco County than in the state. Hence, one might then conclude that sales of tobacco products are likely higher in San Francisco County than in state of California. We constructed an index to account for this demographic difference and then apply that index to the above-calculated sales shares.²⁸ These adjusted shares are then applied to the San Francisco County total sales figures to arrive at the sales data shown in Column 1 of **Table 5**.

²⁵ These selected industries were deemed the main vendors of tobacco products in the San Francisco area.

²⁶ This data was extracted from Census at the following web site on May 1, 2009:
http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/FindEconDatasetsServlet?ds_name=EC0200A1&_lang=en

²⁷ In addition, these data are not available at the MSA or other sub-state level.

²⁸ This index was constructed in the following manner. First, the share of population aged 18 and older was calculated for both San Francisco County and for California. Then, the San Francisco County share is divided by the California share. Such indexes are often referred to as Location Quotients (LQs). The LQ value turned out to be 1.15. This value indicates that the proportion of those individuals aged 18 and over is about 15 percent larger in San Francisco County than in the state of California. It was this LQ that was applied to each of California's product-line sales shares by NAICS code.

Table 5
Estimates of Total Cigarette Sales and Retail Channel Shares, San Francisco, 2009

	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
Retail Channel	2002 San Francisco Cigarette Sales^a	2002 San Francisco Cigarette Sales Estimate^b	2002 San Francisco Cigarette Sales Channel Shares	2007 San Francisco Cigarette Sales Estimate^c	2009 San Francisco Cigarette Sales Estimate^d
Food & beverage stores	\$32,690,486	\$33,580,182	28.45%	\$30,188,583	\$35,797,622
Beer, wine, & liquor stores	\$10,040,885	\$10,930,580	9.26%	\$9,826,592	\$11,652,373
Pharmacies & drug stores	\$5,338,172	NA	NA	NA	NA
General merchandise stores	\$23,779,998	\$24,669,693	20.90%	\$22,178,054	\$26,298,736
Gasoline stations	\$14,082,541	\$14,972,237	12.68%	\$13,460,041	\$15,960,916
Other retailers N.E.C.	\$15,750,354	\$16,640,050	14.10%	\$14,959,405	\$17,738,862
Limited-service dining / bars	\$16,355,307	\$17,245,002	14.61%	\$15,503,257	\$18,383,762
TOTAL	\$118,037,744	\$118,037,744	100.00%	\$106,115,932	\$125,832,272

Sources and Notes: See text. (a) Product code 20150; (b) Distributes NAICS 44611 (pharmacies and drug stores) to other retail channels following the passage of legislation banning the sales of tobacco products in pharmacies and drug stores; (c) Reduced by changes in smoking rate, calculated by comparing 2005 and 2007 results from the California Health Interview Survey (relevant survey question regarding whether respondent has smoked at least 100 times); (d) 2002 data are increased by general economy-wide price inflation between 2002 and 2009, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

In order to calculate per-pack fees, we used the following methodology to derive total packs sold in San Francisco. First, we retrieved data on cigarette packs sold per capita in California.²⁹ The CDC reported a California “packs per capita” of 31.8.³⁰ To verify, we used the 2007 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) data (subsampled to San Francisco) on smoking prevalence and (for regular smokers) the number of cigarettes per day are typically smoked. These data show remarkably similar results, suggesting that 31.8 packs per capita was an appropriate estimate for the state and for San Francisco. An additional verification consisted of dividing the sales data from Table 5 (column 5) by the average price for a pack of cigarettes in California (\$4.10).³¹ Taking this result and converting to packs further supports the 31.8 packs per capita estimate.

²⁹ Based on data gathered by Centers for Disease Control (Behavioral Risk Factor Survey), U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. National Health Interview Study (NHIS), the California Health Interview Survey, and the California Board of Equalization.

³⁰ CDC State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System, 2008 Tobacco Control Highlights: California

³¹ California pre-tax retail cigarette pack price was \$4.10 in 2009 (based on pack prices from *Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids*—www.tobaccofreekids.org). Dividing the total cigarette revenue based on the Economic Census (\$125,832,272) by an average pre-tax price per pack (\$4.10) = 30,690,798 packs sold. Thus, using data sourced completely differently, we arrive at the same pack estimate of 30.6 million.

Second, in order to convert the packs-per-capita data point into a measure of packs purchased in San Francisco per annum, we adjusted San Francisco population data for influx of daytime commuters³² and daytime and nighttime visitors and tourists.³³ These adjustments are shown on **Table 6**. The result is an estimate of 30.6 million cigarette packs purchased in San Francisco in 2008.³⁴ We assume that number purchased is roughly the same in 2009, based on the countervailing effects of continually declining smoking rates and increasing population.

Table 6
Cigarette Packs Purchased in San Francisco, 2008-09

Measure	Estimate
Total Resident Population (2008) ^a	808,976
Total Commuter Population (2008) ^b	175,548
Total Daytime Population (2008)	984,524
Daily Tourist Population (2008) ^c	131,722
Daily (24-hr) Total Population (2008)	1,116,246
Cigarette Packs per Capita in CA (2007) ^d	31.8
Cigarette Packs Consumed in SF (2008-2009)	30,611,026

Sources and Notes: (a) U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Estimates; (b) Census 2000 PHC-T-40. Estimated Daytime Population and Employment-Residence Ratios: 2000 (trended to 2008); (c) San Francisco Visitor Bureau “2008 Visitor Volume & Spending” (“Visitors in San Francisco on an Average Day”); (d) CDC State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System, 2008 Tobacco Control Highlights: California (and verified using the California Health Interview Survey, 2005/07).

6. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE PER-PACK FEE

The calculation of a maximum permissible per-pack fee requires one final adjustment. We assume that the commuter and tourist visitors to San Francisco purchase 50% of their cigarettes *outside* of San Francisco. This results in an 11.2% reduction in the litter mitigation costs (assuming the City does not seek to recover the costs of cigarette butts *not* sold by San Francisco vendors). This adjustment is shown on **Table 7**. The result is a total “recoverable” TPL cost of \$6,649,270 after adjusting for “in-migration” of TPL.

³² Source: Census 2000 PHC-T-40. Estimated Daytime Population and Employment-Residence Ratios: 2000

³³ Source: San Francisco Visitor Bureau “2008 Visitor Volume & Spending” (“Visitors in San Francisco on an Average Day”)

³⁴ In terms of cigarettes purchased in San Francisco, 30.6 million packs converts to 612,220,520 individual cigarettes.

When divided by the estimate of total packs consumed by San Franciscans, the result is a maximum permissible per-pack fee of \$0.22.³⁵

Table 7
Calculation of Per-Pack Maximum Permissible Fee

Measure	Estimate
Cigarette Packs Purchased in SF (2008)	30,611,026
Total Litter Mitigation Costs (2009) ^a	\$7,487,916
Total Litter Mitigation Costs Adjusted for In-migration (2009) ^b	\$6,649,270
Total Litter Mitigation Costs per Pack (2009)	\$0.22

Sources and Notes: (a) from Table 2 Column [4]; (b) assumes commuter and tourist visitors to San Francisco purchase 50% of their cigarettes outside of San Francisco, resulting in an 11.2% reduction in mitigation costs associated with TPL purchased within the boundaries of the City.

7. CONCLUSIONS

In this report we estimate the costs of tobacco product litter (“TPL”) to the City of San Francisco. We focus mainly on direct costs, but indirect costs associated with environmental impact and tourism are also discussed. The overall objective is to calculate a cost-per-pack (of cigarettes) that offsets the costs of TPL incurred by the City. TPL is estimated to cost the City \$7,487,916, after applying adjustments from the City’s 2009 Streets Litter Audit. Based on a per annum pack consumption of 30.6 million, the City would need to charge a fee of \$0.22 per pack to recover the costs of TPL.

³⁵ Were this fee to be implemented, it is likely that the higher price will result in slightly lower consumption. Reviews of studies of the “price elasticity of demand” for cigarettes suggest that a 10% increase in price will reduce overall cigarette consumption by approximately 3%. But the price effects will also reduce TPL, all else equal, thus the net price effect on the per-pack fee necessary for 100% cost offset is likely to be negligible. These effects should be evaluated in after the first full year of implementation. For a discussion of cigarette elasticity estimates, refer to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2000)

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From: [TEAL Marcy * OPRD](#) on behalf of [INFO Park * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: Smoking ban
Date: Thursday, July 24, 2014 11:47:53 AM

From: Sophea Uk [mailto:sopheasinferno@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 10:13 AM
To: park.info@state.or.us
Subject: Smoking ban

I read today online from Statesman Journal about the smoking ban for Oregon parks. I fully support this ban and am relieved. This past summer walking/hiking various parks I witnessed littering and litter all from smokers and their cigarette butts. As I've gotten older (41 ½ years old) my sensitivity to secondhand smoke increases. It is annoying, irritating, and offensive while enjoying Oregon parks to smell cigarette smoking while trying to enjoy our state.

I'm glad in 2014 our state finally made illegal for smoking in a car with a minor. I've long held this should have been made illegal before, but glad it is now.

I do hope in the very near future the smoking ban on beaches be included. The commercial showing how cigarette butts wind up on our beaches found by a dog is very real. I enjoyed two days on the coast this summer and saw cigarette butts on the beach and people smoking while I'm trying to enjoy the beach and fresh air.

Thank you.

Sophea Uk
Salem, OR

From: [Peter Nelson Photography Art](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking on the coast rule
Date: Thursday, July 24, 2014 3:58:59 PM

Hello,

I want to strongly oppose the no smoking rule on our beaches.

I do not smoke, but me or friends do enjoy the occasional fine cigar, etc. (few times a year).

Simply stated : The coast is our public land with access to all. People should be free to enjoy themselves as they please. I spend a lot of time on the beach. (do you? or they?). Smoking has never been a problem on the coast. To see more unnecessary rules, signs, and enforcement would be a vandalism and disruption of our freedom to enjoy our coastline.

It makes me angry more than ten minutes is spent on this issue. We have more important work to do. Better ways to spend resources.

A better use of resources would be to encourage everyone to not litter and not use the beach as an ashtray!

Teach children the way and we can live in a world free of over regulation.

Thank you,

Peter Nelson
Photographer / Artist
peter@pnphotoart.com

pnphotoart.com



p.s. I think your state parks rule is ok. But those are more developed, enclosed areas. The beach is by law undeveloped, wide open, and free to all. Not a place to make a smoking rule.

From: [David Thompson](#)
To: opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us
Subject: Smoking ban on Oregon beaches
Date: Thursday, July 24, 2014 7:47:54 PM

When will Oregon stop trying to control the freedom of its residents? I am a smoker and admit it is a filthy habit. That being said, it is my right. I do not smoke indoors, or inside my car, or in close proximity to non-smokers. I NEVER leave my cigarette butts on the ground and make sure every cigarette is extinguished and the butt is thrown in the garbage or put in my pocket.

My family members are avid hunters and fishermen and frequent the outdoors. I pay my share of fees and taxes to use these parks just like everyone else. In fact, I am paying a lot of extra taxes to subsidize this state by purchasing cigarettes. It is time for Oregon to take a stand and stop allowing special interest groups to dictate how the rest of us live our lives. I respect a person's right to breathe clean air and their choice not to smoke. Where is their respect of my choice to smoke? Apparently, they don't have any.

If air quality is the concern, are you also banning all campfires? If it is littering, issue tickets to the people throwing their cigarette butts on the ground. This law is another step in the wrong direction by forcing an individual to conform to someone else's opinion of how they feel we should be living our lives.

Sincerely,

Disheartened in Oregon

From: [Pamela Rosales](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban
Date: Thursday, July 24, 2014 11:14:10 PM

My husband and I would like to see a smoking ban on the beaches. We were just at Canon Beach the weekend of July 13. The weather was beautiful, but parts of our walk on the beach was ruined when we came near people who were smoking. All that sea air was not enough to disperse the smoke when walking past it. Then, of course, we have the problem of the butts thrown on the ground when they're done.

Sincerely,
Frank and
Pam Rosales

From: [Dave Picray](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Beaches
Date: Thursday, July 24, 2014 11:35:32 PM

There is no constitutional, statutory, or natural right in Oregon or in any other state to inhale poisons! Nicotine addicts need to realize that the rest of us are no longer willing to tolerate their psychotic desire to slowly but surely kill themselves--while also polluting our air.

Consistent with the mental defect of people who willingly inhale poison, they also seem to have no aversion whatsoever to polluting public places with the remnants of their death delivery devices. Thus, it is not just prudent, but in the public interest to ban smoking on public beaches.

Dave Picray
236 NE Azalea Drive
Corvallis, OR 97330

From: lbeachy_lbeachy
To: opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us
Subject: tobacco ban on Oregon beaches
Date: Thursday, July 24, 2014 11:53:43 PM

I am writing you in regard to the proposed ban of smoking on Oregon beaches, OAR 736-021-0100. How dare you consider a proposal such as this. The parks department already insults the taxpayers of this state by charging fees for use. The taxes I pay already are supposedly being used in part for parks & I see it as a double taxation arrangement but pay anyway because I realize the cost of everything goes up & felt the trade off was worth a few extra dollars. Then smoking bans started going into place & I quit using the parks so much & got selective about where I went. Now you want to do away with smoking on public beaches too. I am outraged that this is under discussion & I will not support any further development of parks. So far as I am concerned you may as well privatize all state parks & land should this OAR be enacted. At least then those of us who smoke can buy a "membership" to be able to openly smoke with whatever private entity purchases it. By the way I will fully support any bill that will involve selling off parks of any state county or city municipality. -Loy Beachy

From: [TEAL Marcy * OPRD](#) on behalf of [INFO Park * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: Proposal to ban smoking on beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 7:12:01 AM

From: Eric Brown [mailto:ebrown@bendcable.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 7:53 PM
To: INFO Park * OPRD
Subject: Proposal to ban smoking on beaches

I am not a smoker and have never been a smoker but your idea of banning smoking on the beaches is just stupid. There will be nobody to enforce it and I can say that all the time I have been on the beach I have never been close enough to anybody smoking to the point that it would bother me. Your Liberal view of passing a law for everything is moronic. Eric Brown

From: [Pamela Gurnari](#)
To: opr.d.publiccomment@state.or.us
Subject: Banning smoking on beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 8:39:21 AM

I would love it if there were no cigarette smokers and their litter on the beaches. But how are you going to enforce it? There are already anti-littering laws but they are not enforced.

Pam Gurnari
2615 SE Salmon St.
Portland 97214

From: [Mary Margaret Golten](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: no cigarettes, please
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 8:43:02 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

As an Oregonian and a fervent Oregon beach hiker, I'd love to see NO cigarette butts on Oregon beaches. We here in Colorado are so proud of our trails and the lack of trash, especially cigarette butts, on them.

Thanks for your work on protecting those incredible beaches!!

Mary Margaret Golten



From: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
To: [timothy klee](#); chris.havel@state.or.us
Cc: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 9:26:28 AM

Will do; I'm forwarding your email to opr.d.publiccomment@oregon.gov. We'll collect all public feedback there so the staff working on the proposal all get to see the same stuff.

Thanks.

From: timothy klee [mailto:timkarrieklee@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 9:21 AM
To: chris.havel@state.or.us
Subject:

Dear Chris,

Can you communicate to the powers that be, that the idea of banning smoking on our beaches is well, absurd. How can you possibly enforce this? Why can't plastics be banned? What about alcohol? Regardless of the legal challenge to follow such absurd thinking, the State (Us) will have to foot the bill for lawyers,
We have serious and profound environmental issues in Oregon, this "anti beach smoking plan" clearly shows that your office is misdirected.

Thanks for your attention.
Tim

From: [Robert Dolan](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 9:33:02 AM

I am definitely for this restriction, both on the beaches and in the parks. However, unless park rangers enforce these rules, they are just another rule that goes on the books with no consequences. We have been to several parks where dogs run off leash, kids ride their bikes without helmets, and dogs bark constantly while rangers drive their trucks right by them. Don't create rules unless both park management and park rangers are in agreement and are willing to enforce them. Otherwise you are just wasting everyone's time.

From: [Judy Snyder](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Secondhand smoke on beach and everywhere
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 10:37:40 AM

I am so sick of breathing secondhand smoke. I live in a smoke-free building but neighbor smoke comes directly into my apartment this is happened in every complex I live in that tells you smoke-free. Rules are not strict enough they let them get away smoking in them buildings. One will do anything about it I have moved about eight times trying to get away from it. I have asthma. Most likely got it from secondhand smoke. Then I go into the forest and on the beaches and get the same thing. It's horrible!!! I feel deathly sick from breathing that smoke. Please pass this ban and any others that you can do. If it passes please and force the rule. Judy Snyder
Sent from my iPhone

From: buddybird3@comcast.net
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 10:38:09 AM

I fully support a ban on ALL smoking on Oregon's beaches.

Thank you!

Michelle Sheldon
Beaverton, OR

From: [Doug Garnett](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Regarding Smoking on Public Beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 11:03:13 AM

I read about a proposal to ban smoking in public beaches. And I believe such a ban is ridiculous.

I am not a regular smoker. But it's absurd to suggest restricting smoking in a wide open outdoor area where there is usually wind.

Please, take action on the thousands if more important issues for beaches and drop this frivolous idea.

Regards,

Doug Garnett

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Sent from my iPad

From: [Pam](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed smoking ban on beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 11:07:49 AM

Don't you people have anything better to do with **your time** and our **money**?

This is a asinine idea perpetuated by phobic non smokers looking for more attention.

A little smoke is not a big deal on our miles and miles of beaches.

Certainly not worth any new regulations.

Try enforcing the litter laws first and stay the heck out of peoples lives.

I am not a smoker but I am sick of this 'control' kind of thing in Oregon.

We need no further regulation.

Pam

From: [Suellen Rinker](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: PROPOSED RULE TO RESTRICT SMOKING ON OREGON BEACHES
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 11:45:15 AM

Hello,

I am a native Oregonian, registered voter and in SUPPORT of the Proposed rules that would restrict smoking of tobacco products on the ocean shore recreation areas in Oregon.

I support this ruling for environmental issues as a primary concern--plastic cigarette butts can persist for years, even in the harsh beach environment, and for clean air in public spaces.

Suellen Rinker

From: [John Capell](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed Beach Smoking Ban
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 12:08:57 PM

I don't smoke, and I never have. Regarding the proposed beach smoking ban: NOT JUST NO, BUT HELL NO. The State has no business being involved in such things.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lenny Fournier](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Attempt to ban smoking on Oregon beaches.
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 12:15:42 PM

LEAVE THE SMOKERS ALONE ALREADY!! They have been taxed to death, banished, and persecuted so much!! You are making the responsible smokers (who pick up their butts) responsible for all the BAD smoker's behavior!! There are also food wrappers, cans, and bottles all over our beaches!!.....Are you going to ban eating and drinking on the beach too?? This is something that WE should be able to vote on!! Oregonians are SO TIRED of a handful of people controlling our lives, making stupid rules, and taxing us beyond belief!! There are just as many non-smokers (like me) as smokers who think this ban would be ridiculous!! You seriously need to re-think this one!!

From: [Tabitha Henricksen](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 12:20:08 PM

Thank you for considering the smoking ban on Oregon beaches. I support this item in regards to public safety & wellness, as well as the consequence in reduced debris.

Tabitha Henricksen
Marketing Coordinator & Contract Admin

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From: [jandstharp](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Regarding smoking on Oregon beaches & Parks
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 12:39:20 PM

I vote YES! Ban all smoking (including marijuana because that is coming soon), in ALL Oregon beaches AND state parks.

Every time my husband and I have tried to enjoy a day at the park or beach, we have had to breath in the carcinogenic cigarette smoke from those smoking around us. It ruins our outings and makes us physically sick.

Where can we go for fresh air outside these days? Secondhand smoke is dangerous to everyone and the filthy cigarette butts are everywhere.

We tried fishing on Oregon's free fishing day this year and were surrounded by smokers.

Secondhand smoke gives me migraines to the extent of pain so severe that I vomit. That day, both my husband and I went home with headaches.

Needless to say, there are now renters next door smoking, and there is NO PLACE for us to breath any fresh air. These people that smoke have diminished our enjoyment of our home, our parks & beaches.

Smokers claim that it is their right to smoke. What about our right to breath FRESH air.

Where do we go??

Our State Representatives need to stand up for us. Please do so.

Sincerely,
Susan Tharp

From: [Yvonne Elkins](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban smoking on all Oregon beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:24:35 PM

I heartily approve of this proposed rule. Not only will it greatly help to clean up our beautiful beaches, but whenever & wherever we can stop people from doing this terribly dangerous & expensive habit it should be done! I am a former smoker for 40 years & one suffering the bad & expensive results of this stupidity. Even though I quit this disgusting & smelly habit over 16 years ago, I will pay the price for the rest of my life! I am particularly saddened when I see so many young people smoking & hope measures like this and continuing to raise the prices/taxes on all tobacco products will help make them think twice before taking that first puff. I will pray for the success of this ruling.
Yvonne Elkins, North Plains, Oregon

Sent from Yvonne's iPad

From: [Laurie Sheriff](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach smoking ban
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:31:01 PM

I am writing in support of the proposed ban of smoking on Oregon beaches. I regularly volunteer to clean Oregon beaches, and cigarette butts are a common item found littering our beautiful beaches and ocean waters. They do not seem to decompose readily (if at all) and are a component that fish and wildlife consume erroneously thinking it is a food item.

Thank you considering this important legislation.

Laurie Sheriff
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Public comments period opens on rule to restrict smoking on Oregon beaches

Salem OR – Proposed rules that would restrict smoking of tobacco products on the ocean shore recreation area will be open for public comment through August 29, 2014. Comments will be taken by email, and through a series of four public hearings in August.

Rules that restrict smoking on Oregon state park properties were approved in February by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission. Education about the new rule is taking place through 2014, and enforcement will begin in 2015. Previous public comments related to the state park rule asked the department to undertake a similar effort on the ocean shore, which is adjacent to many state parks. Citing environmental issues as a primary concern—plastic cigarette butts can persist for years, even in the harsh beach environment—the commission approved a staff request to consider a smoking rule for the ocean shore.

After listening to public comment between now and August 29, the department plans

to present information to the Commission on September 17 at its meeting near Silverton, and return November 19 with a final recommendation at the Astoria meeting.

Public comment will play a key role in the decision to create a rule. Comments can be sent to the department through regular mail (OPRD Beach Smoking, 725 Summer St NE, Suite C, Salem OR 97301), by e-mail (opr.d.publiccomment@oregon.gov), or in person at one of four public hearings scheduled in August. All hearings begin at 7 p.m. at the locations listed below.

- 8/20/2014 - Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside OR
- 8/21/2014 - Central Lincoln PUD, 2129 N Coast Highway, Newport OR
- 8/26/2014 - Coos Bay Public Library, 525 Anderson Ave, Coos Bay OR
- 8/28/2014 - North Mall Office Building, 725 Summer Street NE, Salem OR

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From: [Craig Soper](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Restrictions on Oregon Beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 2:41:42 PM

I would like to add my wholehearted support for new smoking restrictions on Oregon beaches. My wife and I own a house in Manzanita and walk on many of the beautiful local beaches. Smoking has no place on the beaches, detracts from enjoying the pristine environment, and adds unneeded trash. Thank you for the opportunity to add our comments.

Craig Soper
Carolyn Ableman

From: [William](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Re:Proposal for Banning Smoking on Beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 3:04:59 PM

The best course of action is to increase fines for littering on the beach. I've found about as many beer and soda cans, and plastic bags, and food containers on the beach as I have cigarette butts. It's all rude and should be fined if caught. Heavily.

This sounds mostly like a PR move. It's en vogue to be anti-smoking. Which I am all-for with regards to the workplace, restaurants, and other INDOOR places people go. I am for smoking bans in enclosed places because smoking is a personal legal choice, not one that should be forced on others.

But there is nothing more free than standing outside. Standing outside in a park like a forest, beach, mountain or desert is the epitome of freedom. Our beaches are large and open and very windy. There is very little, if no, physical manifestations of second-hand smoking-related maladies due to the outdoor nature of this activity.

Focus on the problem, not the popularity. The problem is the butts. If someone smokes in their car on the way to the beach and then carries their butt onto the beach and drops it, is that really better than someone who smokes while standing on the beach, and then tossing the butt into a trash receptacle that line the boardwalks?

Please don't be trendy. Argue the core issue. Do not ban smoking on beaches because it is not the problem, the problem is the litter.

Sincerely,
William

From: [Sean](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Why??
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 4:20:16 PM

Stop trying to control people. How is smoking outside harmful to anyone? Most all cigarettes filters are made out of cotton, which is biodegradable so the environment card is not valid. This is just more controlling regulations being implemented by the government. People will not stand for this any longer!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Penny Rush](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban on smoking on public beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 4:45:09 PM

Protect our children and ban smoking on public beaches. It would also be a way to deter pot smoking if that also becomes legal.

From: [Jim Estes](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Regarding the proposal to ban smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 4:52:33 PM

Hello. I'm writing to comment on the proposal to ban smoking on Oregon's beaches.

I do not feel that smoking should be banned on Oregon beaches.

If the issue is the litter caused by cigarette butts, I suggest we start by perhaps posting signs (or adding to signs already in place) asking people to carry their cigarette butts out with them when they leave and not to throw them down. This might not eliminate the problem of cigarette butt litter, but it might greatly reduce it. People are more intelligent and considerate than we often give them credit for.

I like to smoke a tobacco pipe. The simple ashes from a pipe discarded on the beach sand should not be considered litter.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Ed Sims](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on the beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 5:07:57 PM

I hope they do ban smoking on the beaches! I am really tired of all the garbage including butts people leave behind. You bring it in, take it out! Don't just throw it on the beach...rude behavior.
Sent from my iPad

From: [Richard Venneman](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking..
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 5:17:50 PM

Yes.. A ban is welcomed. As a volunteer for the parks, I am always advising guests of the new ban in the park

Richard Venneman
503-964-4788
Sent from my iPad Air

Please note that as of August 1, 2014, my email address will be:

rvenneman@icloud.com

The gmail will be closed.

From: [Harrison, William - COB](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Oregon Beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 5:23:15 PM

Banning smoking on Oregon Beaches is a fantastic idea, long overdue.

From: [Sharon Andrews](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed Smoking Ban on Oregon Beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 6:11:16 PM

I just read an article about the proposal of banning cigarette smoking from all Oregon Beaches.

First of all, I am not a smoker...never have been. My husband doesn't smoke, nor does my daughter. Most of the people I work with and associate with do not smoke.

With all of the things that is wrong with this country right now....with this state...all of the other things that needs to be fixed, are you trying to put in to place a law that is simply silly and ridiculous? As someone said in the comment section..."What happened to America being the Home of the Free?". I also disagree (at this point in time) of the lawsuit rulings that are making the tobacco companies pay HUGE sums of money to "victims". This day and age, no one is a victim any longer. We have known for years and years and years that smoking is harmful. So those people do not deserve money for choices that they have made. But at the same time....I do not agree with the State of Oregon imposing a law that people are unable to smoke on the beaches. If so....then I guess we better be sure that there are no drinking, no sex (let's see you try to enforce that one :>...maybe people just need to stay off of the beach period.

Simply a very stupid idea...a waste of our tax paying money...and a complete waste of time. Better spend that money figuring out how the state is going to manage the marijuana law once it passes...because this year it will (I have no doubt). Although I'm ok with that law passing...I am very leary about how it will be run. I don't like the way that Washington is running their liquor sales, nor their marijuana....so let's work on that instead of banning smoking on the Oregon beaches.

Sharon Andrews
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From: [Vern And Monica](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking prohibition on public beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 6:34:02 PM

I am all in favor of a prohibition of smoking on public beaches. Cigarette butts are a blight on the landscape, dangerous to children and dogs if accidentally consumed, I don't want second hand smoke around my family, the scent of cigarette smoke is very offensive to many, and spoils the ambiance of the beautiful experience. Thank you!

Monica Rendon

From: [Ellen Steen](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach smoking ban
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 7:02:07 PM

I am 100% for the ban on smoking on Oregon beaches. My family has participated in beach clean-ups through SOLV many times and what we found most of was disgusting cigarette butts; they never decompose. Please establish the ban and ENFORCE it. Thank you, Ellen Steen of Cape Meares, Ore.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Matt Voisine](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach Smoking Ban
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 7:29:58 PM

To whom it may concern-

I grew up in a family of smokers. My mom, my step dad, my grandpa, my uncle, my brother, and I grew up in a time where there were still smoking and non smoking sections of restaurants. And being a child, I never really got a say or input when someone smoked around me. I could only voice how much it bothered me but to know avail... But again, I was just a child. I rode in cars with people smoking and hated it. I was in houses where people smoked. It was hard for me to get away from it. My clothes reeked of smoke and it was a huge embarrassment for me as a child. It also made breathing uncomfortable with minor asthma attacks. If I had a choice, I would ban all smoking. Not only is it terrible for the person smoking, but it also hugely affects those around them. I wish the laws that are in place now had been in place when I was a child. I often wonder how different my life would have been. What relatives would still be with me today.

The banning of smoking in a car with a child was a HUGE step forward in taking care of our youth's health. I've made it explicably clear with my mother that she is not to smoke ANYWHERE near my daughter and to please wash her hands after smoking. I know for a fact she doesn't follow all these rules. But what can I do? I've gone so far as to threaten not bringing my daughter around her anymore until she quits. But people around me make me feel bad for that. But I'm thinking about the health as safety of my daughter.

I don't want to consume anyone's smoke, nor do I want my daughter or wife who is carrying our second child, to be subject to that. If people want to smoke, then fine, they have that right... but that doesn't mean I need to be affected by it.. Not everyone wants to breathe in someone else's smoke.

I feel all public smoking should be banned. It's not fair to the nonsmokers who have made the choice to not smoke. Am I completely healthy with my choices? No. But my choices affect me.

I support a Beach Smoking Ban. If not for the health issues, for the environmental issues. I'm sick of finding cigarette butts EVERYWHERE! Especially on my beautiful Oregon Beaches.

Thank you.

Matt Voisine

From: [Karen Parkkonen](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: no smoking on beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 8:22:31 PM

I support no smoking on beaches. Animals eat the butts and they take many years to degrade leaching chemicals.

It's a step in the right direction which is REVERENCE of the beaches and ocean.

Thank you.

From: [Michael Barton](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking in Oregon State Beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 8:35:28 PM

I support a ban on smoking at Oregon State Beaches. While some folks are considerate, in my experience most smoke where they want without consideration for others, and it makes it a less desirable experience for those seeking time in nature and breathing fresh air. Thank you for looking into this issue.

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From: [Wrosch](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: ban on smoking on public beaches
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 8:54:22 PM

I am a lifelong Oregonian, one who loves the Oregon coast and a nonsmoker. In fact, I cannot be in a room where people have smoked recently. However, I am very against the proposed ban. It is overreaching the OPRD authority and infringing on our liberty. Just as importantly, it completely ignores the whole reason smoking in public places is banned in the first place - public health.

Let's look at the reasons for the ban:

1. It may alleviate the litter problem. While it's true that cigarette butts are obnoxious and harmful, it is already illegal to litter on the beaches. The law is not enforced. If you want to stop littering, address the littering problem head on. Don't use smoking as an excuse. Further, the SOLV efforts will not be lessened because of fewer butts, even if the ban is implemented. They will still scour the beaches for other garbage. The effort is the same regardless.
2. The ban on smoking in the parks may drive people to the beach. While that's possible, I submit it's less likely than proponents state. For most of the coastline, the state parks are comparatively far away. The few miles that abut state parks are relatively scarce. But this ban would cover the entire coast, not just the miles next to the parks. That is overkill, if you follow this argument, and overreach if you believe the OPRD has no authority over the public highway that is the coast. If anyone has jurisdiction here, it is ODOT, and they aren't saying.
3. Public health - wait, that isn't a reason, because not even OPRD believes that smoke bothers anyone on the coast. It is windy. It is wet. The whole reason for a smoking ban in public places is to keep bystanders from being harmed. I am one of those bystanders and I can honestly say secondhand smoke never bothered me on the coast - because I can stand next to a smoker and still not smell it. Try it sometime! You almost have to get in their face to breathe in the smoke and it still is not concentrated enough to harm anyone. So there is no public health issue, and therefore no reason to ban smoking in this public place.

Now, let's look at why we should not have a ban:

1. It is an infringement of liberty. A basic tenet of law and of this state is that liberty should not be infringed unless other matters are so egregious that the consequences of not limiting it would be even more detrimental ultimately to one's freedom. For example, imprisonment of a criminal is acceptable only because continued liberty for that person would likely harm more people who are completely innocent. It would, in fact, infringe on their liberty to pursue a life of happiness.
2. It greatly expands the authority of the OPRD without any legislative authority to do so, and without compelling reason. Uniquely to Oregon, our coast is a public highway, open to all and useable as such. Just as our public highways, such as OR 99E, are not closed to smokers, our beaches should not be. In fact, there has not been a case made that this public highway is significantly different than any other. Even more basically, the OPRD has no authority over state highways. Many are the highways that abut our state parks, but no one has ever said the OPRD has any say over what goes on on them. Rather, we look to the State Police and ODOT to set and enforce the rules. The Oregon Coast is no different.

In sum, there is no legitimate reason to adopt this ban, and overwhelming reasons not to. I urge OPRD to drop this idea and the Governor to look elsewhere to improve public health.

Tom Wrosch
Salem, Oregon

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From: [Michael Orth](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on beach
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 10:30:25 PM

Please do not ban smoking on Oregon beaches.
I spend a lot of time on the Cannon Beach area beaches and I have never seen anyone abusing their right to smoke. I also occasionally enjoy a cigar while on the beach. I am not bothering anyone or anything while doing it. This is not currently a problem or an issue. Please do not take away another individual right.

Michael Orth

Sent from my iPad

From: [Anicee Cochran](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: RE: Smoking restriction proposal on public beaches
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 1:37:15 AM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing with great concern regarding this new attempt to further ban smoking on public beaches.

I am so tired of all of this archaic treatment of smokers. Yes, I know the health risks, and I know that it's a dirty habit. Having said that, I also know that treating a specific portion of people like the dregs of society is not the way to handle an issue. Are smokers littering? Some, yes. Is there a law against littering? Yes. Has it made a difference? Not that I can tell. It hasn't prevented people from dropping cigarette butts, or leaving their dog poop, or dirty baby diapers, soda & beer cans, food garbage or anything else either. Why should smokers, who pay more in taxes as it is, have to once again be the only punished culprits? If smokers were the only problem I wouldn't have an issue with this treatment, but they/we are not.

Picking on one section of society isn't going to do anything except alienate that group further. If anyone thinks it will force positive change, I believe they're mistaken. Maybe some people won't go to parks on principle. Maybe some will, and will smoke - again, on principle. The "Nanny State" mentality being used in the targeting of smokers has got to stop. I'm a responsible, tax paying citizen. I don't go out of my way to smoke around people. I usually do step away from people when I'm smoking. That's a courtesy I chose to extend because I understand that it can be offensive to non-smokers. Since the judgement against smokers has become so heavy handed (i.e. smoking bans in various places, constant increases in taxation, etc), I have yet to see a single non-smoker show me any courtesy. If I'm in a designated smoking area I still have to deal with the fake coughs, indignant stares, and comments as people pass by. I didn't do anything to them, and am jumping through all the hoops. I pay more for my habit, supposedly for the healthcare of everyone else's kids? I go to designated areas. I do what I can. I dispose of my cigarette butts appropriately, and still the witch hunt continues.

If you REALLY feel strongly that smokers are the cause of all the problems you face, how about affording them the same rights as everyone else? Instead of treating them like lepers why not put a few designated smoking areas along the more populated beaches. I'm not saying it's a cure-all, but as a smoker, if you gave me a designated area that was reasonably accessible I would absolutely choose to go there vs. smoke elsewhere on the beach.

I have no problem being respectful to non-smokers. What I have a problem with is not being respected in return. It's a give & take. There are bad apples in EVERY bunch. That doesn't mean we're all bad. I am consistently appalled with how awful smokers are treated. At the end of the day we're human beings, too. Give us the opportunity to co-exist. Try thinking outside the box. Work in the gray area, and spend less time in the black & white.

I really hope you take heed to what I've had to say. I like the idea that we still live in a democratic society, but as I watch policy change in all avenues of government I feel more and more that taking public comment is code for round file it if it's not in agreement.

No more nanny state behavior, please!

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Anicee L. Cochran

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From: [Matt Chaney](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 6:50:57 AM

This proposal is ridiculous. It is another example of the government taking away freedoms from citizens. Smoking has become taboo in our society so the government wants to demonize smokers and banish them to certain areas. The government doesn't like it so it has to make laws against it even when no one is getting hurt and nobody's freedoms are in jeopardy. It just wants to dictate people's behavior to control the populace.

Smokers tax money is just as good as non-smokers tax money. So why do they get their freedoms taken away? And the smoke can't be called a nuisance because it's OUTSIDE and it's always windy. If someone is so offended by the occasional passing whiff of smoke on the beach that they are proposing laws to ban it, they have no idea about what freedom, liberty and America are all about. The argument about littering doesn't make sense because a lot of the litter is food wrappers and containers or drink cups. Are you going to ban food and drink on the beaches? A lot of the litter is footwear or clothes. Is the government going to make everyone walk around naked and barefoot? No one thinks about basic freedoms when they propose these bans. Stop for a moment and ask yourself, "Does smoking on beaches infringe on anyone's rights or freedoms." If the answer is no than there should be no ban!

Matt

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Darlene](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 7:23:44 AM

As an Oregonian, I strongly support a ban on smoking at the beach.

From: [normacrr431](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban smoking?
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 7:45:26 AM

That is the most ridiculous thing I ever heard...why doesn't government tell people when they can go to the bathroom, they are way too much into people's lives, worry more about those sex offenders who don't register, crime, animal abuse, etc, I can go on and on, ridiculous.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [Johann Eiwien](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: proposed ban on smoking, Oregon beaches
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 9:07:08 AM

I oppose the proposed ban. Resources would be better used enforcing leash laws. My wife and I are dog owners and always have our dogs leashed and find the beaches to be unusable because of off-leash dogs.

The proposed ban on smoking is likely driven by a few whiners that feel they own the beaches. Those same whiners want everything banned that is not something THEY enjoy. Soon there will be a dress code and mandatory wearing of life vests. It's ridiculous.

Johann Eiwien
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From: [Richard Patton](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Propose smoking ban Oregon beaches.
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 10:04:47 AM

There is a concept that all officers are taught in early in their career-"Never issue a command that you know will not be obeyed." The same advice should be followed by lawmakers and regulators-"never make a law or regulation that you know will not be obeyed."

The proposed ban on smoking on Oregon beaches falls right into this category. No one is going to obey it. Smoking in the great outdoors harms nobody, the smoke from the campfires in the state camp grounds is much more toxic than anyone's cigarette. Where is the time and money to police the beaches to make sure someone isn't smoking going to come from? Who's going to report it and who is going to respond when someone does report it?

It is almost certain that no anti-smoking patrols will be formed and no one is going to respond if someone sees a person on the beach smoking.

Laws that are unenforceable and unnecessary get ignored, breeding contempt and defiance of the law.

Please spend your time on maintaining the park system, not fixing a problem that doesn't exist.

By the way, I am not and never have been a smoker so this doesn't affect me except for the fact that it's none of your business if someone smokes in the open air.

From: [Becky](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: RE: OAR 736-021-0100
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 2:25:46 PM

Prohibits Smoking of Tobacco Products on the Ocean Shore

The new law is redundant based on the reasoning of plastic litter! You already have a litter law for which they can be cited if they are littering.

It is just prejudice against people who have a habit that doesn't hurt anyone in the open air. Smoking is a legal activity and discriminating against it is just that: Discrimination.

Enforce the laws you already have instead of making prejudiced laws against people who like something legal which you don't care for.

Your web page states that; "***Those who wish to make public comment must register with the hearing officer by 7:30 PM on the scheduled hearing date.***" But you give no contact name or link, just "staff".

Who and how do you register?

Thank you for answering my question.

From: [Daniela Pavoni](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on beaches public comment
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 3:51:42 PM

I'm not a smoker but smoking in open spaces should be allowed and littering enforced. This law will be difficult to enforce and taking away more of people's rights. Banning smoking in buildings and at entrances seems responsible but banning it in open air spaces doesn't make sense. Enforce littering of cigarette butts not smoking.

From: indi.cody@yahoo.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Cigarette ban
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 5:12:55 PM

To whom it may concern,
I am for a ban on smoking at the beach. I go there to smell the fresh air and walk on the sand, not smell cigarette smoke and see cigarette butts on the ground!
People can smoke in their cars and keep the awful carcinogens to themselves.
Thank you,
Betsy Hauser

Sent from my iPad

From: [Curtis Taylor](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: YES on beach smoking ban
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 7:43:45 PM

Tobacco products negatively impact and damage our environment. Cigarette butts are not just a nuisance, they are toxic waste. They contain chemicals that contaminate our waterways and ground soil and harm our wildlife.

Discarded lit cigarettes on the beach can cause driftwood fires, which can damage homes and land. It is also very costly to clean up cigarette waste - a problem that continues to grow every year.

Let's preserve Oregon's natural beauty and protect the health of its citizens by eliminating the impact of tobacco.

Curtis Taylor
Brookings, OR

From: [Tricia Chandler](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban smoking on beaches - YES
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 9:06:32 PM

If smokers would pick up the butts off the beach, this would not be an issue. HOWEVER, as a frequent beach walker, my husband and I can tell you that smokers do NOT pick up the cig butts. The sandy beach is considered a big ash tray. It is a hazard to our oceans, and an eyesore to humans. Keep Oregon clean & green!

Tricia Chandler, Depoe Bay
George Weber, Depoe Bay

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bravo Zulu](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: NO-SMOKING BEACHES
Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 10:39:31 PM

As a non-resident who is nevertheless very appreciative of Oregon's lovely beaches, I am adding my voice to the believers who say that it would be a very good thing for smoking to be prohibited on Oregon's public beaches. From the standpoint of sanitation, environmental toxicity, health, safety and simple aesthetics, it can only be a good thing.

VL Kingsbury
Sacramento CA

From: [Robert Ryding](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Law to ban smoking on beaches: My response
Date: Sunday, July 27, 2014 2:08:38 PM

1: This will never work. The general population who smokes, and decides to visit the beach will smoke on the beach. The State does not have even remotely enough law enforcement to even enforce this to any meaningful effect.

2: I am quite sure there are far more pressing matters to be given attention to, for instance, repaving the Banfield sooner rather than later when its falling apart. Wasting tax payers money on a law that will have so little effect towards the overall situation will only incite further likelihood that those politicians who actually go through with this, will be out of office on the next election.

3: I live on the coast, There is not as much litter as people think. Most are conscious and pick up their butts from the beach. It would have far greater effect to post signs instead, asking politely that people pick up after themselves, than it would to put a useless law into effect that will likely not bear any fruit worth keeping.

From: goldhill97525@juno.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Re: proposed coastal smoking ban
Date: Sunday, July 27, 2014 4:11:44 PM

Have you people completely lost your minds?

We smokers who pay the highest taxes of any other Oregon citizen cannot enjoy our LEGAL right to smoke indoors anywhere but our homes and in our cars (IF there are no "children" under the age of 18) already, now cannot smoke in the parks WE pay for OUTSIDE. We have to stand 15 Feet away from any building, in the rain or snow, just to enjoy a smoke. And now, you wish to exclude over 700, 000 Oregon citizens from sitting on OUR beaches and having a smoke??? Do you intend to extend it 12 miles offshore as well? You DO know that many fishermen smoke don't you? How about passing Cruise Ships.? Private airplanes flying overhead? Maybe you can regulate bird crap as well....

And WHO is going to enforce such a ridiculous infringement on our rights? Are you now going to add "beach smoking police"?

If this is about a few inconsiderate slob who leave their cig butts on the beach, let's talk about the REALLY HORRIFIC SLOBS that walk their damn dogs on the beach leaving a trail of DOG POOP in their wake. Which would you rather step on in your bare feet???

STOP TRYING TO REGULATE EVERYONE'S LIVES! Life isn't about washing your lilly white hands with Purell every 10 minutes. Life is about love, laughter, freedom, and tolerance. Every one of you small minded bureaucrats need to learn to MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

I will tell you now, that I for one will completely ignore yet another silly law/rule. You will have to kill me to stop me. You asshats are completely out of control with your laws...and worse, your private little administrative laws that none of us voters have a say in.

You idiots are only creating an environment for total anarchy. You will piss off enough citizens to start it and you will be the first casualties.

Christopher Clark
Gold Hill, Oregon

From: [dmhyvhs](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban Smoking on Oregon Beaches
Date: Sunday, July 27, 2014 5:15:25 PM

Hello,

As the owner of a house in Manzanita for 17+ years, I strongly SUPPORT the proposed ban on smoking at all Oregon beaches. The pollution of smoke and ciggie butts would become a thing of the past.

Regards,
Dennis M. Harper
Portland, OR 97209
503-228-0611

From: [Cass](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Respectfully disagree w/ beach smoking ban
Date: Sunday, July 27, 2014 6:03:34 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the important issue that is the proposed smoking ban.

I am a Portlander who typically supports environmental, anti-litter, and public health campaigns. I don't smoke. But I am very against the idea of banning smoking on public beaches.

The great thing about Oregon's beaches is that they are open to everyone. When people go to the beach (as opposed to a park) they usually go for several hours. Banning smoking would discourage or prevent smokers from enjoying Oregon's beaches. This is fundamentally unfair, as smoking is a powerful addiction, not simply an individual choice you make each day. And it wouldn't just prevent smokers from going to the beach: it would prevent their families from going as well. It just isn't fair to cheat Oregon kids out of the quintessential "day at the beach" because they happen to have parents who smoke. Furthermore, according to the CDC, almost 30% of people living under the poverty line smoke (as opposed to 17% of the general population). This means that low-income kids will be disproportionately cheated out of an extremely important public resource.

If the parks department is concerned about littering, they should take steps to alleviate that problem. They shouldn't discriminate against smokers and their families.

Thank you,
Cassandra Cole

Sent from my iPhone

From: [luanne arias](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Cc: [Connie Soper](#)
Subject: Banning Smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Sunday, July 27, 2014 10:39:52 PM

Fantastic, I support this fully. Have been vacationing on your beautiful beaches for many summers.

Luanne Arias
Bellevue, WA

From: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: Smoking on the beach.
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 6:22:11 AM

From: 001 [kouht21@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 10:32 PM
To: HAVEL Chris * OPRD
Subject: Smoking on the beach.

Hay. I just read an article in the bend bulletin about stopping smoking on the beach. Look. I grew up in Hammond and the surrounding beaches. I spent a lot of time picking up trash that consisted of Asian water bottles and other trash that would wash up. I smoke. I put my butts in my pocket unless I'm smoking a roll your own. Anyhow. This ban on smoking on the beach is not ok. I bet you don't smoke and that's ok. Its a bad habit. However it's not up to you to say that people cannot smoke on all places like the beach. Get real. You have no right to martar your option. People that care more about the beach and the environment than you do happen to smoke. Stop being a jerk and start being an Oregonian. What about our infrastructure??????????? Roads, dikes, bridges, fish ladders, dams, canals that could use more hydroelectric dams, manufacturing to create jobs. Think about it and not someone smoking a cigarette on the beach..

From: [TEAL Marcy * OPRD](#) on behalf of [INFO Park * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: other questions question/feedback via website
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 7:08:29 AM

From: lisaj@mind.net [mailto:lisaj@mind.net]
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:36 PM
To: park.info@state.or.us
Subject: other questions question/feedback via website

Message from Lisa James:

I don't see where else to comment as news articles say we can - but I am opposed to the ban on smoking on public beaches. They are public - and there isn't anywhere people can go anymore. It isn't as if our beaches are crowded like Rio. I pick up after myself and take all trash out. Enforce more littering laws, but give us one respite where the wind blows and we can go for a long quiet walk in peace, and take a break for a smoke if we want.

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From: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: Non smoker against beach ban.
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:10:21 AM

From: ALLEN John * OPRD
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:07 AM
To: HAVEL Chris * OPRD
Subject: FW: Non smoker against beach ban.

From: Justin Riley [<mailto:rileyj211@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 9:53 AM
To: ALLEN John * OPRD
Subject: Non smoker against beach ban.

I'm a non smoker. I've never smoked. I personally get very upset about the discrimination that smokers face. I don't like the smell of cig smoke but hey, you know what's worse. The 70 year old perfume drenched lady's. My god! It burns my eyes and nose. I know you know what I'm talking about too. :) my point is, I deal with it. The litter is a huge problem yes. I think that it should be addressed as such. A litter issue. Plastic bottles are a larger problem. That's what the garbage drift is out in the ocean. Why not ban those? How about fishing line? I see a lot of that as well. Up the fines for litter. But please don't punish and blame one group of people. Another approach, could be to just not allow the sale of cigs in the state that don't have a fully and quickly biodegradable filter. That would help out everywhere not just the beach. Just thinking out loud. Any how, thank you for your time. I hope you are one of the correct people to talk with. Enjoy the rest of your day.

~Justin Riley.
Salem Oregon.
971-222-7851

From: [WALKOSKI Richard * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: Smoke on beaches
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:10:36 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Judy Snyder [<mailto:judymauro06@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2014 8:26 AM
To: WALKOSKI Richard * OPRD
Subject: Smoke on beaches

Please ban smoking on beaches. I can't sit in peace and somebody always parks next to me and lights up a cigarette. Then when they are sitting far from me the smoke drifts up my nose I feel very physically ill from it. Travels a long way. Every person I have seen smoking in public places are extremely rude. Even though they know it bothers you they will not let it out. A look at non-smokers as whining people. I have asthma and makes me feel physically ill. Smoke has been a thorn in my side for many years. I feel as those smiling secondhand smoke has caused my asthma. I have lived in Oregon for 10 years and had to move eight times as I lived in smoke-free complexes where the rules are not enforced. There is a ban for smoking beaches please enforce it please please. Thank you Judy Snyder
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Trish](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on the beach
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 11:57:36 AM

I am not a smoker--or, rather, I am a reformed smoker, having quite five years ago.

I think this restriction goes too far. It seems unnecessarily prohibitive for Oregonians. I understand the concern about pollution on the beach (butts) but would the costs to implement this measure outway the cost to clean the beach? How will it be enforced? I can think of better ways to use funding than making our rangers the cigarette-police.

Why not put more trash cans in the parks and on the beaches? Encourage people to save and toss their butts and other trash in conveniently-placed receptacles. This seems to work for dog poop--handy bag dispensers and containers for the waste encourage pet owners to pick it up and dispose of it.

It is not illegal to smoke cigarettes. Yes, it is a very unhealthy habit, but restricting people from smoking on beaches will likely keep smokers from going there--and they won't take their kids--and this would be a bad thing in the long run. There will still be plenty of trash on the beach even if smoking is outlawed, so, really, what is the rationale?

Trish Voss

From: [CC Jones](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed Smoking Ban on OR Beaches
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 12:11:04 PM

We need to stop banning things. Personal responsibility needs to be stressed and, should that fail, enforce existing littering laws. Trash is trash, whether it's a cigarette butt or a used condom.

Catherine Carichoff

Sent from my iPad

From: [Nadia Gardner](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: OPRD Beach Smoking Ban
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 12:30:51 PM

As a coastal resident, I welcome both the ban on smoking at state parks and on beaches. I pick up litter on our north coast beaches daily, and cigarette butts are a constant. They are toxic to children and wildlife as well as an eyesore. Also, when enjoying the parks and beach, being around smoke really detracts from my experience. Finally, I support the de-normalizing of smoking, which guides people to not pick up and to quit smoking. Smoking is terrible for our health and our environment.

Thank you for your leadership on these smoking bans. Sincerely,

Nadia Gardner
80285 Woodland Hts Rd
Arch Cape, Oregon 97102

From: [judith gilles](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 12:50:30 PM

Please count us in on the NON-SMOKING side of this debate for public beaches.
Jim and Judi Gilles
572 S. Pine Meadow St.
Sisters, Or 97759

From: [Margaret Stephens](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: rules on smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 1:01:50 PM

I absolutely approve of the new rules that restrict smoking on Oregon state park properties.

I also approve of prohibiting smoking on all Oregon's beaches. The main reason is obvious - dangerous and unattractive litter that last for decades.

Thank you.

Margaret Stephens
1830 23rd St NE
Salem, OR 97301

From: [Scott H](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 1:37:47 PM

I smoke and I would love to see it banned in all public areas including the beaches, period. Help more of us realize how bad it is and stop a nasty habit.

Scott.

From: [Steve Scarborough](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Restricted smoking on the beach
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 3:32:43 PM

Hi,

Please count me in as a supporter of the proposed rules to ban cigarette smoking on the beach. I look forward to the reduction of the number of cigarette butts on the beach.

There is a bit of a presumption that all cigarette smokers are litter bugs.

Stephen Scarborough
2142 Brookhaven Way
Eugene, OR 97401

From: HiFromNewport@aol.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking/beach
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 4:40:20 PM

Hello,

I am furious that you are even thinking of prohibiting smoking at the beach!! Are you trying to make Russia look like they have more freedom than we do here in America??

With every right that you/the government take away, the closer we come to being a communist country. And if you ask me, which you did, we are frighteningly coming to that realization at an alarming pace.

DO NOT PROHIBIT SMOKING ON OUR BEACHES!

Sincerely yours,
Jennifer Storms
a voter in Newport, Oregon

From: [Connie Soper](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking on beaches
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 5:59:05 PM

This is to support OPRD's proposed rule to prohibit smoking on Oregon beaches.

Oregon's beaches are not an ashtray! It is disgusting, when walking barefoot in the sand, to find cigarette butts in the sand. It is also simply not healthy for them to be washed back into the ocean. Our beaches are our greatest asset--we are SO LUCKY to have all of them open and accessible, and we should do whatever we can to protect the beaches as well as those who walk on them.

It also makes sense to extend the smoking ban in parks to the beaches, since so many parks include the beaches.

Thank you.

Connie Soper
Portland, Oregon

From: [Don Tucker](#) on behalf of [Don](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Should Smoking Be Restricted On Oregon Beaches?
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 6:05:34 PM

Restricted is an awfully mundane term. Let's ban smoking on the beaches.

I live at MP 162 on Highway 101 and we explore the beach with our grand and great grandchildren as often as able.

We always carry a plastic 13 gal bag with us to pick up any 'trash' that does not belong there, labeling trash as that which naturally would not wash up. This includes organic matter and the like.

Even on a beach such as ours where there is limited use by the public, the number one item we find is cigarette butts. In second place are the plastic juice and other liquid holding bottles which do not fall under the current Bottle Bill.

The kids just don't understand why people would throw their trash on the beach, and being a family of non-smokers it is difficult to explain. Thoughtless, not thinking are the primary adjectives we use and admonish them to never be like that.

BUT, don't ban what you don't intend to enforce.

Don Tucker
Yachats OR

From: [Michael McCusker](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed smoking ban
Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 8:40:01 PM

I would like to voice my strong support of a ban on smoking on the Oregon Ocean Shore Recreation Area. Cigarette butts are the most common form of litter on any beach, and aside from being a disgusting public health issue, they are a massive threat to many forms of marine life.

Please, ban smoking everywhere on the beaches! Make the fines high, and enforce them with gusto!

Sincerely,

Michael McCusker
579 SE Hathaway Pl
Corvallis OR 97333

From: [FRANCIS FRANKLIN](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking ban on beaches
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 9:02:10 AM

Your proposed ban on smoking on the beaches is ridiculous

1) Why create a law that is not enforceable! The city of Newport where I live has a very efficient police force. They do not need to apply their staff to the beach. The commission of parks can supply the police force to enforce their own laws!

2) The Oregon beaches have a natural current of wind almost every day. This is an area that has smoke quickly dissipated. This is an open area that second hand smoke is not a problem.

3) The animals that are on the beach continually drop feces on the sands. Most of the owners just leave the pollution on the beach. Why didn't the commission ban dogs, horses, and babies in diapers from the beach.

4) We need to not infringe upon the rights of people. I am not a smoker. I do not like laws that are made to regulate others' lives because the majority want it their way.

5) Every day I walk on the beach. The garbage from boats, plastic and glass bottles, tsunamis, sea weed, dead sea gulls, and trees continually wash up on the beach. This has been a concern over the years. We do not make laws to regulate them. After all the cigarette butts will decompose faster than the glass or plastic bottles.

Francis Franklin
536 SW 4th St
Newport, Or

From: [Tom Keenan](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: banning smoking at Oregon beaches
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 9:05:25 AM

I am a non-smoker but you just keep taking away our rights and I am tired of it. They are OUR beaches not your beaches and OUR is inclusive of both smokers and non-smokers. There is plenty of wind to make any smoke dissipate quickly and not harm the other visitors. As far as litter goes, we already have laws on the books to prevent litter by fines. That is enough!

Tom Keenan
12721 S Casto Rd
Oregon City, OR 97045

[A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.](#)
[Nelson Mandela](#)

From: [Dena Plemel](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Restricted Smoking on Beaches
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 12:08:08 PM

I don't think smoking should be restricted on Oregon Beaches. There comes a time when we have to say enough with making new laws. This is the land of the free so people should be able to smoke out in the open. We've already restricted smoking on State Property and in Oregon State Parks that should be enough. Oregon beaches aren't that packed that people are crammed in a small space, so non-smokers shouldn't have a hard time moving away from somebody smoking. I stopped smoking 8 years ago and I wish everyone would stop smoking, but smokers have rights too.

If it passed, how would the State of Oregon enforce the law? Hire more park rangers? There isn't enough money to hire more now for the parks we have, let alone adding a new law. I think Oregon should focus on other things like the bad economy instead of worrying about someone smoking on the beach.

Dena Plemel

From: [Mary Addams](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking on beaches
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 12:16:32 PM

I am very much in favor of tobacco smoke-free air at Oregon beaches. Second hand tobacco smoke has been proven to be carcinogenic. This is the reason it should be banned at public beaches.

I shouldn't have to hold my breath whenever a lighted cigarette is in my presence, so as to avoid inhaling cancer-causing substances. I can only hold my breath for 60 seconds, so I wind up inhaling the noxious fumes against my will.

A ban on smoking at our public beaches will help to improve the health of non-smokers who now are forced to breathe cancer causing smoke while trying to enjoy our beautiful coast.

Mary Addams
795 Willamette St
Apt 403
Eugene OR 97401

From: rdziekan@frontier.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach antismoking proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 12:23:16 PM

I would like to briefly offer my opposition to the proposed smoking ban. There is no evidence that smoking in open, unconfined spaces presents any danger to others. Using statistics reporting large volumes of cigarette butts on the beach does not justify a ban. While it is easy enough to say that the butts may actually have blown onto the sand and were not discarded there, this is not really the point. What the focus should be on, is the fact that people that discard cigarettes in a public place are litterers. We have laws against littering. Enforce them. Do not blanket punish smokers for other's lack of consideration. It may also be noted that litter on the beaches includes fast food containers. When is the ban on fast food coming?

Robert Dziekan

Sent from Windows Mail

From: jenvel@oregonfast.net
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: OPRD Beach Smoking comments
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 12:40:12 PM

Public comments to prevent smoking tobacco or any type of smoking products at public parks and **beaches.**

Environmental waste.

Cleaning up hundreds of cigarette butts along an adopted highway proved how persistently they can last.

Birds and wildlife mistake cigarette materials as food and suffer poor health and can die.

Cigarette butts can be blown into adjacent streams, private property, wooded areas near the beach.

Materials in cigarette filters, E-cigarette cartridges, medical and recreational marijuana cigarettes present environmental, health and aesthetic devaluing of the health benefits of fresh ocean air free of contaminants.

Personal experience as a child.

Stepping on a lighted cigarette butt as a three year old playing on the beach resulted in an infected burn.

Children's health must be be protected from careless smokers.

Fire Danger.

Dry and windy conditions at many beaches that may have dry driftwood, trash cans with inflammable materials,

dry grasses, vehicles dripping oil and gasoline, present fire hazards if ignited by careless smokers.

Thank you for considering all comments.

Jenny Velinty

419 Sherwood Loop

Florence, OR 97439

From: [Paula Staight](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Tobacco/smoke-free beaches
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 1:59:09 PM

I'm emailing to lend my overwhelming support to include our ocean shores/beaches in your tobacco/smoke-free rules.

Not only are cigarette butts unsightly and environmentally damaging but coming across someone who is smoking causes stress to those who don't want to breathe or smell the smoke.

Thank you for understanding this and providing Oregonians with additional tobacco/smoke-free environments.

Paula Staight

From: [Terry Hollingsworth](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 2:03:39 PM

Leave the poor smokers alone! I have been a non-smoker all of my life but not letting them smoke outside is such a politically correct joke! The anti-smoking Nazis have gone too far. There is no way second hand smoke is going to hurt anybody if one smokes outside. Afraid they will throw their butts down?...some do, some don't but non-smokers throw trash onto the ground too. Let them smoke.

Sent from Windows Mail

From: [Craig Ernst](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: OPRD's Tobacco Free parks
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 3:08:22 PM

I support Tobacco Free parks and beaches in Oregon.

-Cigarette butts are the most frequently littered item in the world

-Surfrider Oregon chapters do many beach cleanups every year, cigarette butts are consistently the #1 item that we find

-Cigarette butts are made of plastic and are toxic to marine life, recent studies show that they are lethal to fish, and they take decades to decompose. Also toxic to young children, wildlife & pets.

-Second hand smoke exposure outdoors can be just as harmful as indoors, degrades the recreational enjoyment of one of our states greatest natural assets, our 362 miles of public beaches.

-Surfrider and others are working with State Parks to adopt rules to create smoke free beaches. We applaud OPRD's recent adoption of rules creating smoke free parks, next step is include beaches.

-Tobacco free beaches will succeed in areas that have good signage, public education, and self enforcement.

-Surfrider Oregon Chapters remind you to Hold On To Your Butts, our beaches and streets are not an ashtray

Best,

Craig Ernst
Development Coordinator, Portland Chapter, Surfrider Foundation
[503.810.8823](tel:503.810.8823)

From: [Peter Nelson Photography Art](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: NO to smoking ban
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 3:48:34 PM

Hello,

I wrote before. OPB asked me on their show. Good to hear my points resonate.

Look, I think the proposed rule is just taking things too far. Encroaching on our freedoms. I think there is much better productive work you can do.

We didn't win two world wars, and send our soldiers overseas every decade, to protect our freedoms, to then ban smoking on a our public beaches. If a guy is a veteran, and returns home to the beach, for god's sake let him smoke if he wants to!

Smoking is not a problem on the coast anyway!!!

Let it go!!!

Educate the masses, don't over regulate!!!!

Thanks

Peter Nelson
Photographer / Artist

pnphotoart.com



From: [Cheryl Juhnke](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach smoking ban.....
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:22:11 PM

As a past resident and a person who now pilgrimages to the coast 2 times per year, I, as a smoker, also have a love for the environment and a high respect for Mother Nature and what God has put on this planet for us to enjoy. I have never left a cigarette butt on the beach - I always carry a container to put my refuse in and to put other garbage I might see in as well.

If you put a ban on beach smoking, you might as well ban any and all animals from being on the beaches (feces can cause many problems for people/children with bare feet)..... people shouldn't be allowed to fly kites either, what if someone has one come down on them and causes them to panic and get tangled up in the kite string?!.... No beach fires either, the leftover coals may be there for days under the sand and someone could get seriously burned if they aren't aware..... Throw down a blanket and have a picnic with a bottle of wine??? Oh- heck no - what if someone pops the cork and doesn't throw it away! or clutters the beach with their leftovers!!??

So - you see - banning beach smoking is ridiculous. It's a "free" area for people to connect with nature - yes, smoking is bad for you, I've heard all of the gruesome stories..... but to take away my right to sit and watch the sunset, in a beach chair, with a beer and a cigarette, is going a bit too far.

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Have a Wonderful Day!



From: smythmcintosh@comcast.net
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed Smoking Ban
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:37:51 PM

I oppose this ban. I presume that cigars and other smoking devices (pipes)and roll your owns will be exempt because they do not have carcinogenic filters. I live in Manzanita and I don't see this as a problem. Been here for over 15 years. Would rather see a ban on campfires and plastic bags.

From: [Gregory Pick](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: proposed beach smoking ban
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 8:13:21 PM

When I first read the information online suggesting a smoking ban on Oregon beaches, I thought that perhaps it was a false but humorous headline lifted from the pages of the "Daily Onion". However, much to my dismay, I checked the OPRD website and sadly learned of the reality of the situation.

Perhaps I was not aware that all of Oregon's real problems have been solved recently? Why else would we even CONSIDER the needless waste taxpayer money and time creating more useless and unenforceable rules? Are we not constantly reminded that we do not have enough money for firefighters, schools, foodshelves, state police, etc? I am sincerely begging you to NOT move forward with this rule. I am not, nor have never been a smoker. Nobody in my family smokes. I am a health care professional, for that matter. However, I believe in the simple personal liberties that make this country and this state wonderful. The beach is a symbol of personal freedom, and it does not need additional rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Greg Pick
Albany, OR

From: martinfamily4@yahoo.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 9:38:01 PM

I would all for banning smoking in Oregon Recreation areas! As a non-smoker it is very upsetting to be enjoying nature and and being hit by the horrible smell of cigarette smoke. Just this week we were at the lighthouse in Newport having a nice picnic and then being overcome by smokers from a near table! We actually packed up and left!

Thanks for putting this on the agenda.

Nancy Martin
Springfield, Or

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Amy and Mike](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban on beaches
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 12:00:25 AM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in response to the steps being taken to ban smoking on Oregon beaches, I am opposed to such a ban.

If this is basically just another one of Gov. Kitzhaber's plans to help us help ourselves to be healthier, then that is not a valid enough reason. We are all big boys and girls (most of us responsible) and are perfectly capable of making our own decisions without having to have "Dad"/Big Brother go on a power trip to decide what's best for us. I don't know anyone who couldn't benefit from making healthier choices, but are perfectly happy to live their life as they so choose. It's called freedom.

Although I appreciate and understand the concerns regarding litter on our beaches, I don't think that that such a ban is going to help to achieve the desired goal. Being a smoker myself, I (as well as all fellow smokers I know) am very respectful of our beautiful beaches, and take pride in all areas of the state. We NEVER leave cigarette butts on the beach, and always carry away all of my trash. I am also always respectful of all other beach goers and make a point to never smoke near them.

I feel that people who currently use the beach as an ashtray will continue to do so whether there is a ban on smoking or not. As well as other inconsiderate people who leave their garbage for others to clean up. There will always be "those people" who ruin it for all.

Where do the rules stop? What will be next, no drinks or picnics on the beach because there are enough stupid people who do not pack their trash out? What about banning dogs, so that my grandchildren and I don't have to watch our step to avoid stepping in dog poop. (I still wouldn't want a ban to disallow dogs) I also often see paper where it is obvious that a person has used that spot as a toilet. But I rarely see cigarette butts on the beach.

Every year someone drowns while enjoying a day at the beach. Should there be rules made to ban people from getting too close to the ocean? Rules to close the beaches completely?

My point is that the beach is one of the few places left in the world that a person can go to to have a sense of space and freedom. There cannot be rules made for every situation. If there were, then we might as well all just stay in our homes to stagnant, and never be able to aquire that sense of peace and freedom.

Please no more rules, give us a little credit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy Silva

From: [Linda Kenyon](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking on beaches
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 12:44:38 AM

I should firstly say that I am not an Oregon resident. I'm in WA. But, as someone who goes to the Oregon beaches far more often than I go to the Washington beaches, perhaps I can at least give an opinion.

If it were up to me, which it is not, I'd ban smoking period. There is nowhere a non-smoker can go to avoid second hand smoke when someone who is smoking is near. But, that is a personal preference. I don't like the smell and it causes a little breathing trouble if I get even a whiff. Banning it altogether is not practical.

That said, I'm not sure banning it from beaches is practical either. It is probably more practical than the alternative stemming from my big question.

My big question is, is littering not already illegal? Smokers have gotten away with tossing their butts wherever they wish, for so long, that I don't think they even consider it littering. It would cost more, but enforcing the littering laws seems, to me, to be the way to clean up the butts, and not only on the beaches, but everywhere and in all states.

A ban on smoking on beaches in Oregon would not stop me from going to them, but I have nothing to lose.

Thanks for letting me give my little two cents.

-- Linda

You pile up enough tomorrows, and you'll find you've collected nothing but a lot of empty yesterdays. -- Harold Hill (*The Music Man*)

From: anngaidosmorgan@gmail.com on behalf of [Ann Morgan](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: beach smoking
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:12:08 AM

I am in favor of a smoking ban on the beaches because of the considerable litter caused by the butts.

Thank you,
Ann Gaidos-Morgan
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From: [Venus Fromwiller](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Support Oregon Tobacco-Free Beaches
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 9:14:17 AM

I am voicing my support for Oregon Tobacco-Free Beaches.

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From: [Dean N. Alterman](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed beach smoking rule - comment
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 9:51:44 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I am writing this as a citizen and not on behalf of any client in response to the proposed regulations affecting smoking on the beach.

As I understand the proposed regulations, they would apply to three kinds of beach areas: (a) the area west of the ordinary high-tide line, which belongs to the State of Oregon under the Act of Admission; (b) those portions of the areas east (upland) of the ordinary high-tide line to the vegetation line (commonly called the dry sand area) to which the state has title through purchase or otherwise, and which OPRD operates and administers, and (c) those portions of the dry sand area that are in private ownership, to which the public has acquired easement rights through prescription, in which OPRD regulates the public right of access under ORS 390.620 and ORS 390.635.

I am objecting to the proposed rule only to the extent that OPRD asserts the authority to prohibit landowners from smoking on their own property. The statutory framework of beach regulation directs OPRD to regulate and administer the public's easement rights in the privately-owned portions of the dry sand area: specifically, ORS 390.635 gives OPRD jurisdiction over the "land and interests in land acquired under ORS 390.610, 390.615, or 390.630" in order to carry out the purposes of those statutes. For those lands in which OPRD does not hold title, but merely administers the public's easement rights, the statutory framework has not granted to OPRD the right to regulate and administer the rights of the private landowners, and it seems to me that OPRD does not have statutory authority to prohibit the private landowners and their guests from smoking on the privately-held portions of the beach, because their right to use the beach does not depend on Chapter 390, nor on the holding of *State ex rel. Thornton v. Hay*.

Sincerely,

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From: [Townsend, Sue](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10:02:44 AM

As nice as it would be to have no smoking on the beaches, I find this a bit too much. My son-in-law smokes and by banning him from smoking on the beach (and he has always made sure to dispose of the remnants of his cigarettes in the trash bag we bring) –you are taking away the option of him coming with us. He will not smoke in the car, as he has a young son. It just does not seem fair. I am a former smoker and do not like cigarette smoke; but this ban seems way out of line. Why not designate certain stretches of the beach as Smoke-free (including campfires) but not the entire beach. Thank you

Sue Townsend

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From: [Christian Gurling](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach Smoking Ban
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10:56:32 AM

I am all in favor of banning smoking on Oregon's beaches. The majority of our citizens do not smoke. Why subject non-smokers to an unnecessary health and safety risk because smokers are psychologically and physically addicted to such a substance. We know the dangers of cigarette smoke and they are quite real. All this, and the environmental impact on our beaches because of cigarette butts.

People who say that such a law will decrease tourism because of such a law are way off base. This didn't happen at the bars when the no smoking law went into effect, and it won't happen here either. These are scare tactics meant to sway and divert our attention.

Please, do the right thing for Oregon's residents and our environment. Make our beaches smoke free!

Regards,

Christian Gurling

From: [Michael Blanco](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: restricting smoking on beaches
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 11:36:21 AM

Smoking should not be restricted on beaches. Smoking and littering are different issues. Unless there is a fire hazard smoking should not be regulated out of doors. Education and enforcement should be focused on the littering and fire hazard issues.

Regards,

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From: [James Jones](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach smoking ban
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 12:28:39 PM

To whom it concerns,

I am against a smoking ban on Oregon beaches. I do not smoke and feel it is unhealthful. Nevertheless, I think it is an over reach of government and restrictive on individual freedoms.

Please use the taxpayers' money and your time on things that matter. Do not pass laws that you will not enforce.

Thank you for taking input.

James Jones

From: [MR DO](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban on Oregon Beaches - Seriously?
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 12:29:46 PM

I cannot believe banning smoking on beaches (an open air environment) can even be considered legal.

The argument for creating an improvement in regards to litter and possible fire issues assumes that all smokers dispose their cigarette debris on the ground.

I am a non-smoker but all of my friends who do smoke, extinguish their cigarettes in receptacles that they carry - just like dog owners carry bags to clean up their dog's feces.

The issue I am having is watching dog owners either not clean up their dog's feces or... worse yet, dog feces being deposited on the beach in general anyway. It is unsanitary and frankly disgusting. I really love the idea of running my toes through the sand and finding dog poop under foot or watching a child pick up the debris.

I seriously doubt that you will find many Oregonians who will want to ban dogs from running on the beach or not be allowed to travel with them. Again, I do care about animals and do want them to enjoy open spaces so I just deal with it.

It also seems as if whatever Portland does the rest of the state has to follow. This is like a bully kid getting his or her way and trying to make everyone else do what they want them to do.

Where will it end?

From: [Julie Schneider](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking ban
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 12:48:02 PM

I support the proposed smoking ban on our state beaches. Personally I think smoking should be banned in all areas of our state parks and other public lands.

The biggest issue is litter. Education about littering obviously doesn't work, because people already know that they should not litter and yet they do it anyway, because they have no self respect, nor respect for our environment, wildlife, or other people.

I'm all in favor of major fines for littering along with sentences to perform public service (primarily trash pick up). Maybe then people would get the message, but those laws need to be enforced by both law enforcement and the judicial system, but littering just never seems to rise to a priority. I think that is unfortunate, because it indirectly teaches people that our society is willing to tolerate littering.

The second issue is second hand smoke. We have had neighbors who smoke outside and their smoke would drift over to our yard and through our windows into our home. My husband, in particular, is bothered by the smoke. He smoked as a young person over 30 years ago and then quit, but the smell of smoke makes him nauseous and causes him to have headaches and I believe that it his body still reacting to the memory of the toxicity to his body. So even though we're outside and our neighbors are outside, we are still bothered by their smoke.

Smokers have no one to blame, but themselves. If smokers behaved with responsibility and respect than we wouldn't be having this discussion. It was a privilege that they deserve to lose.

Julie Schneider
Bend, Oregon

From: [Mark Troseth](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Comment on Proposed Rule Affecting Smoking on Beaches; OAR 736-021-0100
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 12:53:27 PM

Dear Ms. DeMoe

We are completely in favor of the proposed ban as we understand it.

We are concerned that there seems to be no definition in your rules of the items banned by the proposed rule. If your governing statutes do not define "tobacco product," given that the definition in ORS 323.500 (14) (as an example of the meaning of the term) *excludes* cigarettes, you may want to clarify what it is that the proposed rule would ban. Please make it clear that the new rule bans cigarettes as well as the other products listed in ORS 323.500 (14).

Thank you for the chance to comment,

Mark and Betty Troseth
Portland, Oregon

From: [Carol Koffel](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on beach?
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:05:54 PM

We are non smokers,but we think the State of Oregon is infringing on adults rights.Are you going to allow medical marijuana smokers to smoke on the beach?Are you going to arrest illegal immigrants when they smoke on the beach?If not then that is discrimination,preferece over Oregon tax payers.Enough is enough of our government wanting to control our lives!!!We live on the beach at Lincoln City ,walk on the beach and never have a problem with smokers,what is the problem is DOGS!!!! They are running loose plus we step in Their waste, to be polite about it.Since this is big government why not go ahead and outlaw people on the beach,that's what is coming next!! Oh I forgot,campfires are going to be banned also,they already tried it in our town.How ridiculous!!!!Don't you people have better things to do than drum up worthless laws for more government employees to enforce them???

Carol Koffel

From: [Rick Colvin](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Banning Smoking on Oregon Beaches
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:19:03 PM

Greetings--

I am an outspoken non-smoker, so I usually side without question to any proposal to restrict smoking or to further tax tobacco products. Thus, I would normally support your proposal to ban smoking on the beaches of Oregon. However, in this case I have two concerns.

First, would such a ban be truly enforceable? Voluntary compliance or enforcing the rule in those rare cases where a beach ranger and a smoker intersect makes the rule fairly toothless. Why enact a rule if it cannot be enforced?

Second, where exactly would smoking be banned? The US Forest Service controls the beaches in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, right? Or does the State? A federal agency is under no obligation to enforce a state regulation. There may be other jurisdictional questions that should be answered.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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From: [Bob Ehelebe](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Do not ban smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:29:28 PM

I want cigarette smoking banned around the world, not just in Oregon, primarily for health reasons. But I'm opposed to the state restricting smoking on Oregon's beaches.

A smoking ban would largely be unenforceable. A smoking ban creates a slippery slope that inhibits personal freedom. It's already illegal to litter yet people do.

As a frequent beach visitor second hand cigarette smoke has not been as bothersome as the increase in litter. Oregon Parks should focus on educating people not to litter in the first place, and to carry out their garbage. The public has to care enough to leave public places as good or better than they found them for the benefit of future visitors.

I don't have a problem with Oregon Parks adding warnings to already existing signs along the lines: "Cigarette smoking is unhealthy and deadly. Please don't smoke. Please dispose of your cigarette butts responsibly."

Thank you for seeking public commentary on this challenging issue.

Robert Ehelebe
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From: [Brian Conroy](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Reduculous Waste of Time and Energy
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:33:19 PM

ARE YOU SERIOUS

This is one of the most ridiculous wastes of money and resources I have ever heard of.

- 1) Second hand smoke is a non-issue at the beach
- 2) You have laws against littering
- 3) It is unenforceable
- 4) Who is trying to justify their job by creating and enforcing this stupid idea?
- 5) The second hand smoke problem has been SOLVED! Leave it alone now!
- 6) If the law passes, I will take up smoking on the beach just to see how you are going to stop me.

Work on something that we need. If you need make work, eliminate your job and save us some tax money.

Brian Conroy

From: [David Krueger](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: OSRA Smoking Restriction Comment
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 5:17:12 PM

After hearing discussion on OPB today, I would like to submit the following comment:

Rather than a complete ban of smoking on all 360+ miles of coast, or alternatively doing nothing, how about a 6, 12, or 24 month period of education (signage, TV or billboard ads, web) and deliberate monitoring to collect specific data on rates of cigarette litter (rise or fall), or the number complaints of people being exposed to 2nd hand smoke during the monitoring period- especially families with young children and where that occurs.

We know the litter is a problem, but are we also talking about adding more waste receptacles to encourage proper disposal in the busy beach areas or giving the smoking folks the incentive to police themselves by perhaps deferring the "ax" if public smoking behavior changes short term? Its disappointing to think it has to be this cut and dry.

Perhaps there are certain beach areas that should be non smoking given large crowds and crowd density. That is also data that could be collected to help make an informed decision.

The comment about receptacles above relates to the fact when smoking was "in", you always had ashtrays close at hand both indoors and out. Now that public opinion has changed, many ash receptacles, garbage cans, etc are gone--limiting where options for a smoker dispose of their litter properly.

From: [Hydee Berger](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 6:58:08 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to oppose the proposed smoking ban on the Oregon beaches for two main reasons: the inability to adequately enforce the ban and the risk this poses your park rangers.

First let me point out that I worked for Oregon State Parks for eight years, three years with Reservations NW, and five years in the field as a Park Ranger at Nehalem Bay State Park and finally as a Ranger 2 at Cape Lookout State Park. I now work as a 911 dispatcher for Tillamook County.

First, OPRD has very few enforcement rangers for the 362 miles that spans the Oregon Coast. These rangers spend the majority of their shifts in the main parks of Fort Stevens, Nehalem Bay, Cape Lookout, Devils Lake, etc, but there are dozens of satellite parks that line the beaches where staff are few and far between (cleaning restrooms, garbage, and ground maintenance). If people choose to smoke on these stretches of beach with limited staff, there is no way to enforce the ban.

In front of the campgrounds themselves, especially during the busy summer, the ranger staff rarely spends any time on the beach as their time is spent enforcing the two vehicle limit, check out times, overseeing the booth staff and maintenance staff, as well as trying to make sure the campers are not destroying the park's natural resources. This, on top of maintaining working facilities and general park maintenance. Rangers barely have the time or resources to enforce the dog leash rule on the beaches. How are they to enforce the smoking ban?

I've always believed as an enforcement ranger that OPRD rules and regulations are not arbitrary. Each one has a specific reason, either to maintain the park's beauty and safety or to protect the visitor. One can't say this for the smoking ban. Smoking is a personal life choice. If a visitor does not agree with this life choice they have miles of beach to enjoy where they aren't bothered by second hand smoke. And if cigarette butts are the issue, I can assure you that there is other offensive litter on the beach, but we aren't banning plastic waste which has a more lasting and damaging effect on our wildlife and natural resources.

Additionally, as you can see from the scathing comments and visitors to your Facebook page arguing amongst themselves about this, that you've sparked a controversial issue. Again, with this one it puts personal freedom at the forefront. As an enforcement ranger and now

working in public safety, I can assure you that Verbal Judo is a tool but will not keep your rangers safe while attempting to restrict a visitor who feels confronted about a personal freedom, not to mention one of the most highly addictive substances known to man.

Your rangers do a beautiful job keeping the campgrounds beautiful while maintaining the facilities and trails that make visiting state parks safe year round. Of all the issues I confronted in my five years as a ranger, people smoking was never one of them. I should mention that I hate cigarettes with a passion, but the only problems I had with smoking was other staff smoking near the break room and shop doors where the smoke would waft into the breakroom and work areas.

I understand that the Salem staff have job to do, but spend a day in the field with any ranger on a busy summer day and you will see that banning smoking on the Oregon Coast is a fruitless endeavor.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Hydee Berger
Tillamook, Oregon

From: [david huntley](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban in state parrks
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:43:18 PM

I support not only the ban on cigarette smoking (and am hoping cigars and pipes as well) but urge the department to ban open burning of wood in state parks and campgrounds. As was determined by the DEQ over 25 years ago with wood burning stoves, byproducts of burning of wood are large quantities of small particulates. These particulates are small enough to directly enter the blood stream through the lungs causing serious health problems similar to second had cigarette smoke. The state DEQ requires (for the past 25 years) that all new wood stoves meet new requirements and that existing stoves be removed at time of residence sale. The new stoves elevate the temperature and greatly reduce small particulates. This can not be done at temperatures found with open burning. I have often driven down forest roads to find dense smoke near campgrounds. This smoke is more prevalent and more serious than second had cigarette smoke. I urge you to ban open wood burning. I know this may not be popular but is a serious health problem and like cigarette smoking bans people will appreciate breathing clean mountain air as part of their state park experience.

Regards,
Dave Huntley
MPH student

From: gguyer2000@yahoo.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban on Smoking on Oregon Beaches
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:58:24 PM

I oppose the ban on smoking on Oregon Beaches for the following reasons:

1. A study on the effects of individuals smoking to the air quality of the Oregon Beaches has not been conducted to provide statistics that support the need for this ban. The Oregon Beaches have few areas in which the air is not constantly circulating. How will this ban actually change the quality of air on Oregon Beaches?
2. Littering is already banned and that ban should be enforced for everyone - smoker and non-smoker. Singling out smokers specifically and saying it's due to the cigarette butt litter doesn't work as not all smokers smoke tobacco via a cigarette and not all smokers drop their butts on the beach. If we are unable to enforce the ban on littering, what makes anyone think the ban on smoking will be any easier to enforce? This is an example of punishing everyone for the poor behavior of the few.

I understand that smoking is unpopular and smokers are an easy target but please consider this:

For those with "health" concerns: will the following be banned on the beach, as I have concerns about these unhealthy behaviors - drinking alcohol, foul language in the presence of minors, religious ceremonies or practices performed, pet waste, consuming foods that are unhealthy or have been determined to contribute to obesity, etc. All of these things some might find offensive or unhealthy, however, Oregon Beaches are to be enjoyed by all Oregonians so my personal opinion is - to each his own. I fail to understand the current need to force one's opinions or beliefs on everyone as it's "for their own good".

If the state of Oregon has funds burning a hole in its pocket, I believe there are MANY more beneficial uses for it than enacting and enforcing a ban on smoking on Oregon Beaches.

Gary Guyer, Oregon resident for 20 years
Robyn Guyer, Oregon resident for 54 years

Sent from Windows Mail

From: [David Appell](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: comments on beach smoking ban
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 9:20:21 PM

Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept.,

I am strongly in favor of your proposed ban on smoking on Oregon beaches.

I don't think smoking has any place where people go to enjoy nature.

But an even stronger reason is that too many smokers have proven themselves to responsibly discard their butts. They are unsightly and disgusting and seemingly everywhere, and especially ugly when wet. They're also ingestable by animals and by small children. (My nephew, then 2-years old, would pick them off the sidewalk.)

Please institute the smoking ban.

Sincerely,

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From: [Bob.Woodward](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Cc: [Bob.Woodward](#)
Subject: Effective plan for cigarette litter on beaches that pays for itself
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:03:49 AM

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

I agree we have an issue with cigarette litter on beaches, but I do not feel a ban is an effective solution for the long term and will only add to Oregon's budget deficits to pay for the signs and enforcement costs. Here is an idea that will pay for itself:

Cigarette Filter Tax

In order for cigarettes to be sold in Oregon, a tax is collected on every pack and a stamp is placed on each pack. It is my understanding that this tax is focused on the health risks associated with smoking and has no provisions to address the litter issue. I propose that we add a separate tax on each pack of filtered cigarettes that would be required to receiving Oregon's approval to be sold in the state. The proceeds of these taxes would fund two processes:

- Establish recycling depots (like the current bottle/can kiosks) and pay the administrative salaries of this program.
- Pay anyone willing to collect cigarette litter and bring it to the depots "by-the-pound".

Oregon then takes all this cigarette litter and sends it to recycling programs like Terracycle's Cigarette Waste Brigade where I believe that are paying \$4/pound.

The idea is for the initial taxes that are collected to allow the cigarettes to be sold would pay for 100% of the costs of the depots, administration, and "by-the-pound" fees paid to citizens. The State of Oregon then inherits a new revenue source to put into the Parks and Recreation Department projects.

Win/Win/Win...all the way around:

- Smokers of filtered cigarettes get an extra financial incentive to quit.
 - Note: if they do not want to pay the extra tax they can buy non-filtered cigarettes that do not carry the extra tax and add their own biodegradable filter, like "Greenbutt". We should look at ways to encourage biodegradable filters to be sold in Oregon.
- Indigent/Poor people are given another opportunity to pick-up trash and get paid by-the-pound.
- The program pays for itself
- The State of Oregon/Parks and Recreation Dept get a new revenue source from the recycling reimbursements.
- All of Oregon's beaches, parks, school yards, bus stops, etc. are regularly cleaned for cigarette litter.

Bottom-line: A smoking on the beach ban may be effective for only the first few months it goes into effect. It will NOT be a long term solution and it will cost the State of Oregon for all the signs you will need to post/maintain at all the beaches.

Let's do something that will be truly effective at reducing the worlds #1 litter problem, cigarette litter.

Thank you for your consideration,
Bob "Woody" Woodward

From: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed smoking ban on Oregon beaches
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:56:36 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Scilla Edwards [<mailto:jimscil@nwlink.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:00 PM
To: chris.havel@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed smoking ban on Oregon beaches

Dear Mr. Havel,

I understand from listening to OPB that the main objections to smoking on the beach can be summarized under the headings: second hand smoke and litter.

As for second hand smoke, anyone who ever spent ten minutes on an Oregon beach will realize that this objection is absurd !

As for litter, I would much rather see an effort made to ensure that beach users pick up beer and soda cans, fast food wrappings etc. than get hung up about a few cigarette butts. I myself will always pick up any cans, paper that I find and take it home.

We moved to Oregon from the East Coast in 1998 and I love the state dearly, regarding it as my natural and final home. We camp a lot in those wonderful state parks, the best to be found in the nation. One of the characteristics that I really enjoy about Oregon, compared to East Coast beaches, is that there are no lifeguards, no flags, no designated this and that and the only rules are sensible, safety related ones, such as 'watch out for sneaker waves.' In Oregon, one is free to fall off a cliff, get lost on a trail or drown in the ocean. One hopes that none of those events happen, but the point is that Oregon has not been a rule driven environment.

PLEASE do not define more rules that, as we know, are practically very hard to enforce.

Sincerely,

Scilla Edwards

From: [Robin Barnes](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: ban smoking on Ocean Shore Recreational Area
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014 10:56:07 AM

I strongly support the ban on smoking on the Ocean Shore Recreation Area for the following reasons:

- [if !supportLists]-->1) <!--[endif]-->There is an existing precedent about no smoking on state agency grounds
- [if !supportLists]-->2) <!--[endif]-->There is no way to prevent smoke from entering another person's space. In fact on the beach, the winds would blow the smoke further down the beach than next to a building. Smokers violate non-smoker's right to clean air in a public space when their smoke enters the non-smokers space.
- [if !supportLists]-->3) <!--[endif]-->Smoking in general is a large health concern and cost to citizens in the way of health care costs. Sure, the tax helps pay for some of this, but there is often cost financially and/or non-financially to non-smokers as a result of the poor health of the smoker. This type of ban would be no different from a ban on alcohol consumption in a state park.
- [if !supportLists]-->4) <!--[endif]-->The majority of smokers discard their cigarette butts inappropriately, thereby polluting our state lands.

Robin Barnes
Oregon Citizen

From: [Teresa DeLorenzo](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed Tobacco Smoking Restriction on Beaches
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014 11:16:27 AM

I support the proposed rule.

Cigarette butt litter on the beaches is significant and inappropriate. Volunteers spend hundreds of hours annually collecting and disposing of a just a fraction of the litter on selected beaches. Our beaches should not be ash trays.

Cigarette butts pose a significant risk to fish and wildlife by contributing to water degradation and inadvertent ingestion. Whole cigarettes/butts and their degraded microplastics are equally detrimental.

Opponents claim the rule is unenforceable. I live on the North Oregon coast, and as with much other law enforcement, it only takes an occasional officer dealing with errant drivers, inappropriate beach behavior, etc. to send a message and develop compliance. Oregon Parks' current education program in their regular parks about the extended smoking ban is something easy to duplicate in partnership with other organizations, such as SOLV, Cannon Beach education program, law enforcement, etc.

Thanks for proposing a great new rule to help keep our beaches and oceans cleaner.

Thank you.

Teresa DeLorenzo

From: [Karin Guy](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Re: Feedback on tobacco restrictions on beaches
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:00:22 PM

I forgot to mention: I have 2 dogs, and I do pick up and discard their poo. And I've had to pull them off smelling cigarette butts and garbage on the beaches.

On Jul 31, 2014 5:00 PM, "Karin Guy" <kaz0709@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I read the Siuslaw News article about the State seeking feedback to the proposed tobacco restrictions.

I am in support of the restriction, but I'm not sure how effectively it can be monitored and/or people cited. As you all know, the beaches are endless in this lovely state, and I'm not sure how successful it will be to enforce. People's behaviors and habits are not an easy thing to change.

After visiting Florence on a regular basis for the past 10 years, I moved here in December 2013. Daily walks on the beach or around our lakes have opened my eyes to the lack of concern people have about our environment. Not only do I see cigarette butts, but also soda cans, gun shells, general garbage, and my "favorite," dog poop. The litter and poop start at the parking lots, down the paths, in the sand (poop sometimes buried in the sand), and along the shoreline. It could be worse here at Heceta Beach because of the amount of tourists, but our winds most likely blow away much of it, except for the poop. Also, due to our winds, it would be tough for people to smoke on the beach, hence, why the parking lot south of Driftwood Shores is littered with cigarette butts.

Would garbage cans, posters, education materials, and a supply of poop bags help? It might, but at Woahink Lake in Honeyman State Park, they provide poop bags and post notices, but amazingly, poop is still not picked up. And cigarette butts are left in the dry grass...

I wish you the best of luck in this!

Thanks for asking for our opinion,
Karin Guy
88123 Windleaf Way
Florence, OR 97439

From: [Paul Kennington](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: I support the smoking ban on beaches
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:26:58 PM

Sir/Madam:

Whilst the actual smoke is rarely a problem for me, I see a lot of cigarette butts in the sand every time I visit Oregon's beaches. Therefore, I support your proposed ban. I also congratulate you on trying to make Oregon cleaner.

Sincerely,

Paul Kennington
La Grande, Ore.

From: [Thomas Novotny](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on beaches
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 4:49:17 AM

In response to Matt Love's piece regarding the 'bureaucratic overreach' of a ban on smoking on beaches, one just has to recognize that cigarette butts are the most common item picked up on coastal and waterway cleanups world wide. Will a smoking ban solve the problem? No, but it gets people to think more about butts as toxic hazardous waste that requires more than behavior change among irresponsible smokers. About two-thirds of butts are discarded by smokers without regard to the environment...whether on beaches, on sidewalks, or into storm drains. This all goes downstream to aquatic environments. At the risk of further southern californication of Oregon, I would like to suggest that more attention be paid to the upstream source of butt waste: the tobacco industry and the tobacco product. Along with beverage containers, used paint, and electronics, butts should be taken back and disposed of as toxic waste, and the tobacco industry should be economically and industrially responsible for that take-back. This is Extended Producer Responsibility, and it can work. One way we are proposing to address the product is to ban the sales of filtered cigarettes at the state level. Filters have no health benefit and in fact are simply a marketing tool to reassure smokers and make smoking more palatable. This can be done at the state level and no one will die or be subjected to bureaucratic overreach. Think about it.

Thomas E. Novotny, MD MPH
Former Assistant Surgeon General of the US Public Health Service
Founder and CEO of the Cigarette Butt Pollution Project
www.cigwaste.org

From: [loren davis](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: beach smoking ban
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 9:39:51 AM

I oppose banning smoking at the beach, because I oppose trying to solve one problem (litter) by limiting/banning/regulating a different freedom/behavior (smoking - not littering). Especially, in this case, by banning the behavior of a persecuted minority (smokers have become this in the last twenty years), because many ban supporters have ulterior motives - they are dogmatically and unconditionally opposed to smoking and will use any excuse to curb it.

I support a better way to stop littering, all littering.

I support individual freedom

I don't now nor have I ever smoked cigarettes.

I too am quite annoyed with cigarette butts and inconsiderate smokers who litter.

loren davis, portland

503 830 4444

From: r.l.carter@charter.net
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on Oregon beaches
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 10:05:16 AM

As a constant beach goer here in Lincoln City, I have never been adversely affected by any smoking of any kind here on the beach. As an ex smoker, I can relate to the pleasure one gets from relaxing with a beer and a cigarette on the beach. I think this proposal is such government overkill of what isn't a real problem, and an invasion on one of the still legal pleasures that are available to our visitors here. Now I worry some misguided crusaders will propose no beach barbequeing or campfires or God know what someone will think up. Lincoln City survives on the dollars our visitors bring in good weather for times on our beaches. Such a ban on smoking at the beach, would be just another negative to visit our city, as currently we are in the midst of major highway 101 widening that is persuading some to "not fight the traffic". Puleeeeeeeze do NOT enact this ridiculous ban. Thanks, Carter

From: hops74@comcast.net
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 10:14:15 AM

I think trying to ban smoking on Oregon beaches is ridiculous.

How often does the wind NOT blow at the coast. Second hand smoke argument is invalid.

Is there not already a law prohibiting litter? How would this be any more enforceable than that law?

Oregon needs politicians that will take care of education, infrastructure, true criminals, etc.

Their job is not to tell the citizens of the state what they can or cannot do. I have a mother, I don't need another.

From a smoker

*who doesn't litter, doesn't smoke inside the house, doesn't smoke in vehicles.

And I pick up after my dog too...

From: [Kimberly Connell-Croston](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach smoking ban
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 10:15:13 AM

Hello,

I applaud for working toward this healthy and clean solution for Oregonians and our beaches and hope that you will consider extending it to state parks as well. We spend a great amount of time at Champoeg and other parks like Rooster Rock disc golfing and the amount of cigarette litter in the parking lots and on the tees is appalling and sad. In addition it is horrible to have to follow a group of smokers along the courses and not something I will do with our son causing us to leave or skip holes. In the picnic areas, it is even worse and make forces is to either sit in litter from smokers or move if we are invaded by second hand smoke.

Thank you for working toward a healthy Oregon.

Kimberly Connell-Croston

Sent from my iPhone

From: [KATHY LINCOLN TOM TOMCZYK](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smokiing on the beach
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 10:16:54 AM

I fully support the state's efforts to ban smoking on Oregon's beaches. Reducing the litter is important for birds and marine animals. I understand the possible enforcement problems, but just having the rule will probably make a difference.

Kathy Lincoln
3291 Willamette Dr. N.,
Keizer, OR 97303

From: [Alice Covey](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: ban smoking at all state parks and beaches
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 12:12:58 PM
Attachments: [Quit Tobacco NowThe Impact of Tobacco on the Environment.pdf](#)

I am for banning smoking at all public places because I don't want to be around anyone smoking but I particularly want to comment about what cigarettes do environmentally to our beaches here. I am including here a fact sheet on the environmental reasons why smoking should be banned and that is because with smoking comes the trash of cigarette butts which is at the very least 1/3 of the trash found at beaches. The information in the attached fact sheet is reason enough to ban smoking at state beaches.

From: [Dresden Skees-Gregory](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Beaches
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 12:50:39 PM

I am a lifelong non-smoker, and I would support some sort of ban on smoking at Oregon beaches. Perhaps a compromise could be struck? No smoking on trails or within a certain number of feet (100?, 500?) park structures, picnic tables, public access points, etc.? That would limit smoking in the most populated areas, sparing the rest of us from having our enjoyment of nature due to smelling non-natural smoking. It might also limit the litter issue.

I would find it a violation of personal freedom if smoking were banned on all parts of all beaches. I'm afraid this could lead to smokers only being allowed to smoke in/on their private property. While that is the approach legalized marijuana has taken, I think right now it would be too much too soon for regular smoking.

Ms. Dresden Skees-Gregory
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Hillsboro, OR 97124
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From: [Rick Cardwell](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Comment on Proposed Beach Smoking Ban
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 1:00:37 PM

Sir/Madam:

In listening to an OPB *Think Out Loud* broadcast discussing the subject, it seemed as if a number of assertions and assumptions were not supported by facts (data). My point in writing is to advocate the Department devote the time needed to determine the degree to which statements about costs, benefits and disadvantages are supported by hard data, including studies by scientific literature.

Below are several assertions and assumptions for which hard data and scientific studies are needed to support the public policy decision about this matter.

1. Assertion: The plastic in cigarette butts presents a hazard to marine wildlife (e.g., turtles, birds, fish): We know there is a lot of plastic debris discarded in the ocean and there are many reports of it being found in stomachs of some species of birds, mammals and fish. Yet, generally do not know the degree to which these adversely effect these organisms. Presence does not equal effect and risk; rather, these are a function of the magnitude, duration, and frequency of exposure. This is a basic principle of toxicology.
2. Assertion: Second-hand smoke represents a significant exposure known to cause adverse effects: Again smelling smoke does not necessarily equal a risk of adverse effect.
3. Cost: Would it be more cost effective to try to control all litter instead of smoking? Certainly, there is a lot of litter on our public beaches, much of it much larger than cigarette butts.
4. What proportion of all the litter is cigarette butts? Have we sampled randomly in a stratified subset of State park beaches?
5. Cost: What percentage of time would our staff devote to trying to enforce the smoking ban, and what is this cost on a yearly basis?

I suspect there are *bigger fish to fry* than banning smoking on our beaches. As mentioned, why not more provisions for litter control? The reasons the Park spokesperson gave in support were questionable assertions and assumptions. If they are truly supported by data, cost estimates, and scientific studies, then fine. But I suspect they were simply speculative, unfounded cause and effect assumptions. We cannot have public policy decisions made on the basis of the qualitative preferences.

Thank you,

Rick D. Cardwell
2193 NW Kinderman Place
Corvallis, OR 97330

From: [Ellen Hawks](#)
To: [HAVEL Chris * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on beach
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 1:37:10 PM

Dear Mr. Havel:

In regards to the proposal to ban smoking from beaches, I am fully in favor. The old saying, "Your right to swing your arm stops at the tip of my nose," applies here. Someone's right to smoke stops at my lungs.

As an inhabitant of a rural, coastal Oregon town I am also troubled by city folks thinking of our area as a wide open space to pollute. The point of the great outdoors is not for urban people to abandon all restraints, do damage, and then return home.

Thank you for your time.

Ellen Hawks
PO Box 695
Waldport, OR 97394

From: [boneproductions](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Oar 736-021-0100
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 2:12:35 PM

Picking on smokers is easy these days. Please cinsider that air pollution comes more from autos, camp fires, wood stoves, citronella candles, and other incendiary devices which are all allowed on beaches.

Ease up!

Brian Kirk

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Joanne Cornelius](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: beach smoking
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 2:13:35 PM

Nothing is worse on a beach with the wonderful fresh air than going by a person smoking a cigarette. It is so unexpected and so foul. I think it should be outlawed and you can even add plastics to that in the form of fish bait being sold in Styrofoam containers and anything else with plastic. It all ends up on our beaches.

From: [Tam Geiser](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: beach ban on smoling
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 6:12:56 PM

I vote NO..as a Non Smoker...enough !!! In Lincoln City I seldom see smoking at our local beaches...it's TOOO WINDY !!! I know butts are a problem but I see few laying aroundthere are more kinds of "trash" on the beaches to deal with...like cans, dog poop, plastic "stuff" ...etc, etc,etc.

TAMARA AHMUTY.....registered voter in Lincoln County,,

From: fullilovejenn@yahoo.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Please ban smoking on beaches
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 9:23:21 PM

Please ban smoking at public sites unless there is a designated smoking area. Today, as a Portland tourist visiting the coast, my twin boys and I two negative cigarette experiences that put a blunder on our trip.

First, a man was smoking next to us while we were trying to enjoy the fresh air at Devil's Punchbowl. Second, I felt the need to pick up someone's discarded toxic litter (cigarette butt) on Ona Beach.

Thank you,

Jennifer Fullilove
Portland, OR

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Maradel Gale](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on beaches
Date: Saturday, August 02, 2014 12:08:32 AM

Dear Oregon Parks and Recreation Commissioners:

By considering a ban on smoking on the wonderful Oregon beaches, you are moving in the correct direction. I have never understood why smokers believe that someone else will pick up the remains of their cigarettes. Apparently they were never housebroken by their mothers! The anti-litter movement has reduced a lot of trash that we used to find on our beaches, but the cigarette butts remain ever-present. Not only are these things unsightly, but they add yet another source of plastic to the detritus that is floating around in our ocean. They present a hazard to wildlife when they are mistaken for food, and their persistence in the environment means they are never really gone -- they just deteriorate into smaller and smaller particles of plastic.

It is difficult to imagine enforcement of such a regulation, but that is no reason not to enact it. If the regulation is there, at least it provides a basis for taking action by the appropriate personnel, which is not the case at this time.

Thank you for considering this regulation, and I encourage you to adopt it.

Maradel Gale

From: [kayaker](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban
Date: Saturday, August 02, 2014 8:52:43 AM

I fully support this effort and would like to see it become law.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, we are facing massive problems with climate change and it is time for all states to BAN INDIVIDUAL CAMPFIREs. Encouraging the burning of wood for “recreation” has to stop. Its nuts to see state parks actually SELLING campfire wood when we must look at all available ways of reducing CO2 production. Have ONE Saturday night group campfire, combined with educational talks on nature – this will encourage community AND an opportunity to educate the public on environmental issues. AS THE STATE’S NATURAL RESOURCE AGENCY YOU SHOULD BE THE LEADERS!

Irene Schmidt
Mt. Horeb, WI

From: [Larry Jacobs](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach Smoking
Date: Saturday, August 02, 2014 10:53:25 AM

I am a non smoker. I think a non smoking rule for the beach is poor. It is unenforceable. Too much area, to few people to enforce. Our park personell have plenty to do at this point and maintenance without having to spend money trying to catch people smoking. If we are going to spend the money I would rather see an intensified anti litter/proper disposal of cigarettes campaign.

From: [Jeanene Hammers](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed beach smoking ban
Date: Saturday, August 02, 2014 11:18:45 AM

I am a former smoker, and am against this ban.

Many smoking band were enacted due to concerns about second hand smoke. The only way to stop second hand smoke is to not allow first hand smoke or require major, and costly, upgrades to ventilation systems. So banning smoking in indoor areas is a logical move.

However, the concerns for beaches are fires and litter. Therefore, the logical move is to crack down on littering and leaving lit cigarettes - not ban their use, as the act of smoking is NOT the cause of the problem.

When I smoked at the beach, I made sure my cigarette was out and put the butt back in my cigarette pack, to be disposed of properly later.

Enforce the rules that pertain to the actual issue.

Sincerely,

Jeanene M. Hammers

From: [DONNA D](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban on smoking at beach
Date: Saturday, August 02, 2014 11:54:22 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this to comment on your decision to ban smoking on the Oregon coast. I read the article in the Bandon Western World and I felt that it was a unfair article and very biased. I believe the writer is a non smoker and really doesn't have a clue about the materials that make up a cigarette. The article said that the primary concern is the "plastic butts that can persist for years, even in the harsh beach environment". Who wrote this?? This is crazy!! Cigarettes are NOT normally made of plastic butts. They are made from paper, fiber, and tobacco, all of which decomposes very quickly and easily, especially in harsh environments!!

I understand that non smokers don't like the smell but really, it's not impacting them in the open air. If this issue is for the environment than this ban is unconstitutional!! Do you own the air?? Cigarettes do NOT pose a threat to the environment. They are not made of plastic!! What poses a threat is all the pets that are left to do their business and the pet owners not picking up their dog feces!! This along with horse feces, are left to wash into the ocean. Don't you think that poses more of threat to the environment than cigarettes? I sit and watch 12-15 horses pass by back and forth many, many times a day and no one cleans up their feces. It's just left to the tides to clean up. Is it natural for that to go into the ocean??? I believe those toxins go into the environment at the beach more so than the few smokers that you want to ban.

I believe their are rights for the smokers and to keep taking their rights away is unconstitutional! Yes, it's harmful for smokers but not for the non-smokers, especially out in the open air. You've already taken away the ability to smoke in restaurants, bars and other buildings, now, you want to take away the open space?? This is nuts! If you allow the ban then you will take away any potential commerce from those who would spend their money to stay in various places along the coast. Can Oregon really afford losing money from smokers?? Oregon needs all the tourists and commerce it can get since, it's already struggling financially! Who would enforce this ban? This would again cost Oregon more money to enforce! Who is willing to pay someone to sit on each beach to enforce this ban? What about owners who live at the ocean and smoke. Are you willing to take their right away? When will the policing stop?? What will be next??

I am against any restrain on smoking and will continue to fight on this issue. What will happen when cannabis is allowed in the State? Will you be banning those too by saying the marijuana joints consists of plastic? Those who do not smoke should get educated in the

materials that make up a cigarette! With all of the bans already in place, their doesn't need to be any more. There are less smokers out there so smoking at the beach doesn't impact the environment. I'm sure there are many more impacts to the beach environment that we could use are precious resources for, than more bans!! Come on and get real!! If this is passed, I'm sure there will be less tourism in the already struggling small beach towns!

Think about this and don't let this ban pass!!

Sincerely,
Donna L Dietrick

From: bourguignon@gmail.com on behalf of [Joe Bourguignon](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban
Date: Saturday, August 02, 2014 2:31:29 PM

Please vote in FAVOR of a smoking ban on Oregon public beaches. The main type of litter that I see there is cigarette butts. I just read several opposing opinion emails from smokers talking about curtailed freedoms and how they "never leave butts on the ground". That's all well and good that they don't, but most smokers do.

Think about it for a second. How many smokers that you see carry around something with them to dispose butts into? I'd guess one in 100.

I'm tired of always walking over someone else's litter on the beach, most of which happens to be cigarette butts. Add this to the fact that most of the filters don't biodegrade and it's a huge problem that doesn't go away on its own.

Thanks for considering voting in favor of a smoking ban.

Cheers,

-joe

From: [Lamont Tittle](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Input...July 25, 2014...Oregon native
Date: Sunday, August 03, 2014 10:12:00 AM

In response to Oregon parks banning beach smoking: July 2014

As an Oregon-born resident voter, I hereby state my opinion and view on the governmental ban on beach smoking. First, people of this country (not just this state) have the right to use ANY product that is legally available to them; this includes cigarettes and other tobacco products.

These are the very products that brings approximately \$260 MILLION dollars to Oregon's coffers each year. Source:

<https://www.thelundreport.org/content/tobacco-tax-revenue-projections-much-20-percent>

Oregon is already hurting financially and YOUR department wants to BAN smoking even MORE than you already have? It would be shameful and ridiculous to ban smoking on the beach.

Oregon has huge (HUGE) areas of sandy coastline. Let ALL the visitors enjoy it to the fullest...this includes smoking those wonderfully-smelling pipe tobaccos the MAJORITY of us enjoy seeing and smelling. After All, what is an ole' Sea Captain and Sherlock Holmes without a pipe of fine-smelling tobacco?

WE ALL need the lore and enjoyment of smoking. Just because our governor is a medical Doc doesn't mean he should be dictating people's lives. I'm voting against any and all efforts to ban smoking anywhere and voting some someone OTHER than Kitzhaber. Pass my letter here on, please.

L.T
age 49
POB 2371
BEND OR 97709

From: [Tanya Molina](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking in shoreline areas
Date: Sunday, August 03, 2014 12:22:30 PM

Here is my comment on banning smoking along the shoreline in parks. I'm for banning it mainly because of the cigarette butts. People who smoke are generally very unconscious about disposing of their cigarette butts. I don't want to be walking on a lovely shoreline and encounter litter of any kind. I live in downtown Portland and the number of cigarette butts that litter the streets is amazing! I often wonder where they all end up after a heavy flooding. I think to protect seabirds who may ingest the butts is important to consider, also the fact that they are unsightly. Tanya Molina 1900 SW River Dr. Portland, OR

From: [Kathy Bade](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: No smoking on beaches
Date: Sunday, August 03, 2014 4:47:36 PM

As someone who loves going to the beach with my family, I say YES, ban the smoking. The litter issue, along with the possibility of kids or animals ingesting the cigarette butts, not to mention the fresh air being despoiled all argue for banning smoking on beaches. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Bade

From: [Gwin DeMatteo](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking on OR beaches
Date: Sunday, August 03, 2014 5:05:49 PM

Please don't restrict smoking on Oregon beaches. While I can understand the issues people have with it (litter, health hazards to others, etc.), it's not really fair to smokers who are already so limited in areas where smoking is permitted and just goes to further the sense of isolation we already feel. I already have to go a couple hundred yards away from my place of work in order to smoke. Please keep Oregon beaches like Europe – not all of us are inconsiderate boobs with no consciousness of our fellow citizen.

Gwin DeMatteo

From: [Nann](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Expanding No Smoking in Park Properties ...
Date: Sunday, August 03, 2014 11:22:34 PM

... I am very much IN FAVOR of expanding the non-smoking restrictions on State Park Properties to include the Ocean Shores. Not only will it help keep the air cleaner while we enjoy the beaches, it is one less group of objects to be left as litter in the sand.

... I congratulate Oregon State Parks for taking the initiative in creating a cleaner camping experience and hope you will now continue on to encourage a cleaner beach area, both air and sand.

Nancy Nichols
Beaverton, Oregon

From: [Steve Demarest](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: OPRD Beach Smoking
Date: Monday, August 04, 2014 10:51:54 AM

Oregon State Parks:

Smoking of tobacco products on the Oregon Shore Recreation Area should be banned.

The litter alone is sufficient cause for the ban. Also, given wind conditions, it is not possible for smokers to prevent smoke and odor from intruding on other users of the area.

Thank you.

Steven Demarest
PO Box 6624
Portland, OR 97228
(503) 282-4469

From: [Donald Hawkins](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on the Oregon Shore
Date: Monday, August 04, 2014 11:17:20 AM

I vote for letting people smoke on the beaches. I do not smoke myself but there is plenty of fresh air. It does not create a fire hazard and there are lots of people who need to smoke. Let them enjoy the Oregon beaches too. I have been on our beaches quite a lot and I do not remember being offended by litter created by smokers. Alcohol and substance abusers are much more likely to ruin others ability to enjoy our beautiful outdoor sites.

From: buddyorliz@yahoo.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: OUT SIDE SMOKING should be allowed !!
Date: Monday, August 04, 2014 11:22:27 AM

I am on the third time in 2014 trying to give up cigarettes, This time I am on day 8.

As you know it is a STUPID addiction - but a legal one.

It is a RIGHT in many Oregon tax payers opinions (and the majority of Oregonians) Even those that can not get to Meetings and like my mother (who has never smoked) who does not use the internet nor emails...

Yes you should Be allowed to smoke anywhere outside

- Including beaches & parks, places you like to go with your family and children, that if you were not allowed to smoke (like public place indoors) you might not go.....

NO do NOT ban smoking on beaches or anywhere outside!

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion,
Liz Krossman

From: [TEAL Marcy * OPRD](#) on behalf of [INFO Park * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: Ocean Shore State Recreation Area feedback via website
Date: Monday, August 04, 2014 12:41:46 PM

From: dhawkins000@centurytel.net [mailto:dhawkins000@centurytel.net]
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 10:55 AM
To: park.info@state.or.us
Subject: Ocean Shore State Recreation Area feedback via website

Message from Esther D. Hawkins:

Smoking on Oregon Shores - I do not smoke myself but it seems very unjust to prohibit smoking on our Oregon Beaches. There are a number of people who smoke, there is plenty of fresh air near the ocean for the rest of us, it is not a fire hazard area, and I have not been bothered by litter from smokers. Let them enjoy the beautiful Oregon Coast too!

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From: [John Dedrick](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ocean Shore Recreation Area smoking ban comment
Date: Monday, August 04, 2014 2:46:06 PM

Hi,

I am a non-smoker and I am strongly opposed to a smoking ban on the Oregon beaches. In my mind the beaches should be protected by as highways and the side of the highway is "the best place for people to smoke in Oregon" . Smoking is a legal activity and smokers will some someplace. As a non smoker my top two choices for smokers are the side of the road and the beach. If it were up to me I would restrict all smoking to these places. It is very weird and irrational that someone propose to ban smoking at the beach. I understand that people have voiced concern about litter but the answer is increased enforcement of litter and not banning an activity that has nothing to do with litter. Let the stinky smokers smoke beside the road and beside the sea. Recruit the smokers to help with the litter problem. Please try to do something that makes sense, we have to live here in Oregon together.

Thank you,

John Dedrick
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From: [Davis, Susan](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking
Date: Monday, August 04, 2014 4:04:12 PM

I come to the beach once a year from Spokane WA and this is great news. I hope that it goes through! Thank you for your hard work on this issue
Susan Davis

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From: [Sherrie Hooker](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban
Date: Monday, August 04, 2014 5:04:29 PM

I quit smoking years ago but banning smoking on the beach is ludicrous. Leave it alone. Enough already.

The wind blows too much to foul up the air and most garbage comes in from somewhere else.

Put trash cans and bags out. Most people would be happy to carry out more than they brought in if trash receptacles were available.

Get off the soap box. Smoking will continue to drop. You dont have to be stupid about it. Leave auto drivers alone too. Not everyone can ride a bike.

Sherrie Hooker

From: [Bob Wilson](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Tobacco o OR State Beaches
Date: Monday, August 04, 2014 8:11:34 PM

I would welcome a ban on smoking on OR beaches.

Bob

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From: [Cheryl Rubenstein](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban
Date: Monday, August 04, 2014 11:23:52 PM

I support a smoking ban for/on Oregon Beaches. As more and more people visit our beautiful beaches, we can not rely on the willingness of residents and tourists to observe common sense to respect the beauty and ecology of beaches that are some of the most beautiful on the West Coast. Aside from the effects of cigarette butts on the ecology, there are many people whose health is adversely affected by this smoke. We aren't restricting smoking...we are restricting smoking on our beaches. I also support a ban or restriction on campfires on the beaches. Both of these activities create environmental issues. I have, on two occasions, had to leave hotels on the coast because the smoke from the beach fires filled the hotels and made it difficult to breathe. Hotel management stated that there is little they can do about this because there are no restrictions to limit where the fires can be, and because people building the fires have no regard for others (common sense). I support the smoking ban to keep the beaches clean for everyone to use...not just smokers...who I am sure are a minority.
Respectfully,

Cheryl Rubenstein
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Portland, OR

From: elknurd@aol.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on the beach!
Date: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 2:25:57 AM

My opinion on this is that once again a part of society is making decisions for us all. Smoking cigarettes is still legal in this country and a big part of tax dollars for the state. I resent being told where I can smoke outside. No one is affected by second hand on the beach. There is always wind blowing, so the smoke is blown away. Now you want to take away another right of mine! You can't enforce the beach laws you already have! I will continue to smoke on the beaches and anywhere else that is outside until the animal leash law is enforced in this state. And when people are required to pick up their pet's feces. I am absolutely appalled that I am accosted almost every time I go for a walk on the beach by someone's unleashed dog and I have to dodge piles of dog feces that an owner left. Never mind there are signs everywhere about both these things.

I don't think you should make more laws when you don't enforce the ones you already have.

Sincerely,
Deborah Runkle

From: [TEAL Marcy * OPRD](#) on behalf of [INFO Park * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: other questions question/feedback via website
Date: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 7:38:12 AM

From: dave.bush51@gmail.com [mailto:dave.bush51@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 6:08 AM
To: park.info@state.or.us
Subject: other questions question/feedback via website

Message from Patti Bush:

Smoking ban on beaches. Are you insane? I have seen dog poop, packaging, straws, paper pieces, plastic on the beach, food items and your proposing a smoking ban? I think you're barking up the wrong tree, and have other issues that need to be addressed. How ridiculous!

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From: [Mason Brock](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: In Favor of a Smoking Ban on Oregon Public Beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 12:19:50 PM

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing you today in support of the proposed rule to ban smoking from Oregon's public beaches. As a member of the Portland Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation I have participated in numerous beach, river and park clean ups all over the State of Oregon. I can say without a doubt that Cigarette butts are the #1 item I find during these clean ups. Cigarette butts are made of plastic and are toxic to marine life and recent studies show that they are lethal to fish. Also, the litter takes decades to decompose and is toxic to young children, wildlife & pets. Second hand smoke exposure outdoors can be just as harmful as indoors. As a surfer and recreational beach user this smoke degrades the recreational enjoyment of one of our states greatest natural assets, our 362 miles of public beaches.

I believe Tobacco free beaches will succeed in areas that have good signage, public education, and self enforcement.

Thank you,

-Mason Brock
8228 SE 8th Ave
Portland, OR 97202

From: [Marcia](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Comment on "NO Smoking on Oregon Beaches"
Date: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 12:27:06 PM

NO....it is NOT a problem, and this state has many much LARGER problems to deal with.

Marcia Atkinson
Salem, OR

Have you had your Vitamin D3 levels Tested??? You should be in the 50-70 range. (70-90 if you have cancer or heart disease)

The 52% paying TAXES cannot support everyone for much longer....

From: [Phil Schlieder](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban Cigarettes on Beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 12:32:10 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am a Oregon resident as of five years and have resided in the Pacific Northwest for over a decade. I absolutely am in love with the ocean and the mountains. I recreate in the ocean frequently through surfing. The ecosystems and environment of these areas deserve the utmost respect and preservation.

I ask that our state continues to push towards the direction of banning cigarettes on beaches. I currently sit on the Surfrider Foundations board of directors and urge our policy makers to continue the push to keep our beaches clean and green.

Sincerely,

Phil Schlieder

From: [Lindsay Stover](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Public comment - Please BAN SMOKING on OR beaches!
Date: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 1:07:33 PM

Please, consider this as part of your public comment for rule-making regarding banning smoking on OR beaches. I hope that for myself, my family, and the people & wildlife of Oregon that you BAN SMOKING on OR beaches.

My name is Lindsay Stover and I recently moved to this beautiful state in the past year. The predominant reason why my partner and I moved to OR is because we were absolutely drawn to the stunning coastline. Without a doubt, the beaches and parks along the coast are a national gem and deserve every consideration by us as stewards in how to protect and preserve their delicate beauty. Certainly, the feeling you get when you see the ruggedness of the rocky cliffs and huge trees and water... it's hypnotic, isn't it... it reminds you of everything in life that is truly important... we moved here to be closer to it.

My family tries to go and visit a new state park on the coast at least 2-3 times a month to hike, surf, and be in nature. A recent experience at Devil's Punchbowl State Park was bothersome to us. We were enjoying a morning of surfing and were having lunch on the beach when a group of 5 people came and set up near us. Unfortunately, we were down-wind from them and when they all lit up cigarettes, the smell forced us to move. We live in Portland because of work and when we make the effort to visit the coast, we want to be in nature and enjoy a restful space. We had a similar experience hiking at Ecola State Park where two people were smoking who were ahead of us on the trail and it really affected our experience and we had to wait a long time for them to get ahead of us, still the smell lingered in the air. I think smoking is a personal decision... but, cigarette smoke is repugnant to many who don't smoke, it's not like a campfire, it smells toxic and affects your experience as a visitor in a natural area and is hard to ignore.

Every time we go to the beach, before we leave for the day we do a mini-beach clean up. We pick up trash around the beach and all the way back to our car. There is an international stat there from the Ocean Conservancy's clean up days that says 35% of the total debris collected is cigarette butts. **My family is here to tell you that in our experience, that number is much higher in OR and anecdotally I estimate that 85% of the trash we pick up is cigarette butts.**

My puppy comes with us on our trips and also loves the coast. My partner and I lovingly call her the "two-year old"... and any of you who have ever had a puppy probably know what I'm talking about. She finds everything on the beach. Aside from the bull kelp, she is always finding plastic bags and cigarette butts. We have to rush over to her and pry open her mouth to fish out the butt that she's chewing on

and will swallow without intervention. Honestly, I prefer it when it's a piece of plastic and not someone's discarded butt. It sends this jolt through you when you notice she's chewing on something. Now, I can only imagine how heightened that concern would be for parents of young children. Cigarette butts and the smoke they emit are both toxic to humans, animals, and ecosystems.

Please, consider my family's experience when you discuss why it is important to ban smoking on public beaches. I want to breathe deeply air that only has the flavor of the sea and walk on beaches without the paranoia of a parent worried about their child ingesting someone's discarded butt. I want the next beach clean up we do to have less cigarette butts we collect. Thank you.

Lindsay A. Stover

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From: [wayne proctor](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on the beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 2:24:20 PM

This is a poor idea. Enforce littering laws if that is part of the concern. The incidence of second hand smoke being a health hazard, in the outdoors, especially the oceanside, is a long stretch.

Please don't make more regulations.

Thank you<
Wayne proctor

From: [Karen Johnson](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Banning Smoking on State Beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 4:05:49 PM

The idea of banning smoking on public beaches is patently ridiculous. Smoking poses no greater threat to public health or safety than the common and time-honored tradition of building bonfires. Regarding the scourge of unsightly cigarette butts, smokers are no more likely than anyone else to litter, and this is already accompanied by a fine.

Please do not unnecessarily ban smoking on public beaches and demonize smokers.

Thank you for your consideration,
Karen
Portland

From: [Margaret Boone](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban on beach smoking
Date: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 4:30:52 PM

I am opposed to a law prohibiting smoking on Oregon beaches. It seems like a waste of time and money to put a law on the books that is unenforceable. We already have littering laws on the books for those who choose to discard their butts on the beach.

The beach is a very large place. How would this law even be enforced. Are you going to have cops patrolling the beaches looking for smokers? Who will be responsible for the cost of the police. I live in Newport and I don't think that we have the budget for our local force to keep people from smoking on the local beaches. If you called the cops to report a smoker, by the time a cop would show up to issue a ticket the smoker would be done smoking and have moved on. You would have to have a cop actually see someone smoking in order to issue a ticket, which doesn't seem likely.

I go to the beach almost every day, and I hardly ever see a smoker. I don't see butts on the beach. I do see soda cans, beer cans, trash, broken glass, baby diapers, plastic bags, old tires etc. It seems like we have better things to do than worry about a non existent problem.

Margaret Boone
2226 N Coast Hwy #153
Newport OR 97365.

NON smoker

From: [LorilynWilkes](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking ban on oregon beaches commentary
Date: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 12:47:51 AM

The new rule to ban or limit smoking on the ocean shore is redundant and somewhat deep pocket. The environmental concerns stated on the Oregon parks and rec web site regarding plastic cigarette butts really has nothing to do with the actual smoking of tobacco. It has to do with littering. There are already laws prohibiting littering in Oregon. How enforceable would a law of this magnitude have to be? Will a visit to a park or beach be fraught with the same uncivil frisking and harassment currently found in our airports to our native citizens? How welcoming is this to out of state visitors? Will it prohibit tourism to the coast for smokers? Where will the smokers from the casinos go to smoke when they leave the building? Tourism is the life blood of the Oregon coastal towns....Is this really a grand idea when looking at the consequences of such a ban should it discourage visitors?

Visitors to the parks and beaches are not in jail. (is smoking indoors in jails permissible?) Smoking is not a crime. It is already banned indoors and within ten feet of doorways. Outdoor smoking is not a health hazard to others. What is really being requested is to ban someones idea of a bad smell. The toilets at the beach smell. Dead fish, seaweed and rotting wildlife at the beaches have a bad smell. What really smells bad is the ridiculous amount of time and money wasted on this agenda. Appease the micro-managing controlling liberals (who wish to take away all the decisions of the citizens of this formerly free nation and create a communist state) by farming out work release inmates to do litter patrol and let the court be adjourned. Or would the site of the orange overalls upset them too? And where, oh where would they smoke on their work breaks?

The real humor of this is that it is so windy at the beach that lighting or keeping a cigarette lit would discourage it as a smokers first choice in locations to light up. In summary, I believe you should "lighten up" and get off the backs of these law abiding, tax paying citizens. Someone has too much time on their hands. Perhaps the backers of this ban should work patrolling the nations borders, where they might be of some use. Courtesy is not enforceable on either side of the fence.

Mrs Lorilyn Wilkes, 50 year native Oregonian

From: [Marvin Rubenstein](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking on the beach
Date: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 8:16:08 AM

i am writing to offer support for your ideas to ban smoking from the beach.
i am also allergic to wood smoke and for one would be happy to see beach fires eliminated as well.

marvin rubenstein
503-892-1948

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From: Pluto46jn@aol.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Oregon Beaches
Date: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 4:46:46 PM

As regards the proposal to ban smoking on the Oregon beaches, **I would be firmly against the proposal.**

While I agree that the litter from filter cigarette butts is a disgusting problem, to ban all smoking is not the answer. For the following reasons;

- 1) Some people smoke cigarettes that are not filtered and the butts are biodegradable and do not cause a litter problem.
- 2) Some people smoke a pipe and the ash from a pipe is also biodegradable and causes no problem.
- 3) Some people smoke cigars. The butt from a cigar is also biodegradable, although it takes longer, and is not a problem.
- 4) Enforcement of a smoking ban would be very difficult, time consuming, and expensive. However, if the State of Oregon has the resources to enforce a ban on smoking then they should have the resources to enforce a litter ban instead which would not affect smokers that are not causing a problem and would encompass all people that litter.

John Nieder
Estacada, Oregon

From: [LARRY BROWN](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Public Beaches in Oregon
Date: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 5:25:27 PM

I am a non-smoker but this type of government intrusion into private lives anywhere whether public places or private places must stop. No ban of smoking on public beaches. If you folks don't have enough to do someone should find some constructive work for you.

Larry & Sharon Brown
1067 Keystone Loop NE
Keizer, OR 97303

From: [Dean](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on oregon beach comment
Date: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 10:26:58 PM

This new law proposal is idiotic on so many levels.

- 1) hey you've already kicked smokers around and outside restaurants, work places, public buildings, and unfairly overtaxed them. Enough already.
- 2) we've got how many laws already on the books that the police can't enforce, and you nanny state lovers want more?
- 3) when oregon foolishly legalizes pot this fall, will 'smoking' as defined here include pot smoking? Yeah, didn't think so.

Get a life! Quit trying to regulate every last place we stand and freedom we have, especially oregon beaches with all that wide open space.

This is a joke, right?

From: [Brent Desgrosellier](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban
Date: Thursday, August 07, 2014 5:26:04 PM

I was raised in Oregon; I attended Willamette University, the University of Oregon and now reside in Eugene. I have also vacationed nearly once a year in Cannon Beach for the majority of my 37 year life. **I encourage the swift adoption of banning all forms of smoking** on Oregon beaches and strict enforcement of that law to the best your resources allow. I appreciate the sentiment of easing into a new legal restriction, but I oppose any long term lenience toward enforcement.

I lived in San Diego, CA two blocks from Pacific Beach for eight years. In that time, two separate alcohol consumption restrictions, an open fire ban and the smoking ban went in place for that beach. Frankly the result was a general improvement in the overall quality of life in that area. Unfortunately, I was unaware and happened to be cited on the first day of the 8:00pm alcohol restriction that went in place; I possessed an open container at 8:30pm and received a \$75 ticket which was later reduced to \$45. Sure, improved awareness of the new law would have been appreciated, but they did their job and I don't fault them for that. I was a young adult and the penalty was steep, but you can be sure that it never happened again.

Oregon stands for a lot of wonderful things, but disrespectful behavior and environmental negligence are not two of them. I wish the public could police themselves appropriately in order to maintain responsible freedoms, but it is clear in this case that they cannot and require regulation to protect and improve the quality of life in our beloved state.

Now, if only we can enforce dog owners to keep their pets leashed and remove their waste, our beaches can be appealing again.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brent Desgrosellier

From: [Lance Fitzjarrald](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Beaches
Date: Thursday, August 07, 2014 11:00:26 PM

I spent countless hours as a child on fine sand beaches and was always amazed at how many cigarette filters would be found among the grains of sand. If the cigarette companies would do away with filters in cigarettes I would have no problem with people smoking at the beach. Or if people actually collected and threw away their cigarette filters "butts" I would have not problem. There already are anti-littering laws and yet smokers continue to litter. Maybe instead of passing a no smoking on beach law, Oregon should pass a law that a person caught smoking is *per se* evidence of littering.

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From: [TEAL Marcy * OPRD](#) on behalf of [INFO Park * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: Smoke In State Parks
Date: Friday, August 08, 2014 12:29:02 PM

From: SteveRitaRedman@aol.com [mailto:SteveRitaRedman@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 12:18 PM
To: INFO Park * OPRD
Subject: Smoke In State Parks

I recently read an article in the Oregonian that Oregon States Parks is considering restricting or eliminating smoking in all state parks. The argument quoted in the Oregonian stated that cigarette butts are found on the beach, really, this is the logic that is used to eliminate smoking on the windy, fresh air beaches of Oregon? The solution, with little thought, is to remove peoples rights to smoke on the beach and by the way in states parks. Have you ever been to Nehalem State Park, Fort Steven State Park, Beverly Beach State Park or other Oregon state parks? People love the idea of camping in the out doors, which includes camp fires. The entire Park is covered with a thin layer of camp fir smoke. However some one like myself would no longer be able to site on a lawn chair, cold beer in one hand and a cigar in the other. Imagine the horror of a small cigar emitting a stream of lethal smoke into the camp fire smoke covered air stream, Emagine that. The same logic is used apparently when smoking on the beach. Camp fires are providing warmth and a means of cooking a hot dog, maybe marshmallows. Inadvertently garbage is left behind, plastic bags are seen on the beach along with paper garbage. However no laws have been proposed to eliminate picnicking on the beach because it causes garbage to accumulate on our beautiful beaches. Stop people from smoking on the beach because a cigarette butt might be found? I believe the decision making process is deeply flawed by people that are not capable of making logical, intelligent decisions, and have hidden agendes.

Steve Redman
503-659-5121
Milwaukie, Oregon
Retired Disabled Vet

From: [Sydney Goosen](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ocean Shore Recreation Area Comment
Date: Friday, August 08, 2014 1:12:56 PM

As a former Oregon resident (and hopefully near future), a multiple time Oregon coast visitor to the state parks (including in September 2014), a biologist and a member of the oncology clinical trial profession, I say KUDOS!!! Smoking is a nasty, viotile habit that harms humans and the environment (I was a wildland firefighter with the Florida State Parks. Not all fires are started by lightning). I am extremely pleased to know that my stays in the Oregon State Parks will be smoke and trash free as are on Cancer Center campuses across the country.

Thanks for the opportunity to make my opinion matter.

Sydney Goosen, BS, CCRP
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From: [Esther Hillary](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Saturday, August 09, 2014 6:02:20 PM

I don't care if people smoke outside, but I wish they wouldn't leave their cigarette butts littering the beaches. Also bottles & other misc. trash. I would rather see you enforce a current ban on littering. I'm not a smoker. We don't need more new rules if you can enforce the ones you already have. Leave the smokers alone!

From: [Pat and Shirley Dunne](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban Smoking on the Beach
Date: Saturday, August 09, 2014 7:57:23 PM

I do not support a smoking ban.

Respectfully yours,

Pat Dunne
5155 NE Voyage Ave
Lincoln City, OR 97367

From: [Tara Brock](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Prohibit Smoking on the Ocean Shore - OAR 736-021-0100
Date: Sunday, August 10, 2014 8:06:25 PM
Attachments: [Smoke Free Beaches Comments August 2014.pdf](#)

Attached, please find my comments in support of prohibiting smoking in the Ocean Shore Recreation Area.

From: [GARY REZNICK](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on beach
Date: Sunday, August 10, 2014 8:53:22 PM

We already have a littering law for beaches. Second hand smoke not a problem, to windy and beach fires have more smoke. If I stand in water I can smoke (I'm not on beach by law) I don't smoke but I think it's time to make sense of our laws and don't let anti smokers make us look like fools thank you

Sent from Gary's iPhone

From: [Alan&Meredith](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach smoking proposals
Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 10:58:18 AM

I could agree with some restriction on beach smoking, but not a total ban. I think there would be enforcement problems with a ban. Tobacco suppression generally is getting ridiculous. And how about marijuana smoking? Thank you, Alan Bach

From: [Jennifer](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Tobacco-Free Beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 12:01:10 PM

Hello,

I live in Eugene and regularly visit my father-in-law who lives in Florence. For health and environmental reasons, I strongly support banning tobacco use on Oregon beaches.

Thank you,

Jennifer Jordan
883 Almaden St
Eugene, OR 97402

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Radford BEAN](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Public Beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 12:49:39 PM

I want to say the OPRD has my full support when it comes to banning smoking on public beaches. I don't smoke, but my mother is a heavy smoker.

We both agree that smokers tend to be inconsiderate when it comes to disposing of their cigarette butts. My mother and I recently visited Fogarty State Park and discovered discarded cigarette butts littering the beach. It was an eyesore.

Cigarette butts are not only an eyesore, they're an environmental hazard to wildlife that ingest them. They don't break down easily in the gizzards of shorebirds, and chemicals in the filters can be toxic to birds and other wildlife that swallow the butts.

I don't want to have to breathe in someone's dangerous cigarette smoke when I visit the beach, so I say by all means ban cigarettes on the beach.

Sincerely,

Radford Bean

From: [Jude](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: regarding smoking on public beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 1:31:25 PM

Oregon Parks Department,

I am an Oregon resident who has a comment on this issue;

I am against prohibiting smoking on public beaches, as so many rights of tobacco users have been terminated already.

I like to visit the beach and sometimes have a smoke, I will take my trash with me when I leave.

I have walked barefoot in the sand, and had my foot cut by a pull tab from a soda or beer can, this caused stitches and a scar.

Are you going to prohibit drinking soda and beer also? Or is this just an issue for smokers, to further remove them from a public place where they are using a legal product. If you are not willing to ban all products that produce debris on the beach, why are you targeting just one product and it's use? Aluminum does not deteriorate over time.

I feel that the aluminum pull tabs are more dangerous, although telling everyone they cannot take cans of soda or beer to the beach is not on your agenda. I don't drink soda or beer, and therefore cannot leave one of the pull tabs in the sand for someone to get cut on. So if you are only targeting one user of debris, it is not fair. Make it across the board, no food with packaging, no aluminum cans, no bottles of beer or soda, no plastic bags and no cigarettes. Or else leave this issue alone, please consider this view.
Sincerely,

Jude Baley
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From: [Mark Fulop](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: YES. Restrict smoking of tobacco products on the Ocean Shore Recreation Area.
Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 3:12:40 PM

1. Cigarette butts make up 30 to 38 percent of waste along shorelines and waterways
2. The Ocean Conservancy reported that the most common kind of trash that they find on beaches is cigarette butts. That's because the vast majority of cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, a kind of plastic that isn't biodegradable.
3. "As a result of the lab work we've done, there's a suggestion that there is a persistent contaminant effect that gets into the food chain," said Novotny. "In addition to the chemicals in cigarette butts, tobacco is grown with pesticides that aren't regulated. So there is a whole range of contaminants that haven't been studied yet."

Read more at: <http://phys.org/news/2013-09-documents-cigarette-environmental-hazards.html>

As a concerned Oregonian who visits the shoreline regularly, I strongly urge you to Restrict smoking of tobacco products on the Ocean Shore Recreation Area.

Mark P. Fulop, MA, MPH
2137 NE 51st Ave
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From: missv@bendcable.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 3:27:14 PM

Oregon should be a front runner against pollution rather than individual rights.

Enforce the litter laws we already have in place! Post that cigarette butts are litter and start fining (warning first, of course) in parks, on city streets, parking lots, at beach trails and on the beach. Private and government property owners should be fined for not cleaning their parking lots and/or for cleaning them by blowing the butts and other bits of trash into the street and storm drains.

I live on the coast, I walk and clean the beaches all the time. Rarely do I see or smell people smoking on the beach. Beach trash is coming from the cities and there is far more plastic than butts. Where are the trash cans?

Here's a thought - Why not force manufactures to use biodegradable materials for butts and short term plastics? That would make life much better for our oceans.

From: [Deidrie Lindsey](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Beaches
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014 11:15:05 AM

I am a resident of Coos County and am greatly offended when I am forced to inhale cigarette smoke.
I support have a clean air ocean beach,
No Smoking on Ocean Beaches.
Thank you

Deidrie Lindsey, CADC II
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From: Maxim00@aol.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: And I served in the Armed forces for???
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014 12:50:04 PM

Oregon ranks near the top in a number of categories. Unemployment, school drop-out rates, poverty, and so many other elements which really do need Oregon's Governor and the legislature to take some positive action on. Instead, they seem bent on taking my rights away.

Call it freedom of speech? I like to smoke. I think it's a filthy habit and I know in every inch of my being I should quit. The fact is, I'm going to die one day....as is everyone. But I want to live my life the way I want! I enjoy a cigarette now and then. I reflect on the day's activity, the next days goals, and the beauty of the sunset.

I spent nearly five years of my life in the pit that was southeast Asia during the Vietnam 'conflict.' I didn't run to Canada as so many of my peers seemed to want. I believed it was my duty, indeed my responsibility to take part in defending the rights we inherited through countless decades of brave people giving their lives, or portions of their lives to maintain our freedoms.

I feel betrayed! Is is freedom to prevent me from enjoying the Oregon Coast while enjoying a cigarette, pipe, or even a cigar? Yet it's easy for you in Salem to take that right away. After all....we're just smokers right?

It would seem you all could find a great deal more to spend you time. Oregon has real problems. Why must you persist in taking away the rights of so many.

I'm almost ashamed to admit to my friends....I live in Oregon.

From: [Jane M](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: beach smoking ban
Date: Friday, August 15, 2014 9:54:25 PM

I strongly support banning smoking on all Oregon beaches. Whenever I walk on one of our beautiful beaches, I am dismayed by all the 'butts' I see on the sand. I will never understand why smokers think it is ok to litter in this way. Please please enforce a ban.

Thank you
Jane Mailloux
Portland, OR

From: [Dick Lemery](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking on beaches
Date: Sunday, August 17, 2014 8:37:56 PM

After working for 30 years in a public health dept., I do not think this measure would drastically improve public health. Dick Lemery

From: [Kristina G. Bradford](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Cc: [LONGORIA Luci](#)
Subject: Please make Oregon shores smoke free
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 7:16:28 AM

Hello,

I heard about your efforts to make Oregon shores smoke free while attending a CDC cancer conference in Atlanta. Many years ago, I had the opportunity to spend the weekend in Lincoln, Oregon. What a beautiful place!

I commend your efforts to consider and hopefully approve the initiatives to make your shores smoke free. Of course, it would greatly benefit the citizens and sea life of Oregon, but keep in mind that you are also leading the way for the rest of the nation.

Thank you!

Kristina Giard-Bradford

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The mission statement of the TC2 is to measurably reduce the burden of cancer on the citizens of Tennessee by implementing a collaborative statewide plan driven by data, science, capacity and outcomes.

From: [Elaine Ziebart](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Oregon's public beaches
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 11:02:19 AM

Dear Sir or Madam:

I support smoke-free public beaches, but I do think that having a "smoking area" designated would be the kindest thing to do. Perhaps something along the lines of the accommodation for pets, a separate area for those who cannot or will not quit smoking. I do not have any objection to the new vaporizers in an outdoor setting, as they do not generate the kind of smoke and litter that cigarettes do.

Thank you for my opportunity to have a voice.

Sincerely,
Elaine Ziebart
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Salem, OR 97305
971-600-3463

From: [Theresa Roberts](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on public beaches...
Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 12:35:33 PM

Hi,

Even though I abhor smoking and all it's awful consequences, I don't believe we should create a law that bans smokers from Oregon's public beaches. Even smokers have the right to those beaches and the right to slowly destroy their lungs if that is what they wish. Once we begin banning smoking on the beach, what will we ban next? Will that include campfires or dogs or anyone or thing that annoys one group of people? Let's keep Oregon beaches free and open to all even if we disagree with who they are.

Thank you,

Theresa Roberts

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From: [Barb Faith](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on the beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 1:20:34 PM
Attachments: [image010.png](#)
[image012.png](#)

I think it would be appropriate to have designated smoking areas, just like other public places. Cigarette smoke gives me a headache and runny nose. Thanks,



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From: [Darus Peake](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban
Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 5:26:58 PM

Nothing is more unsightly than cigarette filters floating on the beach. The filters take a lifetime to disintegrate and will harm wildlife when eaten. Look at the number of filters cleaned up each year by the SOLVE beach crews and then multiply that greatly to the number we can't see. This is a good move to keep Oregon's beaches clean.

I strongly support this ban!

Darus Peake

Nehalem, Oregon

From: [The Book Broker](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach smoking ban
Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 6:36:48 PM

The problem is litter, not smoking. Please just enforce the litter laws and leave the polite, law abiding smokers alone.

Wendy Schink
Bay City, OR

From: [John Dearing](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 9:47:33 PM

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August 19, 2014

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Commission
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SUBJECT: COMMENT ON PROPOSED RULE BANNING SMOKING AT OREGON COAST BEACHES

I urge the Commission to ban smoking at Oregon coast beaches.

The beaches of Oregon belong to the citizens of Oregon. As an Oregon citizen who has difficulty breathing because of a partially-paralyzed diaphragm, I think it is an important for public health that public places be smoke-free. I believe that no one has the right to force others to breathe their smoke. Smoke is a carcinogen.

Smokers cause a major littering problem on Oregon's beaches, particularly with cigarette filters.

Every citizen has the right to breathe clean air. No one has the right to impose their smoking habit on others. And no one has the right to litter. Our beaches are not ashtrays.

No one needs to smoke!

John S. Dearing

Reference: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2014/08/19/smoking-ban-oregon-beaches-discussed-week/14303103/>

From: robertlong673@ymail.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 7:38:00 AM

I think it is a great idea to ban smoking on the beaches. I feel that smokers invade on peoples enjoyment by blowing smoke that drifts into others space. Tell me where can you go and not find a cigaret butts on the ground. Seeing cigaret butts in the sand just takes away the beautiful Oregon Coast. I think people have the choice to smoke or not as long as it does not harm others I don't think smokers respect others and the proof is on the ground no mater where you are just look down.

Thank you
Robert long

Sent from my iPad

From: aleavitt.oph@gmail.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: I support smoking ban on OR beaches
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 7:54:39 AM

- Tobacco use continues to be the leading cause of preventable death in Oregon and is associated with a number of diseases including multiple cancers, diseases of respiratory and cardiovascular systems, and strokes.
- Tobacco contributes to over 22% of all deaths in Oregon, costing taxpayers more than \$2.4 billion (2009) in direct medical expenses and lost productivity
- 34.8% of 11th grade students report that they smoke.
- During car rides where one person smoked, levels of fine particulate matter averaged more than three times higher than the maximum safe indoor air limit recommended by the World Health Organization.
- 21% of 8th graders reported riding in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes.
- A typical one-hour hookah smoking session is the equivalent of inhaling smoke of 100 or more cigarettes, (World Health Organization, 2005, TobReg Advisory Note – Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking: Health Effects, Research Needs and Recommended Actions by Regulators)
- Investing in successful public health interventions for tobacco prevention and education programs is key to the health of Oregonians.

Alissa Leavitt, MPH, MCHES

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Sent via iPhone. Please excuse any grammatical errors.

From: [Ron Potter](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed Smoking Ban
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 9:21:15 AM

Gentlemen,

Although I agree with the smoking ban in principle, I do not support it. Because of all the good work they are doing, I do not believe your staff nor law enforcement agencies have any free time to deal with the additional complaint levels this policy could generate, therefore the ban would be for the most part unenforceable. I think the Department's efforts are better spent focusing on more pressing issues that reap real results than this "feel good" policy. I agree the cigarette filters, etc do present a health hazard to wildlife, but don't the current in-force littering laws cover that same aspect? If any time and energy is to be expended on the issue, why not enforce existing laws?

Sincerely
Ronald Potter

Ronald Potter
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From: [dan simmons](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach Smoking Ban
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 9:21:58 AM

Please include me as an ardent supporter of the ban. State and Federal Governments wisely spend significant amounts dissuading people from smoking for all the right reasons. Therefore, as a sister state agency you should not accommodate smoking in any venue that you control. As a frequent beach walker the visual and environmental pollution created by discarded cigarette filters is a public menace that should not be tolerated. I applaud your efforts and hope you hang tough. Thank you, Dan Simmons, Salem,Oregon.

From: [Sally & Ray Hollemon](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Don't ban smoking on beaches
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 10:02:33 AM

Dear Oregon Parks,

From what I've heard of the proposal to ban smoking on Oregon's beaches, it sounds like the problem is litter on the beach. If that is so, I think it would be better to develop a plan to attack that problem directly.

Pocket ashtrays are available. I looked on the internet and saw one at \$15; others are more expensive (\$39 and up).

However, it isn't really the ash that's the problem, it's the butt. Perhaps the Parks Dept. could find someone to manufacture a small "butts box" that would attach to a cigarette pack and sell for \$10 or less. Then the Parks Dept. could mount a publicity campaign for smokers to buy the "butts boxes" and use them in parks, on beaches, and other public places to reduce litter. Maybe the Forestry Dept. could be enlisted in the campaign to encourage smokers to prevent wildfires by using the boxes.

Sincerely,
Sally Hollemon

From: [alexandra.phillips](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: support for smoking ban
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 10:37:04 AM

I strongly support the proposed smoking ban for Oregon's beaches.

Secondhand smoke is harmful. It is impossible to escape it in more crowded areas or when walking by smokers.
the best way to get rid of the butt litter is by eliminating smoking.
Oregon's beaches are iconic and sacred. Smoking and cigarette butts do not belong there.

Thank you, Alexandra Phillips
1311 Chemeketa St NE
Salem 97301

From: [Laurel simmons](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 11:02:35 AM

The Oregon Beaches are our most
Wonderful Treasure. Let's keep them
smoke and residue free!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [vintageman](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on beaches
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 11:05:42 AM

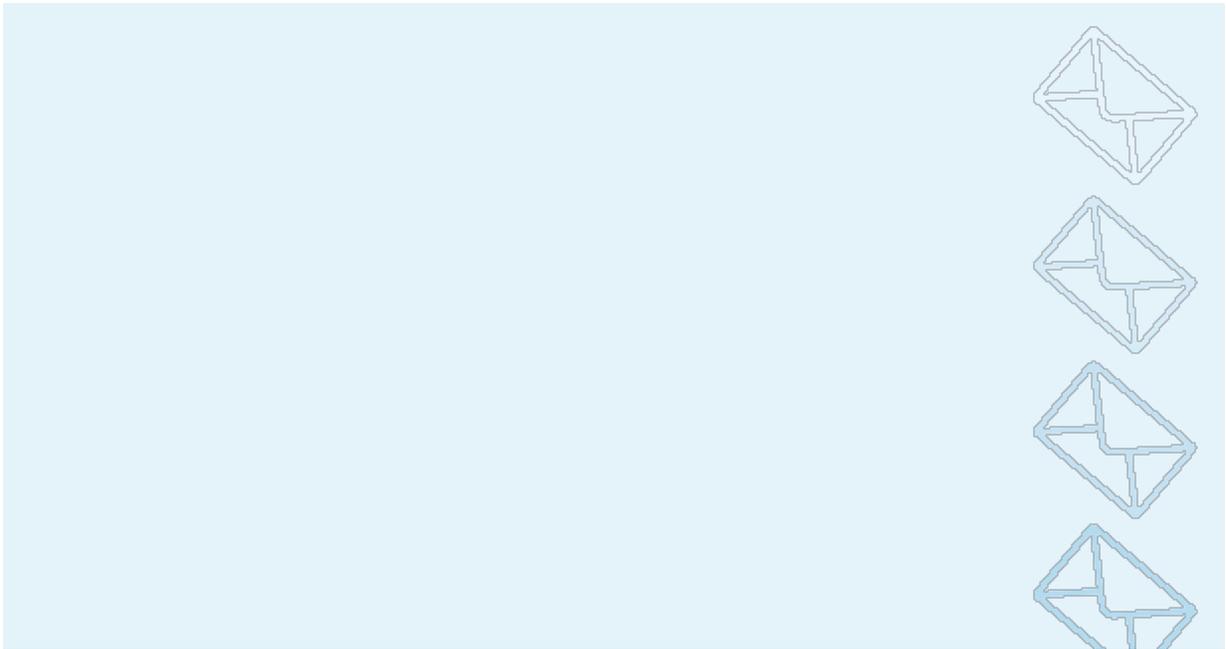
After smoking for 27 years I quit in 1992. I am a non-smoker who is against the ban for smoking on beaches. If this goes into affect then shouldn't all camp fires be banned as they put out more smoke than cigs and leave charcoal in the sand.

As far as the litter aspect, then you should also ban all bottles, cans, plastic cups, plates, all fishing from shore (as we all deal castoff with fishing line), chewing gum (wrapper & the gum itself), kites (broken string), candy bars (wrappers), potato chips (bags) and the list can go on and on.

Remember when Gov McCall said "Vist Oregon but don't stay"? Maybe the slogan should be "We're a nanny State that outdoors only belong to some".

If Oregon is so down on cigs, then ban them out right and make it illegal to but them in Oregon. Oh I forgot, we need the SIN TAX!

Dik Phillips



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From: [Pawlak Rebecca L](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Cc: [GIRARD KAREN E](#)
Subject: Ocean Shores Rulemaking
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 11:46:45 AM
Attachments: [Letter-to-Oregon-Parks-and-Recreation-Department - Ocean Shores Rulemaking.pdf](#)

Please accept the attached letter as public comment for ocean shores rulemaking on behalf of the Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention Section of the Oregon Public Health Division. A hard copy has also been mailed to the address listed on the Parks and Recreation Rules website.

Best,

Rebecca Pawlak, MPH

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From: [WALKER Kellie J](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed Smoking Ban on Beaches
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 2:39:15 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the smoking ban on public beaches. It is ridiculous to allow camp fires that cause more smoke than a cigarette and ban cigarettes. I agree that litter is a problem, however, there is already a ban on littering and throwing glowing objects from a vehicle. I, as a smoker, abhor throwing cigarette butts anywhere other than in the trash or fire. I love the outdoors and the nature here in Oregon, as others do. I would never want to litter natural environments, as the beauty would be diminished.

This ban amounts to too much government control. New York tried banning sugary drinks (only the large containers, because people who drink the small sizes NEVER use the "free refill" benefit). Trying to regulate cigarettes in the outdoors is ridiculous. Soon, we will be penalized for our thoughts. Why don't you just make us wear a scarlet letter and get it over with sooner. That way, non-smokers can start yelling and pointing us out before we even get close enough to them to offend them. Better yet, have the drummer boy precede us (those wearing the scarlet letter) so that the non-smokers can run for their lives before we pollute their environment by just breathing.

This is just plain discrimination. I thought discrimination of minorities was illegal under the civil rights act (sarc).

Kellie Walker

776 Concord St. NE

Salem, OR 97301

Registered Voter and Concerned (discriminated against) Citizen

From: [Betsy Ayres](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Oregon Beaches
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 4:49:13 PM

I fully support banning smoking on Oregon's publicly owned beaches.

Thank you,
Betsy Ayres
PO Box 2
Cannon Beach, Oregon 97110

Written with Siri's help; please excuse mistakes

From: [linda.c](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: no beach smoking
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 6:08:31 PM

I support banning smoking on the beaches. I base my opinion on science. The filter was placed on cigarettes to help protect the smoker from the toxins in the smoke. All smoke emitted is toxic whether filtered or not. Unfortunately, many who smoke leave the filter (butt) behind on the beach. I doubt that any studies have been done on important micro organisms, insects, birds, fish and other life on and near the beach and tidal waters. I cannot find any benefit to the health of the environment, wildlife, aquatic life or children to allowing people to exhale cigarette or other smoke. the cigarette butt is but an additional danger. I see cigarette butts every time I walk.

When i walk the beach, just one smoker upwind will ruin my fresh air. I have always wondered what health consequences this will bring. Close proximity has nothing to do with exposure. I can smell smoke from a long ways away.

cigarettes are toxins. I don't mind if other people smoke as long as I am not subjected to any form of the toxicity. Unfortunately, smokers are rarely courteous or conscious about who they are subjecting to their pollution.

I own property near a beach in Oregon.

Thank you for protecting the public and the environment.

Linda Christensen,
Manzanita, Oregon

From: [Rebecca Lease](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: beach smoking
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 7:44:25 PM

Having lived and recreated on and near the beaches all my life I think it is about time that we limited our air space and our walking spaces to those who have little regard for the quality of both. Aside from being accosted by bitter and choking second hand smoke , we also have to be concerned about those with us be it children, animals or ourselves having to be careful not to step on the hot part of a used cigarette or just having to smell the used butts.. Please try and implement a way to keep these folks and their habits at a safe distance from our noses and lungs and the unadulterated beach sands... Thanks Becky

From: [A To](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: YAY
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 8:22:15 PM

Thank you for starting this. smoking at the beach is a nuisance and a problem. 🙄

From: [Richard Lathrop](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Oregon beach smoking rule
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 8:23:53 PM

This looks like a solution to a non-existent problem. I live in a beach community with both pedestrian and vehicular traffic access to the beach. I walk the beaches on a regular basis. I don't remember ever seeing a cigarette butt, on the beach, in the 7 years that I have lived here. As an ex-smoker, the smell of tobacco smoke is very offensive to me, and I avoid places where people smoke. However, banning smoking on the beaches of Oregon is not the answer. Enforcement would be non-existent, and dedicated smokers are likely to ignore the ban. The state already has laws prohibiting littering. Discarding waste, or litter, is a punishable offense already, subject to hefty fines. Implementation of existing litter laws on the beaches makes more sense, even though enforcement is still unlikely. Our society is overwhelmed with regulations, most of which are unenforceable. Another one will be a waste of taxpayer resources, and I urge you to reject the promulgation of this regulation.

Thanks you for your serious consideration of this issue.

R. Lathrop
Port Orford, Oregon.

From: ingrants@charter.net
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Restrictions in Ocean Shore Recreation Areas
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 10:27:53 PM

Dear Sir or Madame --

The American Civil War was waged not so much to establish the truism of "majority rules," but rather to firmly engage the principle of "majority rules with minority rights." In Oregon today, law-abiding, tax-paying, and voting adults, who also engage in the use of tobacco products, are increasingly restricted from publicly owned outdoor properties, including parks, fairgrounds, campgrounds, outdoor exhibition and event areas, and forested lands during fire season. While at one time, smokers bore this discrimination under rubrics that emphasized freedom from second-hand smoke and/or indoor air quality, today the new rubric centers around the littering of cigarette butts.

I love Oregon's oceans and outdoor spaces. I respect the sensitive ecosystem balance that exists in our ocean, and I even earn a portion of my annual income from our oceans. I am a doctorally-prepared professional who, oddly enough, works in the compound of public health. I spend much time in Oregon's great outdoors, Oregon's waterways, and the Pacific Ocean. I carry a small ziplock bag with me and dispose of cigarette butts in that bag and carry them home for proper disposal.

Oregon does not need more rules, regulations, or restrictions. We need to enforce the codes that currently exist, and this includes anti-litter laws. Adding more restrictions is not the answer. Twenty percent of Oregon's adults are smokers. At twenty percent, we are a minority, but we have the same right to enjoy Oregon's shores as non-smokers. It is in this outdoor open-air space that no one can complain about second-hand smoke or indoor air pollution. Instead, we should all be encouraged to enjoy the great outdoors, to respect its fragile nature, to leave it better than we found it, and to gather in awe -- as Oregonians -- and not as smokers or non-smokers -- amid this great heritage that our forefathers so thoughtfully secured for future generations to enjoy. OPRD's proposed restrictions have already gone too far. Let's add common sense, enforcement of existing regulations, and an accurate understanding of minority rights to a balanced discussion.

From: [TEAL Marcy * OPRD](#) on behalf of [INFO Park * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Cc: [MULLEN John * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: Smoking on beaches
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 7:15:26 AM

From: dbkruse@comcast.net [mailto:dbkruse@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 7:41 PM
To: park.info@state.or.us
Subject: Smoking on beaches

Smoking on beaches should be banned mainly because of butts left for others to pick up or to injure wildlife.

It scares me to see a lot of cigarette butts in the trails at Mary S Young Park when the forest is so dry.

Dave Kruse
Gladstone

From: [Patricia Morgan](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 10:36:00 AM

I won't be able to get down to the hearing but I wanted to voice an opinion.

I lived at the coast for several years and I'm for the ban. We used to walk for miles and miles and hunt for agates and could see the smoking "residue". It's not so much the smoke; the wind takes care of that.

It's the litter; the packages and little pieces of foil and the seemingly indestructible cigarette filters. Someone should put a GPS on one of those things and track it for a while. They ride on the tide until they come to rest on the high water line and I have much praise for the occasional individual who crushes the smoke and tucks the filter in a pocket.

Count me as a yes vote.

Patricia Morgan

From: [Kris Williams](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Tobacco Free Oregon Beaches
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:19:13 AM

Oregon Parks and Recreation District:

I would like to encourage you to adopt tobacco free Oregon Beaches. Currently in Oregon there is an overwhelming demand for tobacco-free spaces. Over 36 local jurisdictions in Oregon have adopted tobacco free or smoke free policies in their recreation areas for the health of their residents and visitors.

My family owns a beach house in Lincoln County and we frequently spend hours on the beaches throughout the year. Secondhand smoke on the beaches is a concern for my family members with asthma or an allergy to smoke as secondhand smoke exposure can trigger asthma attacks and other adverse health effects for them. The US Surgeon General states there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure and studies* indicate that sitting just three feet away from a smoker outdoors can expose you to the same level of secondhand smoke as if you were sitting indoors with a smoker.

While riding my horse on the beach last weekend I was exposed to secondhand smoke three times in just one hour. Having an immediate family member who died prematurely from secondhand smoke makes me even more cautious of exposure. Please help protect our family and myself from exposure to secondhand smoke on our Oregon beaches by adopting rules to make our beaches tobacco free.

Thank you for your consideration of the health of all Oregonians and our visitors!

*Wayne Ott and Neil Klepeis. Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association (JAWMA), May 2007.

Barnoya and Glantz. Cardiovascular Effects of Secondhand Smoke: from the Center for Tobacco Control

Kris Williams

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From: [Erinne Goodell](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: beach smoking public comment
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:34:35 AM

I support a ban on smoking on Oregon beaches! A ban will help air quality and litter along our beaches. Thank you!

--Erinne Goodell
3241 NE Holman
Portland, OR 97211

From: [Francisco Mora](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: I don't support smoking bans
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:43:58 AM

Good morning-

My opinion is that banning smoking in the rest of parks and Oregon coast is too much and I don't support it.

Thank you for considering my position.

Francisco Mora.

From: [sokokomo](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Please ban smoking on the beach
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:53:22 AM

Please ban smoking on beaches. People who want to be healthy and takes walks or jogs on the beach don't want to have change path every time come up on someone smoking or have to move picnic spot because smokers sets their picnic spot next you.

But the big reason for smoking ban on beach is the cigarette butt littering. Its disgusting. Most smokers have no decency to not throw butts on beach.

Thank you

Kimberly Omnes
Dallas, Oregon

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

From: [Ned Devereaux](#)
To: chris.havel@state.or.us
Cc: [REP Doherty](#)
Subject: Proposed No Smoking on the Beaches Rule
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:16:26 PM

Sir/Madam;

I was raised on the Oregon coast (Clatsop County) one house off the ocean in Gearhart. From before I could remember, we spent our summers, and occasionally our winters, living in and visiting Gearhart, walking the beaches, learning how to shoot a rifle, and at age 13, how to smoke a cigarette, shoot off fireworks, and beachcomb.

I also spent thirty years of my adult life attending to the morale, discipline, law and order, and training of soldiers under my charge. One of the first lessons of leadership is “never issue an order you cannot enforce.”

The proposed rule to ban smoking falls into this category.

In post-military retirement, I spent over a dozen years teaching residential contractors how to comply with Oregon Occupational Safety and Health rules. My point is two-fold. I understand enforcing discipline with the individual; I understand enforcing rules for a group (like contractors). I understand enforcement of state rules.

The proposed rule to ban smoking also falls into this category.

At age 74 I thought I had seen or heard of too many stupid rules in my fifty plus years of working. This proposed rule by Oregon Parks and Recreation, for whatever good reasons you people may think apply in this case, is still an order, rule, ordinance, or any other enforcement code that cannot be enforced.

I hope I have made my thoughts clear to you. If you have any questions, comments or need any clarifications, I may also be reach on my cellular phone at 503-702-2174 or via email at 311bandit7@gmail.com.

E. L. Devereaux III
Sergeant Major, US Army Retired
Oregonian Since 1940

From: [Janet Birmingham](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed smoking ban on Oregon beaches
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:17:35 PM

I am not a smoker. I am however opposed to banning smoking on Oregon beaches. We have laws against littering and those should be enough to enable the enforcement to prevent litter from smoking. Please, no more unnecessary laws. Promote "carry in, carry out" in regards to waste, garbage, cigarette butts and provide waste recepticals and education. Thank you.

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From: [David Ferdig](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Uphold the state park smoking ban
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:54:05 PM

Just wanted to say PLEASE CONTINUE the smoking ban at parks. Many of my family members have died of COPD and I don't smoke. I am a nurse and have seen how smoking ravages the body. Having to inhale someone else's second hand smoke is, in my opinion, a BLATANT violation of my health rights. Because of the health risks of second hand smoke, smoking should be banned in ALL public areas.

If folks chose to engage in behavior that harms only themselves then so be it. Do that in your own home where your decisions effect only you.

Dave Ferdig

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From: [kindwyn_hoge](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Yes please no smoking on the beach.
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 1:01:01 PM

Hi my husband is a disabled veteran and I am disabled and we have a 6 yr old son we all have allergies and asthma and someone smoking at the beach especially on a windy day can make us sick and ruin our experience like it will give my husband a migraine and our son can get asthma attacks it ruins the air quality and makes others sick its not right to expose others to second hand smoke and force others to have to breathe that and its hard if you have asthma and allergies why should we suffer because people are selfish and want to smoke in a public place I wish they would ban smoking in parks and outside buisness and other places. In seaside here at our nice public library our new librarian bless her heart was awesome enough to help pass a ban having to do with smoking at the library inside and outside which is a total blessing. It would be a bigger blessing to also have them ban smoking at the beach as its also bad all the cigarette butts on the beach its bad for the enviroment and wildlife and goes out in the ocean and pollutes the oceans too. Please ban smoking on the beaches thank sincerely kindwyn and leonard hoge seaside oregon (503) 717-1142

From: keizerfire@aol.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: cigarette ban in Oregon state parks and beaches
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 1:06:00 PM

I totally support the ban. Thank you!

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From: [u.no](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Regarding the ridiculous smoking ban on Oregon Beaches
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 1:20:57 PM

I am writing to say that I disagree with a smoking ban on Oregon beaches. I do not feel that creating a ban and trying to enforce it is in the best interest of the Tax Payers of Oregon. I feel that by banning smoking on the beaches and using the excuses that litter of cigarette butts is one of the main reasons and subjecting other people to second hand toxic smoke is why is a weak argument. I also do not see anyway that this ban and ticket idea would ever happen. We cannot even afford to police neighborhoods to make them safer let alone have officers wasting time writing tickets to smokers. So creating a law and using my taxes to fund the creation and implementation would be a gross misuse of funds. There simply is no point in it.

I have grown up here in Oregon. I smoked for over 35 years and I NEVER threw a cigarette butt onto the beach. When finished it was burned in a firepit or put into my pocket. And every single time I smoked on a beach the wind was blowing pretty darn hard. I have never been to the beach in Oregon when there was a completely calm day with no wind.

I have seen more trash from fast food sacks (from extremely obese Oregonians and tourists) and water bottles than anything else on our beaches. I have also seen by far, more dog poop. I have even watched people stand by their dog while it is pooping and do NOTHING to pick it up.

Stop wasting my taxes on creating more unnecessary laws! Instead of being afraid of the paranoid non-smoking extremists that want to create these stupid bans and laws, stand up and tell them to DEAL WITH IT! And at the same time, ask them if they fit into any of the following scenarios:

You drink ANYTHING out of a disposable can or bottle on ANY public or state owned land.

You eat ANY type of fast food on our beaches, in our parks or at your desk on State property. Even if you are obese and have a pretty good chance of getting heart disease and then driving my healthcare premiums up from your medical treatments.

You have small children that you cannot fully control behavior on in ANY public place in Oregon. Has your child ever thrown a tantrum because they were hungry or tired and you could do nothing to soothe them. This affects my mental health adversely since I have no children of my own and go to the beaches or parks to relax!

You wear strong smelling body sprays, hair sprays, deodorant, colognes, etc...I am allergic to

them all and they are also not good for our environment. But you continue to spray them on!

You own ANY pet that you take out of your own back yard and put in ANY public property. They might poop when you are not prepared to pick it up...! And many of you do NOT pick it up because you do not want to carry it around while you are on the beach trying to have fun.

You drive ANY vehicle that has a gas or diesel engine. Walk or ride a bicycle folks! It is healthier for you and your environment!

You use a dishwasher that drains waste water filled with chemicals and drying agents

You do NOT recycle every single item in an appropriate bin no matter how small! To include your leftover vegetables that can be put into a green can now as well as putting the rest of your leftovers in a compost or out for the wildlife to eat.

I could go on and on....we all have bad habits and affect the environment in an adverse way in a million different ways. Banning cigarettes because YOU are afraid that people will RUSH the beaches due to the other public area bans is not the right answer. STOP THE NONSENSE! I am a nonsmoker and I do not care in the least if a smoker wants to smoke anywhere other than a public building or with 10 feet from a doorway. I will simply walk away from them rather than smell it or put my lungs into a situation where they must process it.

These people that would like to ban smoking 100% in Oregon are the same people that enjoy a glass of wine or a micro-brew or a fast food meal. All of these things can cause a cancer of some type and can kill people. These people would be extremely upset if they were told that they could never have another drip of anything alcoholic or eat anything fried in grease or drive any vehicle that uses any type of fuel in this State. They need to stop picking on a very small part of our population.

I would also like to know how these people supporting this ban did a study on smokers rushing the beaches when smoking was banned in public hotel areas, etc....do they have recorded video of MANY people smoking on the beaches? I would love to see it. Our beaches are never crowded. We do not live in Florida, Folks, we live in the rainy state. I am lucky to count 20 people at a time on an Oregon beach for the most part.

And where is the study that the second hand smoke on that windy beach is the cause of anyone's death after being there for a visit?

Have any of these people sat by a campfire to warm up on their beach visit and made

Smores or a Hot Dog? There is a lot more smoke coming from that than my smoking friends cigarette!

Did the volunteers that clean the beach remove more cigarette butts than they did other trash from picnics? I would also like to see video of that and where it was recorded. Hearsay is not good enough proof.

DO NOT put a ban in place because a very few number of people decided to be fanatics and are trying to make Oregon even more of a Nanny State than it already is.

Besides, I would much rather that a nonsmoker not smoke while they are driving their car and might cause a wreck from distraction or for them to have a smoke inside of their home where you may cause a house fire or pollute their precious pets, loved ones, children or friends! I completely prefer that they smoke outside where the air can push it and "dilute" the toxins! If we continuously ban all outdoor areas from smokers they will eventually end up standing in the middle of a busy street or sit inside of their cars or do it inside of their private residence.

From: [Delores Porch](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on public beaches
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 1:43:20 PM

While I abhor finding cigarette butts anywhere I find this proposal an over-reach. It's a nice thought, but how can it be enforced? Furthermore, there is already a fine for littering, which includes cigarette butts. It makes sense to ban cigarette smoking in campgrounds due to the risk of fires, but how many fires are started by live cigarettes dropped on the beach?

I think the solution is better publicity and education. Not only is littering spoiling the landscape, but it is a threat to wildlife. I suggest that the money which would be allocated to this proposal be given to organizations such as SOLVE for more beach cleanups.

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From: [Jordan Millen](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking in public places
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 1:57:19 PM

I oppose this. It is unenforceable and not to mention the fact that it's wrong to tell people what to do with their lives. You aren't going to change what people do, it's just going to piss them off. It seems like slowly all our liberties are being taken away, and I don't think that's right at all. Enforce litter policies. Stop telling people what to do with their own bodies though. I recently quit smoking but I 100% do not support this. Things like this make me want to move out of Oregon.

Thank you,
Jordan Millen

From: [Jennie REISCH](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on Oregon beaches
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 2:41:46 PM

I want to go on record opposing a smoking ban on Oregon beaches. I also oppose the smoking ban at Oregon State Parks, but I know this has already been passed.

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From: [Marilyn Safier](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoke-free Oregon beaches
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 5:48:23 PM

In a word: yes, yes, yes!

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Marilyn Safier

My Bonanza store: <http://www.bonanza.com/booths/MareCrochets>

My Etsy store:

https://www.etsy.com/shop/MareCrochets?ref=search_shop_redirect

From: [steve.thornton](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 6:11:09 PM

As a former smoker, 24 years ago, I am one person against the smoking ban. I walk over a mile on the beach by Sunset Beach approach almost every day of the week and very rarely see a cigarette butt. I do see a lot of plastic bottles and remnants of fireworks, but rarely cigarette butts. One concern I have is that if they are not allowed to smoke on the beach, with plenty of fresh air, they will end up going into the dunes with all the beach grass creating a real fire hazard. Besides that, who is supposed to enforce this law, State Parks, OSP or the Sheriff's department? There is already a ban on camping on our beaches but almost every day we see people that have camped on the beach overnight, some still sleeping in their sleeping bags, so that law is not being enforced, why would the smoking ban? I feel this is a very bad idea a waste of money and a waste of time and am totally against it.

Thank you,
Steve Thornton
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From: [MoparCzy](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed smoking ban on PUBLIC BEACHES
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 7:01:34 PM

I just wanted to share my position on this proposal. I DO NOT smoke but I find this continued attack on smokers rights disturbing. Yes we do want them to quit but you can not make someone quit.

We need to STOP this encroachment into their rights. Already the state in the person of the Governor has decided that they will ban smoking on state property. I didn't realize that there was already a ban added to state parks. That is unfortunate. We need to pull back from this rush to limit their rights. Instead we need to work toward educating people and also we should be having our law enforcement units actively citing litterers including those who throw their cigarette butts away.

Do not placed a ban on smoking on Public Beaches.

Steve Stephens

From: [Barbara Burr](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Please restrict tobacco products on Oregon"s beaches
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 8:42:36 PM

I am in favor of restricting tobacco products. They are unsightly litter and the smell of smoke is very unpleasant.

Thanks,
Barbara Burr

From: [Kris Laurance](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on the beach
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 8:53:31 PM

I am against this ban.

Kristine G Laurance.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laurel Triplett](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking bans
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 9:04:16 PM

I am in favor of banning smoking on all Oregon beaches. (The litter smokers leave behind is atrocious)
I also support the current ban in state parks. I just wish it was enforced in the state park surrounding the Capital in Salem.

Laurel Triplett
Salem, OR

From: [Brenda Sours](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: No Ban on smoking on public beaches
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 12:12:00 AM

I vote no ban on smoking on public beaches!

Its simple, no matter what you pack IN, you pack it out.....

From: [United Paws](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: No smoking ban on beaches please!
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 12:13:35 AM

No bans on our public beaches of any kind please.

No ban on smoking on public beaches, thank you!

From: [Vugteveen Family](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 8:26:45 AM

I am a smoker. Also a camper, a hiker, a volunteer and many other things. When in a public place and wanting to smoke, I move off from everyone around me to do it. On this you can ask anyone I travel or hang out with. I carry a small personal airtight ashtray to deposit my butt into. I know there are smokers out there that don't, but, I do this no matter where I am. In my utv that I take to the beach, I have an ashtray. In my car, I have an enclosed portable ashtray.

I am tired of the rant against smokers.

How about we start on a new group. Let's say, illegal aliens, how about immoral public officers starting with His Majesty, King Kitz or the others in public office that cheat lie or steal. Maybe, welfare fraud, SSDI fraud, misuse of public funds, let's ban drinking in public parks, gang related activities at public places. These are just a very few groups we can start with. Oh wait, there are already plenty of laws out there that don't get enforced on some of these groups already.

My tobacco taxes pay for a myriad of things for the government of Oregon, as well as those people who don't want to work and have moved here to Oregon for the ease of getting on public assistance . Can we put a stop to the influx of lazy "I need a handout" group? Do me and everyone else a favor and put my tax money to better use than harassing smokers.

Barbara Vugteveen

From: [Wanda Davis](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed ban on smoking at Oregon's public beaches
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 8:28:08 AM

I understand you're accepting comment on a proposed ban on smoking at Oregon's public beaches.

I wholeheartedly support this ban for two reasons.

First, I, like more people every day, suffer from asthma and one of the triggers for an asthma attack is cigarette smoke. Most of the time, it's pretty well controlled with maintenance medications. However, walking down a city street becomes an obstacle course dodging smokers standing outside businesses indulging in their chosen habit. It doesn't take much smoke to cause a coughing fit leaving me searching for my rescue inhaler and gasping for breath.

Most of the time, our Oregon Coast with its fresh ocean breezes is a place of refuge to a person with a lung disease. Unfortunately, there are those times when the beach also presents the same breathing hazard for me as our city streets.

The second reason I support a smoking ban on public beaches is the litter left behind. While many smokers are considerate, many others seem to think the beach is just a giant, sand-filled ashtray where they can leave their spent cigarette butts. Even if they're buried they eventually surface causing an unsightly mess and a hazard to birds and animals who mistake them for food.

Please go forward with this ban.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Wanda Davis

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From: [Paul Dinu](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: OAR 736-021-0100
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 8:28:59 AM

Regarding OAR 736-021-0100, (Prohibits Smoking of Tobacco Products on the Ocean Shore):

I am opposed to the implementation of the proposed rule specified above.

I am a long time resident of the state of Oregon, a non-smoker, and a frequent visitor to various Oregon beaches.

I see no substantial problem caused by smokers on these beaches.

Second hand smoke as a serious problem in an environment of constant wind does not pass the giggle test.

Cigarette butts do not pose a serious problem in my extensive experience - discarded water bottles, maybe.

Existing anti-littering regulations, if enforced, would cover both butts and bottles.

Adding yet another unenforced/unenforceable regulation contributes nothing positive, in my opinion, to respect for state regulation in general.

I urge the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department withdraw OAR 736-021-0100 from consideration.

Paul C Dinu
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From: [Dustin Lyons](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: all smoking bans currently in place or being proposed
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 10:15:38 AM

To whom it may concern,

We live in Ashland, OR and are appalled at the gross over-reach of these draconian smoking bans in Oregon's public parks, as well as the one being proposed for the coastal beaches. These undertones of morality judgment surrounding the tobacco issue are the headwaters of a broader tyrannical crackdown on personal freedoms. It's not the transitory waft of tobacco smoke on the beach that significantly threatens anyone's longevity. In its effect on public health and pollution it pales in comparison to the toxic discharges of hard rock mining, fossil-fuel energy production, industrial agriculture & manufacturing, etc. How is it that tobacco consumption earns the most adamant of our condemnations? I suppose it's a lot easier to attack the "unsavory" activities of the guy whose smoking upwind than it is to direct one's righteous ire and activism at those industries and institutions that really threaten our safety and happiness. And to the issue of cigarette butts being thoughtlessly strewn across the landscape, it's not tobacco smoking that impels littering but rather a culture that lacks respect for the natural world...you'll find plastic wrappers, beer cans, and a vast array of other non-biodegradable cast-offs alongside. If someone throws a butt levy a heavy fine, don't ban the smoking...how ridiculously reactionary. I repeat, relative to the environmental pollution and deleterious health effects of industrial activities in this state, the negative impact of tobacco smoking by individuals in our state parks and beaches is negligible. There is no good, cogent argument for this sort of prohibition...it's on the slippery slope toward totalitarianism.

Sincerely,

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From: [denise_tuhy](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on public beaches
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 1:45:32 PM

OPRD,

I am not a smoker. I lived on the beach front in Seaside through the heavy smoking '70s and '80s. I continue to have access to a family ocean front home in the area. I often walk the beach. I hardly ever see a cigarette butt. A lot of beach littering is of great concern to me especially plastics in the form of drinking containers, broken glass, dog poop. Hardly anywhere on a beach as popular as Seaside are there trash bins to be found. I don't hear anyone lobbying for a plastic bottle ban on Oregon beaches.

I believe that your Department has a lot of work to do to protect the environment on Oregon beaches. A smoking ban will lead some Oregonians to believe you are doing your job. But many of us know that passing a smoking ban, easy for non-smokers to back but nearly impossible to enforce, is a cover-up for many other responsibilities left unaddressed.

I vote NO regarding a smoking ban on Oregon beaches.

Denise K Tuhy

Sent from my iPad

From: [Dana Vugteveen](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed Smoking Ban on Oregon state beaches
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 1:57:21 PM

Please note my opposition to any proposed ban on smoking on Oregon state beaches. I am not a smoker; however, I cannot support such wide-spread governmental regulation that suppress individual freedoms or rights. It is not an appropriate role for our state government.

Thank you,
Dana Vugteveen
Oregon citizen

From: [Kriss Renfro](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 3:41:24 PM

The wind carries many smells on the beach, the ocean air, the cooking of roasting hot dogs or burgers, the smell of tobacco smoke. I personally would rather smell the ocean, or meal cooking while walking on a clutter free beach. Please consider banning smoking on the beach for the 80% of us who don't smoke and don't want to walk through toxic butts.

Thanks K

Kriss Renfro

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From: [jerilynn coleman](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 6:43:37 PM

I am a former chain-smoker. I was born in Oregon and have lived here nearly all my 64 years, even residing in Seaside for four years in property I owned for fifteen years. I stopped smoking 18 months ago. I OPPOSE THE BAN on smoking on beaches. Most smokers I know will pick up after themselves. If there are ashtrays or butt receptacles, most smokers will use them. The air circulation on an Oregon beach is ever-changing and swirling. There is space for recreational exercise and action on the sand -- not just sunbathing. No one is forced to breath second hand smoke at our beaches. All smokers know the risks of smoking to their health. Guilt and being an outcast is not the answer. Spend your money, please, on providing trash receptacles. I suggest money be directed to enforcing anti-graffiti laws. Coastal towns depend on tourism; the beaches are one of the few spots smoking wallets are welcome. Even though I no longer smoke, I urge you to NOT PASS any laws or regulations prohibiting smoking on Oregon's beaches. I will not spend my money in areas that do not appreciate visitors who are responsible, creative, financially able, and generally accommodating. Jerilynn Coleman, Oregon City

From: [Brett Horner](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: We support the no smoking on the beach proposal
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2014 9:15:40 AM

Thank you for proposing the smoking ban on Oregon beaches. Our family fully supports this. Please approve it. The beaches should be smoke free for all.

Thank you,
Brett Horner
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Sent from my iPad

From: [Ocie Johnson](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach Smoking Ban
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2014 5:49:25 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

In regard to smoking on the beach; I am not able to attend any one of your meetings so I am hoping that this email will count as my input.

First off, it is important for you to know that I live 2 blocks from the beach in Rockaway Beach Oregon, so I am at the beach A LOT! I am a 21 year resident and tax payer of Oregon and I am a smoker.

I am 100% opposed to a smoking ban on the beach.

#1 I believe we have too many laws in place that are already unenforceable.

#2 I believe this to be a massive waste of money and resources.

#3 Smoking is legal but we are standing by as Oregon bans smoking from every single public area which I find to be a contradiction to the purpose. You want the tax dollars but you don't want us to smoke.

#4 The residents here have not seen any enforcement of the illegal firework laws and out of County residents continue to blow off thousands of illegal fireworks throughout the entire year.

#5 If this is a fire safety issue then why are campfires allowed at the beach? On a constant basis we go down to the beach to find hot embers still burning from a campfire abandoned.

#6 If this is a trash issue: countless times we encounter broken alcohol bottles, empty plastic bottles, toilet paper, food wrappers, etc. Cigarette butts are the least of the environmental problems at our beaches today.

Hopefully I have shown you some examples of the problems the beach faces and that laws currently in place are next to impossible to enforce and even if they were enforced we do not have enough Law Enforcement to have them wasting their time going after smokers on the beach. We have several water rescues every month, that should be the focus on our beaches.

In closing, please do not ban smoking on the beach. As long as cigarettes are legal it is unfair to ban them everywhere and force good citizens to break the law.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ocie Johnson
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Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

From: [Sula](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach smoking restrictions
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2014 9:24:58 PM

My comment is against any smoking restrictions on "public" beaches; that includes all beach land that is NOT privately owned. The restrictions against smokers has become more and more strict in the past ten/twenty years. Smoking on the beaches of Oregon is less dangerous than drivers under the influence of intoxicants.....more people die everyday in car accidents (while the intoxicated driver walks away). I don't like my rights being taken away from me.....born and raised on the Oregon coast....hunting, fishing, beach combing, clamming....all these pleasures have had "restrictions" put on them. Smoker are outside in the fresh ocean air.....leave them the hell alone. All the smokers I know that take pleasure in going to the beach.....bring their "butts" home with them. Do not put smoking restrictions on our Oregon beaches!!!! Thank you

Sula Odette
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From: ericksod11@gmail.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach Smoking Ban
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2014 9:39:03 PM

This proposed rule to ban (restrict) smoking on Oregon beaches is an unenforceable rule. Think about it. All the energy time, talent, and effort in the development of this proposed rule making. For what? For political correctness?

I am sure that there are many other projects at the OPRD that could have used the resources spent on this proposal that would have yielded a better outdoor experience for beach visitors than this proposed rule?

I can only imagine what Oswald West and Tom McCall would think of this proposed rule making.

Please do not adopt this proposed rule as it lacks both scientific rigor as well as rational thought.

Don Erickson
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Sent from Windows Mail

From: [Helen Westbrook](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: re: proposed beach smoking ban
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2014 12:31:18 PM

I have lived very near Oregon State beaches for the past 20+ years. While I would like to see smoking banned on the public beaches, I believe a far more important focus for OPRD is to ENFORCE current law regarding fireworks on the beach. My observations have been that illegal fireworks pose a much bigger threat to our ocean and beach environment than smoking. The fireworks that are used on our beaches destroy wildlife and litter the beaches. Almost nowhere along the Oregon Coast is any serious effort made by any law enforcement agency to curtail illegal firework use. Please try to enforce current law rather than taking on new ones which will not be enforced either. Thank you for your consideration.

Helen Westbrook
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From: [Mr. Bill](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking ban on Oregon beaches
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2014 7:15:15 PM

I am against this proposal for a ban on smoking on the Oregon beaches.

Bill Chain bill.missinglink@gmail.com

From: [Debra Jon SH](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Public comment on smoking ban for beaches
Date: Monday, August 25, 2014 6:54:25 AM

I support a ban on smoking on the public beaches. I have hiked and spent time on the beaches where people are smoking on the trails and on the beaches around me and into my face. This destroyed the fresh air around me. The smell and fumes carry a long distance.

I am sick of seeing cigarette butts everywhere, for some reason smokers do not see it as litter. And I am aware that butts are picked up by wildlife and are toxic.

Fire hazards from careless smoking also are an issue that a total ban could address.

Debra Sharp, Corvallis OR

Sent from Windows Mail

From: [Samantha Schafer](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoke Free Beaches Ban
Date: Monday, August 25, 2014 9:47:37 AM

On behalf of Rachel Peterson, a representative from Lincoln County Health and Human Services, I would like to submit this public comment in favor of the smoke-free ban on Oregon beaches. This comment was also public orated via the public hearing at Central Lincoln PUD in Newport on August 21st:

My name is Rachel Peterson. I am the Lincoln County Health and Human Services Health Promotions Program Manager and Tobacco Prevention Coordinator.

Lincoln County Health and Human Services is committed to the improvement of health, wellness, and quality of life in a manner that shows respect for, and defends the dignity of citizens and our employees. This includes advocacy for tobacco-free environments in Lincoln County. As such, I am happy to take this opportunity to state, for the record, that Lincoln County Health and Human Services is in favor of smoke-free – or better yet – tobacco-free beaches.

In recent years, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has succeeded in establishing a smoking ban on county property. Recently, the Lincoln County Division of Public Health has met with the County Attorney's Office to examine the feasibility of extending this ordinance to include all tobacco products and county-owned parks.

One of Lincoln County's best assets is our beaches. They are a central component of our recreation and tourism, and key to promoting healthy lifestyles for local families. However, tobacco use on beaches continues to send mixed messages to our youth, inadvertently normalizing a costly and unhealthy addiction. Additionally, studies have shown that second-hand smoke – even outdoors – exposes nearby individuals to a variety of carcinogenic particulates, and threatens the health and well-being of the three-quarters of Lincoln County adults who don't smoke, as well as all of our children.

Finally, tobacco use has an incredible cost-burden for Lincoln County residents. Tobacco is the leading cause of chronic disease among Lincoln County citizens, costing about \$32 million in medical care annually. We also know the cost-burden of tobacco use extends to the clean-up requirements of beaches, where cigarette butts are the most prominent and harmful litter. In addition to staff and volunteer hours to pick up the non-

biodegradable cigarette filters, cigarette butts have been shown to leach toxic chemicals into water. This is a direct affront to the environmental conservation efforts that underscore so much of our local tourism, and contributes to unknown economic and environmental costs that will impact generations to come.

In sum, Lincoln County Health and Human Services is proud to support the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department in banning cigarette – and other tobacco use – on our public beaches.

Thank you.

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Kind Regards,

Samantha Schafer

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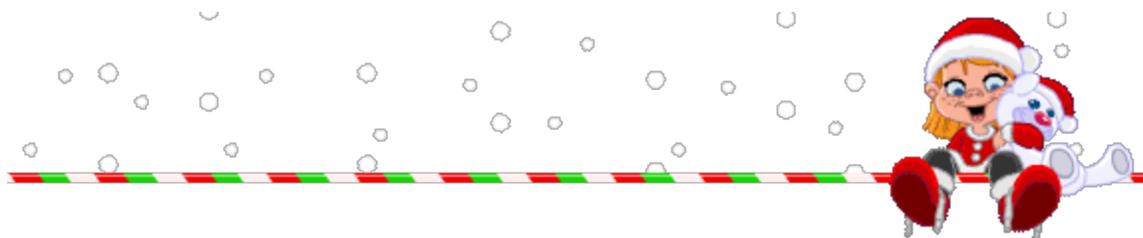
From: [Piper](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban on Oregon Beaches
Date: Monday, August 25, 2014 11:52:50 AM
Attachments: [Oregon Parks.doc](#)

To: Oregon Parks & Recreation Board

Ref: Smoking Ban on Oregon Beaches

Please see attached letter....

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From: [TEAL Marcy * OPRD](#) on behalf of [INFO Park * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: other questions question/feedback via website
Date: Monday, August 25, 2014 4:38:00 PM

From: zarlaf@yahoo.com [mailto:zarlaf@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 3:43 PM
To: park.info@state.or.us
Subject: other questions question/feedback via website

Message from cynthia:

utterly ridiculous and fascistic to TRY TO ban smoking on the beach.as a forty year resident of Oregon, I'm outraged and somewhat bewildered by the whole thing. cigarette butts? they come mostly from boats. second hand smoke ?? an absurdity to anyone who actually spends time on the shore. in case whoever thought up this nonsense hadn't noticed, there's plenty of "air movement" to keep the smoke away from those delicate, easily scandalized crackpots who thought up this scheme. I say NO and send notice that if this goes through, i'll consider it a call for civil disobedience

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From: [Robin](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Oregon Beach Smoking Ban
Date: Monday, August 25, 2014 10:19:44 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

This is about the no smoking on the beach ban as we are not able to attend any of your meetings so am hoping this email can be counted as our input.

My husband and I live about three blocks from the beach so we walk it regularly. We are in our mid 60's and have owned this property for 20 years. We are both 100% against this smoking ban!

We do not see many cigarette butts on the beach, but we see lots of cups, broken glass and more importantly dog poo. We see a lot of trash on the beach but not that many cigarette butts.

We feel there is already a law against littering, so wouldn't this cover catching someone disposing their cigarette butts on the sand?

Fireworks are already illegal but no one can seem to enforce this on our beaches, so how would smoking be enforced? It seems to be a waste of tax payer money.

Smoking is legal in Oregon, and although they seem to want to sell them for the taxes, it's getting to where one can't legally smoke them anywhere.

As far as fire safety, the biggest risk for those of us who walk the beach are the smoldering campfires barely covered up with sand. These can either flare up, or even be stepped on causing serious burns. Something else never enforced.

We believe, again, that this issue is covered in the littering law so another useless law is not necessary. Cigarettes are legal to smoke and you would only be punishing law abiding citizens.

Please do not ban smoking on Oregon beaches.

Sincerely,

Robin McDonald
Jim McDonald
1095 Hwy 101 S
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

From: [TEAL Marcy * OPRD](#) on behalf of [INFO Park * OPRD](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Smoking on Beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 7:22:36 AM

From: Wendy Engler [mailto:wendy.engler@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 8:26 PM
To: INFO Park * OPRD
Subject: Public Comment on Smoking on Beaches

This email is regarding the proposed ban on smoking on beaches. Please forward this to the appropriate department. The email provided in the Newport News-Times would not go through.

Public Comment On Proposed Ban on Smoking on Beaches:

I oppose a ban on smoking on beaches. I live near Nye Beach in Newport and find that smoking is not a big problem. First of all, it's usually too windy!

The article in the Newport News-Times did not state why the ban is proposed. If it is to control cigarette butts, I propose a 5 cent deposit similar to the bottle bill as a way to reduce discarded butts on the beach and elsewhere.

Do not create a ban on smoking on beaches. It is unnecessary and costly to enforce. Put resources towards protecting the native plants and animals on our beaches.

Institute a cigarette butt deposit and they will no longer be a litter problem. Put pressure on tobacco companies to start a campaign to encourage their customers to responsibly dispose of their butts.

I welcome a response to my email

Thank you for our excellent park system,

Wendy Engler

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Newport, OR 97365

From: [Sammy Railsback](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: beach smoking in Oregon
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 8:36:25 AM

enough is enough! I frequent many Oregon beaches and have never had to breathe second-hand smoke. in case nobody has noticed, we have breezes/winds daily. It's nearly impossible to find enough smoke to threaten someone else's health. Neither have I seen beaches or closely surrounding areas littered with butts. smoking has already been banned in some ridiculous areas. It's rather amusing to converse with anti-smokers - - while breathing smoke from their cooking grills and campfires.

From: [michele riley](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach smoking ban
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 10:50:55 AM

Thank you for considering this ban. As a SOLV volunteer and private litter pick-up person I wholeheartedly support this ban. I have seen and picked up many, many cigarette butts littering our beautiful beaches on the Central Oregon Coast. It is sad that smokers do not pick up after themselves and our marine life suffer because of it. If you have seen the Washed Ashore exhibits you see the danger that plastics in our oceans cause marine mammals and birds and cigarette debris does similar damage.

I know people think that this is a slippery slope to Big Brother and a police state but I disagree. And more trash cans is not the answer. Each vehicle has an ashtray but many smokers do not use those either and use anywhere they happen to be as their own personal dump. I find not only cigarette butts but the cellophane of cigarette packs and the packs themselves too. If smokers cared about others they would use the trash cans and ashtrays to dispose of the waste.

I am a 20 plus year victim of second hand smoke from my own parents as well as work environments with lax smoking rules pre-Oregon's ban on smoking in workplaces. I am also married to someone with asthma and smoking is a major trigger for an asthma attack for him, we have had to move away from smoking people on the beach to avoid this potential danger. So anything that can be done to prevent anyone having to suffer from others thoughtless and careless behavior where cigarettes are concerned--be they human or marine mammal or avian, let us do it to protect all of us. If smokers thought more or cared more they wouldn't smoke in the first place.

When I see Oregon's beaches, beautiful, pristine, awe-inspiring the last thing I think of is how to ruin that with litter or worse to pollute that by smoking. I think how can I keep this this way forever for all to enjoy in its glory and splendor. See, I know how precious our coast is, why doesn't everyone?

Ban smoking from our coastline please. Many thanks for bringing this up as an option, hope it passes.

Respectfully,

Michele Riley
541-765-2899

From: [Jennifer VINES](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Public comment regarding smoking ban
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 11:04:37 AM

Dear Mr. Walkoski:

As a public health physician and mother, I strongly support rules to restrict the smoking of tobacco products on the Oregon Shore Recreation Area. I also strongly urge you to include electronic cigarettes and all forms of vaping devices in your definitions of tobacco products.

Such rules will help keep our beaches clean, but even more importantly, will help give kids a healthy place to play and to see healthy role models. It turns out that restricting smoking in places children frequent can be a powerful way to change social norms and what kids see as socially acceptable adult behaviors.

Keeping kids and young adults from using nicotine or tobacco must be a broad and ongoing statewide effort.

Tobacco use is the number one preventable cause of death and disease in Oregon. Public health officials report tobacco use kills 7,000 Oregonians and costs the people of the state \$2.5 billion a year. All told, the burden of tobacco use equals \$1,600 a year per Oregon household.

To be sure, education and effective public health strategies have helped decrease cigarette smoking among adults and young people. Nonetheless, as the tobacco industry has introduced new products and delivery devices, both groups are increasingly using cigars, cigarillos, roll-your-own, hookah, and e-cigarettes - an important reason for including them in your ban.

Please restrict smoking of tobacco products on our beaches for the good of the public's health.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Vines, MD, MPH
Deputy Health Officer
Multnomah County Health Department

From: [Miller Shana M](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Beach smoking ban
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 1:15:20 PM

I am against banning smoking on Oregon beaches for multiple reasons. First of all this is a "Nanny" type law and the government needs to quit telling its citizens how to live their lives. Those citizens, who are rude and disrespectful of others, will still continue to be rude and disrespectful of others, smokers and non-smokers alike. It is way past time to quit discriminating against smokers. Yes, I said discriminate. Per the definition it is an action that denies social participation or human rights to categories of people based on prejudice. Multiple laws have gone into effect to restrict where people can smoke. Some are common sense and some are a little extreme. We have been pushed to smoke outdoors in the work place. I don't mind, except for the fact I am treated like a second class citizen and not even provided consideration for a shelter from the weather and it puts me in direct contact with non-smokers walking down the sidewalk, who in turn make derogatory remarks. We are banned from smoking in bars and restaurants; ironically, a lot of non-smokers come out and socialize with the smokers. Unable to smoke in our own homes as most landlords now require this, but when we smoke outdoors, our non-smoking neighbors have a complete fit: slamming windows, making rude comments and complaining to management. If children are present, we can't smoke in cars, which is common sense. We must ensure we are at least 10 feet from any business doorway, which can be challenging at times. Even when I make an effort to be away from others, there is always some self-righteous person who will make a point to walk by me and make derogatory comments. My point is, we have been pushed outdoors, but that still isn't good enough for non-smokers who have gotten zealous in their pursuit to punish smokers.

Prior to submitting my opinion I looked at online responses from the public on various newspapers in the state. The main reasons for those who support it were: 1) cigarette butt litter. 2) Second hand smoke. 3) Children and children with asthma. 4) Parks and Recreation are concerned that the February ban in the wooded parks will push people to the Beach.

The issue of cigarette butt litter is not a smoking on the beach issue, it is a litter issue. This seemed to be the number one complaint I saw online. Smokers and non-smokers litter, we have all seen it. I personally pocket the cigarette butts when done and most people I know do as well. Apparently, if there is a large amount of litter of any type on the beach, this means our litter laws are not being enforced. If they aren't being enforced, how do you possibly expect to enforce people not to smoke on the beach? This in itself makes banning from the beach ridiculous. I also question this defense. What is the ratio of cigarette butts to other litter on the beach?

In regards to second hand smoke on the beach, children and children who has asthma. I find this ridiculous as well. First of all the beach is more often than not, extremely windy. This causes the smoke to usually rise and dissipate quickly. Our beaches are not extremely populated like California's beaches, so it is very easy to stay away from others on the beach, unless they purposely walk by you. At that point, I feel, it isn't the smoker's problem. Fires on the beach are more noxious than cigarette smoke and I have seen people even burn their plastic products in the fire, which makes it worse. Ironically, I have never seen anyone get a ticket for this. As a smoker I make a point to stay away from children when I smoke. It is not my problem, nor is it my responsibility anymore when I child runs up to or by me and comes in contact with my cigarette smoke. A responsible parent would talk with their child about staying away from those who smoke and explain their reason why, especially a child who has a repertory condition. Unfortunately, those who have

chosen to have children feel everyone should monitor themselves around their children and take no responsibility at education at all.

As for the Parks and Recreation concern that the February ban in the wooded parks will push people to the Beach, what study is this actually based on? Otherwise it is pure conjecture and doesn't even dignify a response.

In addition to my online research on the issues of smoking on the beach, I actually went to the beach this last weekend, August 22nd thru the 24th and camped at South Beach, just outside of Newport. There are a total of 312 sites on the campground and a large amount of park employees and hosts who run the camp. From the campground you have to walk at least ½ mile to get to the beach. From there, I walked about ¾ a mile along the waterline and walked next to the dunes on the way back and this is what I found:

On the trail: One pile of dog doo not picked up. 3 bags of dog doo left on the side of the trail. I passed several people on the trail.

On the beach: Huge mound of horse doo not picked up. Under a log, 2 glass bottles, one broken. 1 cigarette butt (yes, that is right 1). Whole time on the beach I didn't even come close to anyone else on the beach, and I was not trying to avoid people what so ever.

My conclusion in regards to this walk is as follows: It makes sense to ban smoking on the trails to and from the beach as it would be difficult to avoid non-smokers. Banning smoking on the beach itself is not necessary as there is plenty of space for all to avoid each other. To ban it would require a smoker to walk a ½ a mile to get to an area they can smoke, this is completely unreasonable. Encourage all beach goers to embrace the "Leave no trace behind" concept, both at beach and in the woods. Trash cans need to be placed at the trail head as well as the trail end. If Parks and Recreation can't manage to maintain trash cans, how do they purpose to regulate cigarette smoking? Lastly, there really needs to be some bathrooms, where in the world are people expected to go when they are on the beach? I realize not all beaches take that long to get to, but regardless of the beach in Oregon, smokers and non-smokers can pretty much avoid each other if they so choose.

I realize the task to limit smoking on government property was set by the Governor. It was recently brought to my attention, unsure if it is true or not, that the Governor occasionally smokes cigars. I was told he is currently residing in Mahonia Hall, which is also public state property. Does he or his guests smoke on the property? If so, I find this wrong, he should be setting an example for all Oregonians.

Please stop the discrimination towards smokers. We pay taxes towards the parks and cigarettes plus we must follow a multitude of laws that restrict and demoralize us.

Lastly, I have found two websites that have live beach cams that you can look at to verify that there is plenty of room on the beaches for both smokers and non-smokers:

<http://www.oregonsurf.com/pages/cams.html>

<http://www.northwestwebcams.com/oregon-web-cams.shtm>

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From: bensin46@comcast.net
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban on Oregon Beaches
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 3:59:51 PM

Enforcing the Litter Law would be the same thing as creating a new law prohibiting smoking on Oregon's public beaches.

I am a smoker who obeys the Oregon Litter Law and would never leave a cigarette filter laying on the beach, the street, or anywhere else. I even carry a plastic baggie with me so that I can dispose of the filter in a garbage container. This new law is just a duplicate of the Oregon litter law which is already in place and is trying to be passed by groups of people who are determined to create unnecessary laws. If a person is seen leaving a cigarette butt then they can already be written a ticket for littering.

I was born in Oregon 68 years ago and am very proud of my State, but also feel that I am entitled to smoke on a public Beach, and also feel that it is my duty to not leave litter in public areas. I follow the Oregon litter law and if I should leave a cigarette butt on the beach or on the street then I would be breaking the law and would deserve to be given a ticket for littering. This is just another useless law trying to be passed that is targeted to Smokers.

If I were a non-smoker I would feel the same way, as long as I follow the current laws against littering, which include many other items besides cigarette butts, then it is senseless to create another law, except that this new proposed law would be targeted against cigarette smokers Only....

Enough of this useless spending to create duplicate laws.

Darlene Bensin
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From: [Jane Holbrook](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: APPROVE SMOKE-FREE BEACHES!
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 5:40:50 PM

As a 20 year resident of Lincoln City I can attest to the damage done by smokers on our beaches. Cigarette butts are the largest category of beach trash. I know this because for locals, "every day is beach cleanup day."

I'm a volunteer with both the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network and OSP Fish & Wildlife and can attest to the harm cigarettes have on our coastal wildlife. Native birds choke on cigarette butts and marine mammals are impacted by the casual attitude towards litter, most of which begins with dropping the remains of cigarettes.

Also, I am tired of being downwind of smokers. Even on the windiest days the smoke still blows into other people trying to enjoy their day at the beach. I have personally had to move multiple times to get away from smokers. Don't be taken in by claims that the smoke is blown away. This is emphatically untrue. With the public beach accesses being used by more and more people, this issue becomes more important.

PLEASE TAKE THE STAND TO ELIMINATE SMOKING ON OREGON BEACHES. The wildlife and people will benefit.

Sincerely,
Jane Holbrook
1051 SW 8th St
Lincoln City, Or
541-994-7747

From: [peggy maddron](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Public Beaches
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 8:57:37 AM

I do not agree with the ban on smoking. If the issue is littering, then provide fines and rules about littering. We have problems every year on Oregon's beaches from truly offensive and dangerous bacteria levels. One of the known causes is dog feces. I do not hear any proposal to ban dogs. It would make better sense to invest in litter pick up efforts. Many beaches do not even have garbage cans at the parking areas.

Another grave concern is sewage spills from outdated septic systems at our County and State Parks impacting our beaches. This pollution is harmful to all life.

If we are going to invest time and energy into trying to make Oregon's beaches habitable, we have much more important work to be done than banning smoking.

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Peggy Kramer- Maddron

From: [Peggy Ridings](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban - Oregon Beaches
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 10:23:36 AM

I am opposed to any sort of smoking ban on the Oregon beaches. Cigarette butts are the least of Oregon's litter problem on the beaches. This is a small group of overzealous people organizing to ban smoking completely in the state of Oregon, doing a little bit at a time, and I would like to voice my opposition to any ban.

Thank you.

Peggy Ridings
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Sent from my iPhone

From: klignonpixie2@gmail.com
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on Oregon state beaches
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 10:38:01 AM

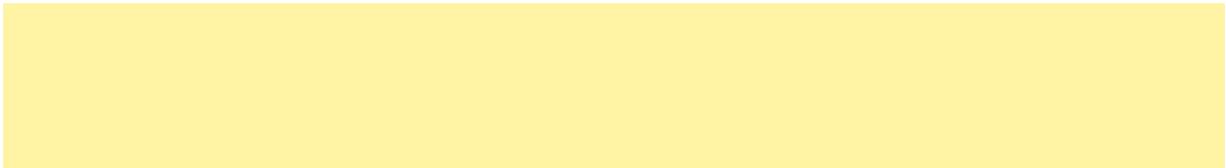
Hello,

It is my opinion that smoking should be prohibited on state beaches because of the litter created by the butts and packaging. If you notice, the litter that any of us see the most of on the beaches is cigarette butts and packaging for tobacco products. Cigarette butts have people's saliva on them, thus causing the possibility of transmission of disease and illness .

It is my hope that you will rule in favor of prohibition of tobacco products on the state beaches, thus creating a more safe and pleasurable experience for all of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jan and Don Cherry
Roseburg, OR



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From: [Diana Dickey](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smokefree Ocean Beaches
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 1:51:40 PM

I am writing today to let you know of my support for rule making that would make Oregon's beaches smokefree. This step would greatly complement Oregon's commitment to public beaches, and help ensure our beaches are safe, clean and accessible for Oregon residents and visitors. As a frequent visitor to the Oregon Coast, I believe there are several benefits to making our beaches smokefree:

Smokefree beaches would prevent users from exposure to secondhand smoke. Even outdoors, secondhand smoke can have negative immediate health effects, especially for those who suffer from asthma and similar conditions.

Cigarette litter is bad for wildlife and the environment. Cigarette butts can take many years to biodegrade, if at all, and can cause harm to children and animals who ingest them.

Smokefree beaches would promote healthy outdoor recreation and help protect youth from exposure to dangerous emerging products, especially with the possibility of legalized recreational marijuana.

Smokefree beaches will save the taxpayers money by lowering maintenance costs, as well as valuable volunteer time for beach clean-ups.

Thank you for considering this rule change. Many parks, government jurisdictions, and private organizations have passed smokefree initiatives and it would be a great benefit to the health and well being of all Oregonians if the coastal beaches were also smokefree.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Dickey
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From: [Colin H](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 6:33:00 AM

Being a smoker is not what I dreamed of being when I grew up,non the less after many failed attempts I am still a smoker. I have a hard time grasping your proposed ban on all ocean beaches.The one bad apple theory comes to mind when a small group of people ruin it for everyone. The way I see it you should also "ban" all drinking containers like bottled water,soda cans,beer containers,trash washed up on shore because I`m sure someone can blame someone out there for doing it. Oh and while your at it please,please ban bird poop I just hate seeing that stuff.

P.S.

Please ban drift wood & sneaker waves because people keep getting hurt.

Thanks,
Colin Haddock,registered Voter.

From: [Thomas Lancefield](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: I Fail to See the Necessity
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 8:39:23 AM

Dear Parks Commission,

I didn't see the need to restrict smoking areas in state parks - much less, on public beaches in Oregon. I haven't been a smoker for 25 years. I participate in the annual SOLV cleanups, but do so on inland waterways, not at the beach. People do flick their butts, but I just don't see the problem being that big, or that serious, to warrant yet another restriction of liberty. I suspect the deal is done, and this comment phase is pretty much window dressing...that's how it went with the state parks smoking proposal.

- Tom Lancefield
Salem

From: [Bob.Woodward](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Cc: [Bob.Woodward](#)
Subject: OPRD Beach Smoking Ban Comments
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 11:46:07 AM

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

My name is Bob Woodward and I am from Beaverton, OR.

World-wide 4.5 trillion cigarettes are tossed each year. If a conservative 80% of the cigarettes tossed have a filter, we have 4 Trillion filtered cigarettes tossed. My research tells me that it can take up to 25 years to break down a single cigarette filter. Do the math; 4 Trillion X 25 years gives you a potential of 100 Trillion cigarette filters existing in some form in the environment at any one time.

The more I think about this situation, the more frustrated I get. It has been observed there are people that will make a great effort to pick up all their beach picnic garbage and lug it back to parking lot trashcans, but those very same people will think nothing about tossing a cigarette butts onto the sand. This clearly demonstrates the need for education; but, education programs cost money. If this Smoking Ban is approved, we will need to put up hundreds of signs along the 360 miles of beaches to notify the public of the new ban; but, signs cost money. Where would all this money come from? I venture to guess, it would be our hard earned Tax Dollars and I am not at all happy with that total waste of money!

I pay my taxes every year and I am tired of seeing this money spent on projects the likes of education programs simply to teach inconsiderate smokers the total consequences of their addiction and the common courtesy of properly disposing their cigarette butts. I would much rather see my tax dollars go to prepare our degrading infrastructure to the inevitable earthquake that will harm our economy like the recent one in Napa, CA. We have far more urgent uses for Oregonian's tax dollars. Putting up hundreds of smoking ban signs on Oregon Beaches and funding education programs that teach what most of us consider a common sense courtesy we should have learned from our parents is simply not one of them.

I would respectfully suggest there is an alternate solution that pays for itself without a single tax payer dollar. This solution gets 100% of its funding from the people responsible for causing the problem in the first place. This plan is modeled after the San Francisco Cigarette Litter Abatement Fee Ordinance of June 2009. Under that plan San Francisco added a 1 cent per cigarette fee on every single cigarette sold in the city. It was noted in its enactment, **"As a regulatory fee, and not a tax, any State or City tax requirements are not applicable."** With this fee, they were able

to raise \$5,000,000 to specifically fund efforts to pick up cigarette butts.

I would suggest Oregon pass a similar ordinance with the following modifications using a two phase implementation approach:

Phase 1: The Filter Fee Collection

- • I would suggest a much more substantial fee of 3 to 5 cents per cigarette, translating to 60 cents to \$1 per pack. This fee would help fund Phase 2 and would make it prohibitively expensive for teenagers to start smoking in the first place. I realize this will make current smokers will kick and scream all the way to the check-out stand, but they will eventually thank you in the end if this will give them the financial incentive to quit smoking for good.
- • These fees would be collected at the time the cigarettes receive the Oregon Cigarette Stamp allowing the cigarettes be sold in Oregon.
- • I would strongly recommend collecting these fees on filtered cigarettes and plastic tipped cigars only. The non-biodegradable plastic in the filter is the focus of the issue here and therefore non-filtered cigarettes should be exempt. Assuming retailers would only adjust the price of the filtered cigarettes affected by the fee to recover the costs, smokers would have the choice to pay less for non-filtered cigarettes and still feed their addiction at no additional cost.
- • Lastly; if this helps push tobacco manufacturers to develop or employ a truly biodegradable filters like those developed by Greenbutts (see below) that are said to biodegrade in only a matter days; they could apply for a reduced fee based on the results of biodegradability tests performed by the State of Oregon at the manufacturers expense.

Phase 2: Recycling Program

- • Another reason for the higher fee per filter would be to fund an infrastructure similar to the "bottle bill", with this one targeting a recycling program for cigarette filters.
- • According to Terracycle Inc. out of Trenton NJ, cigarette butts are 100% recyclable. They already have an agreement with New Orleans, paying the city \$4 per pound for cigarette litter recovered.
- • If the filter fee was substantial enough we could fund setting up collection kiosks to pay anyone a "per-pound" recycling rebate to collect and return cigarette litter.
- • The plastic in the filters can be retasked into useful products like shipping pallets and sold to cover any balance of the State's project costs plus generate a small profit.

Bottom-line: I do not believe a total ban on smoking is in the best interest of the public, nor is it worthy of a single tax dollar. It has been mentioned that there are only 5 rangers to patrol all of Oregon's ocean beaches, so there is no reasonable expectation that writing citations will do anything to reduce the problem. It is expected that a law to ban smoking will raise awareness and miraculously cause smokers to "self-comply" out of guilt. I believe this to be naive and wishful thinking. Any one that knows someone that smokes more than a pack-a-day understands that with indoor smoking bans in place, smokers take every opportunity they can to satisfy their fix when outdoors. The inevitable result of this ban will put non-smokers into the unenviable position of filling in for the absent Beach Ranger by trying to inform the violators of the new ban. Realistically, they would not say a thing in the first place unless they are pushed to some level of frustration. When you put one frustrated citizen in a confrontation with a violating smoker that is angry at being told they cannot smoke in yet another public location; I believe we will experience a new twist on road rage called "beach rage" where some level of physical violence will eventually happen.

I am a realist; I truly believe a ban would "initially" reduce cigarette litter on beaches, if only because of the publicity campaign blitz our tax dollars will fund announcing the ban. I do not believe this will be effective for long. Sometime in the near future; when the story disappears out of the headlines and the non-smokers give up trying to politely remind the violators, the smokers will simply start tossing again and we are back to square one with millions of Oregon's hard-earned tax dollars totally wasted.

I beg you to base your final decision on the minimal and most effective use Oregon's tax dollars. I strongly believe you have an opportunity to provide a solution that pays for itself; makes those that cause the problem totally accountable for the solution; gets the toxic butts out of our water and landfills; and could potentially provide a revenue source for the State of Oregon to fund much more urgent programs.

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From: [Autopilotpatty Poppy](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: smoking on beaches in Oregon
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 12:04:30 PM

I am not a smoker but it seems to me that banning smoking on our beaches is not the solution. Educating the public of how cigarette products pollute our beaches and harm wildlife would be a more reasonable solution. Signs reminding people not to throw away their smoking product trash seems to be a much more sensible way to handle this. Let's be reasonable and use some logic about this. Everything could be banned but there are still going to be people who throw away things, those who do not respect the environment and those who do not care how their actions affect others. Let's be reasonable and educate, educate, educate, instead creating a nearly impossible-to-enforce law that is only going to cause our law enforcement community more work. The wishes of a small minority of people should not take precedent over our daily lives.

Patricia Whitaker
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From: [Beth MOLINE](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Letter Submission for Smoking Ban on Oregon Beaches
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 2:17:19 PM
Attachments: [MCHD Smoking Ban on Oregon Beaches.pdf](#)

Please find the attached letter signed by Loreen Nichols, Director of Community Health Services.

Beth Moline

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From: [Benny Nagel](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban on Oregon Beaches:
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 2:23:24 PM

I DO-NOT think that the St. of Oregon, should stop smoking on Oregon Beaches. The State of Oregon, should PERHAPS PUT A VERY-HIGH fine on THOSE PERSONS THAT DISCARD (ANY FORM) of LITER on our BEACHES,STREETS, and/or HIGHWAYS. Benjamin A. Nagel Sr. 1911 Grant Street, North Bend, Oregon 97459 8/28/14 1423

From: [Charlie Plybon](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Proposed Rule to Restrict Smoking on Public Beaches
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 4:29:24 PM
Attachments: [OPRD Public Comment Smoke Free Beaches Surfrider.pdf](#)

On behalf of our Oregon members, volunteers and chapters, please find the attached comments on Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's proposed rule to restrict smoking on public beaches.

Charlie Plybon
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Protect our oceans, waves and beaches [join Surfrider Foundation](#) today!

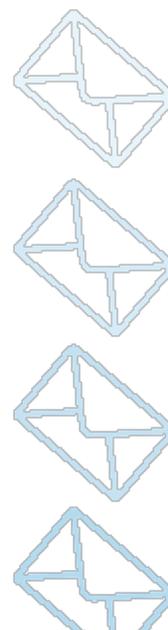
From: [Missey](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking on beaches
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 4:31:45 PM

What are you all thinking!! This has got to be one of the most stupid laws that has come to mind in years. We go to the beach all the time and not once has cigarette smoke bothered me (we are non-smokers). Maybe you should spend some time on *our* beaches and then tell me when cigarette smoke is a problem.

You talk about cigarette butts littering the beach, who are you kidding? Are you so blind that you can't see the bottles, cans, plastic bags, bottle caps, plastic sandwich bags etc and the dog poop on the beach? Let's ban them all!

Please don't ban smoking on the beaches as I think there are more productive things you should be doing.

Thanks for your time,
Missey Straight



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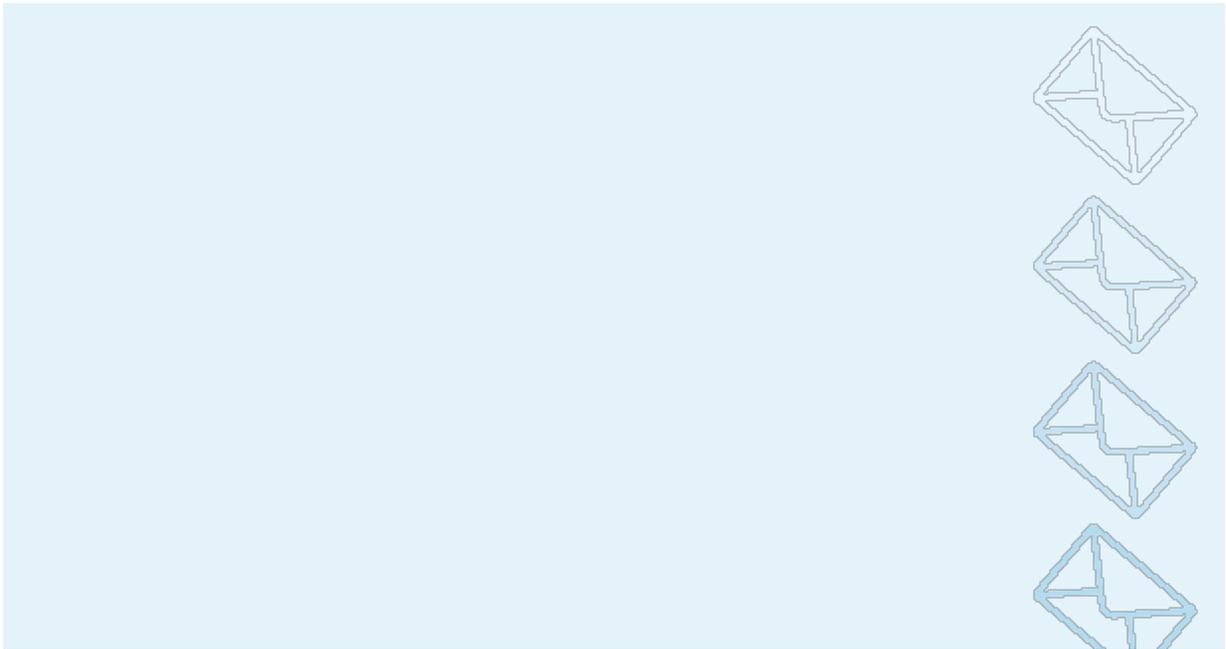
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From: [kivo](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: DO NOT BAN SMOKING ON BEACHES
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 4:41:11 PM

Please do not ban smoking on beaches. I am a smoker and am very considerate of people around me. We go to the beach to have fun and enjoy the ocean. We don't bury our butts in the sand we carry them out. I pay hundreds of dollars a year in cigarette taxes to the State of Oregon and feel like you want my money but only want me to smoke in the privacy of my own home.

Pleas allow me one last place that I can smoke in the great outdoors of Oregon and not feel threatened. (by the way, if you haven't been to beach the wind blows almost all time and the smoke goes away, even from those big campfires!)

Kivo Levere



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From: [Christy Inskip](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smokefree Oregon Ocean Shores & Recreation Areas
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 8:56:49 PM

I strongly support Oregon Parks and Recreation Department in making our Oregon ocean shores and recreation areas, including beaches, smoke-free! I commend Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Executive Committee and Commission for taking a stand for Oregon residents, wildlife, and the environment by making state parks smoke-free, and I wait in anxious anticipation of smoke-free beaches. I am a resident of Lane County, Oregon, and my family and I visit the Oregon beaches quite often to play, hike, explore, picnic, camp, and photograph. We moved here from landlocked Missouri and really enjoy and look forward to taking our visiting friends and family to the awe-strikingly beautiful shores of Oregon.

However, we are extremely bothered by secondhand smoke. It negatively impacts our health, affecting our respiratory and circulatory systems and giving us migraines. When someone is smoking, it doesn't dissipate outside like some think. When we are exposed to secondhand smoke it turns our fun family day into a negative beach experience. According to several surveys, the majority of people support outdoor smoke-free places, and like many of them we tend to avoid places where people smoke. We have a right to use the public beaches, too, and a right to breathe clean air.

There is a lot of evidence that tobacco-free places help create a positive social norm for our kids so they don't start using and get addicted to tobacco and that tobacco-free places support and help people quit tobacco (and 3 out of 4 people want to quit smoking).

Positive social norms that don't support addiction are really important to our family. We encourage you to go a step further and comprehensively make our beaches tobacco-free, not just smoke-free. That is the trend across Oregon and the nation - tobacco-free parks and outdoor places (that include e-cigarettes). Please also include electronic cigarettes. The harmful secondhand aerosol from these devices bother us as well.

We are also bothered by the cigarette butt litter, which is the #1 beach litter and is expensive to clean up. Cigarette butts contain many carcinogenic and toxic chemicals, which harm the environment and the wildlife.

Please preserve and protect our ocean shore by making them smoke- and tobacco-free, and by doing so you will also be promoting the health of Oregonians, our communities, and the bottom line.

Thank you,
Christy Inskip

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Cottage Grove, OR

From: [Pappalardo, Vincent J](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Division 21
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014 9:51:41 PM

I would like you to include the ban on smoking to include public beaches. Besides the litter issues it poses public health issues. I am a smoke sensitive person. Just traces amounts of cigarette smoke can cause headaches. The flat open area of a beach carries cigarette smoke far distances if you are downwind. This is especially important to me since my home residence fronts Agate Beach. Please extend the smoking ban to include beaches.

Regards,

Vince Pappalardo
Newport

From: [mark.oakley](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 9:10:35 AM

It is disturbing to me that every time there is an issue for whatever reason, the first and easiest solution for the city/county/state is to "ban" something; let's ban for everyone for what a few do. I agree that finding cigarette butts on the beach is offensive. I also find Styrofoam all over offensive so let's ban all Styrofoam. I find dog feces offensive, so let's ban dogs too. We can go on and on. Why ban one thing and not the others? It makes no sense to me. Banning is not the answer. Education and public participation/pressure is the answer. I am a responsible Oregonian. I am a smoker but I rarely if ever smoke on a beach. I do though, always pick up my trash, as well as any trash I see on the beaches. If cigarette butts on the beaches were the only offensive trash you wouldn't need so many volunteers for Oregon's annual beach cleanup.

Please rethink this proposal.

Best regards,

Judi Dean-Oakley
Portland, Oregon

From: [Penny Pritchard](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Cc: [Thomas Kuhn](#); [WESTON TARA E](#)
Subject: Public Comment for a smoke-free policy on Oregon beaches
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 11:57:33 AM
Attachments: [Deschutes OPRD Public Comment 08-2014.pdf](#)

To whom it may concern,

Please see the attached public comment from Deschutes County Health Services on proposed rules regarding a smoke-free policy for Oregon State Parks including coastal beaches.

Thank you for your time.

Penny Pritchard, MPH
Tobacco Prevention Coordinator
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NOTE: If you or someone you know wants to quit using tobacco products call the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line! | 1-800-QUIT-NOW | www.quitnow.net/oregon/

All Deschutes County Properties are a tobacco-free ~Thank you for NOT using tobacco during your visit and politely asking others to do the same!

From: [Virginia M. Elandt](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Public Comment - OAR 736-021-0100: Proposed Tobacco Restrictions on the Ocean Shore State Recreation Area
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 12:26:26 PM
Attachments: [PH letter RE Oregon Smoke free beaches.pdf](#)

Please find attached my public comment in support of OAR 736-021-0100 - Proposed Tobacco Restrictions on the Ocean Shore State Recreation Area.

Respectfully,

Virginia Elandt, Healthy Communities/Tobacco Prevention Coordinator

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

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From: [Lori Butcher](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: ban smoking on beaches
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 12:48:56 PM

I support a ban on smoking on Oregon Beaches. It's still a health hazard for many, myself included, and a nuisance to other non smokers to breathe it. It's not magically gone just because it's outside. But the butts on the beaches are disgusting. I've never seen a smoker that didn't just throw the butt down on the sand.

Lori Butcher

From: [Brenda Clark](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Smoking Ban on Beaches
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 2:00:33 PM

Smoking should NOT be banned on public beaches in Oregon. Oregon prides itself on free enjoyment of the beaches -- let's just keep it that way. We don't need more regulations that are overkill. And smokers should get to enjoy beaches as well as anyone else.

I've heard in several of the meetings that litter is a big issue and cigarette butts are a big proportion of the litter. But we already have rules about not littering -- enforce those if you're trying to get at that problem. And I'm betting that some percentage of those butts aren't dropped by people smoking but come from things that wash ashore. No way to enforce anything against things that just wash up.

Smoking isn't likely to bother anyone on an open beach -- secondhand smoke needs to be in a confined space to be a hazard and our beaches luckily are not that crowded.

From: [Helen Mirsky](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban smoking on Oregon beaches
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 3:07:59 PM

Absolutely yes it should be banned
During a beach clean up there are more
The cigarette butts than any other junk
Yes ban them

From: [Sonny & Shelle N](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Ban Smoking on OUR Beaches!
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 3:21:51 PM

We love the Oregon Coast! It's one of our very favorite places to be. But someone smoking near us can ruin it! We're there, in part, to enjoy the fresh air, when suddenly we get a very unpleasant whiff of tobacco smoke. And we hate seeing cigarette butts in the sand. How ugly!

Please help make our beaches the beautiful, peaceful place they're meant to be!

- Shelle Anderson & family :)

From: [Newport Chair](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Our Beaches are Not Ashtrays - petition attached
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 3:51:56 PM
Attachments: [HOTYB.pdf](#)

Thank you for including this petition in your public comments.

Beth Hawkyard

From: [Erin And Justin](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Subject: Stop smoking in state parks
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 4:45:57 PM

To whom it may concern,
Please stop the smoking in state parks. Today we were at the lake all day in honeyman state park. The lake is covered with children and people. On a few occasions people would smoke on the beach around everyone. It is inconsiderate and should not be allowed around children and groups of people. Thank you for considering this action.

Sincerely,
Erin Linton.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susan Davidson](#)
To: [PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD](#)
Cc: [Richard Walkoski](#); [Susan Davidson](#)
Subject: Oregon Parks & Rec Dept. ~ Proposed Smoking Ban on the Oregon Coast?
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 4:57:39 PM

Dear Governor Kitzhaber and OPRD:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my perspective, my history on the Oregon coast and offer some good insight, my concerns and possible solutions to your proposed ban on cigarette smoking on the beaches of our coastline in Oregon.

I do not smoke and I am NOT in favor of proposed ban.

Do I believe that cigarette butts are toxic? yes. A problem, yes. So is plastic, styrofoam, food wrappers, dog and horse poop and tsunami debris. This "litter" is not just at the beachside, its everywhere, all over every city in Oregon.

First, I would like to be the newest member appointed to the current 7 member volunteer committee that has the responsibility of making this decision for our State.

Since I have attended ALL 4 public hearings, which I understand are recorded and available to the public for listening, I will be brief in this letter.

In the month since I was made aware of this proposed ban, I took it upon myself to do some volunteer research of my own, along with attending all 4 public hearings.

My History:

Grandparents came to the Oregon coast 85 years ago to Depoe Bay, where my mother grew up. They lived/owned the famous Finisterre Lodges. My grandparents later moved to Coos Bay/North Bend area, where they retired, my parents married in Coos Bay. I am born & raised native Oregonian and have spent my entire life playing on the beaches of the central Oregon coast from Tillamook to Coos Bay. This is my third year of living permanently in Newport, my sixth year of part-time in Newport, commuting from Portland where I lived the last 21 years. I have had my own business for over 25 years in practicing and teaching preventative health and wellness, I care about the health of our people and our beautiful State.

In all my years spent on the beaches as a child and now as adult, I personally have never seen anyone smoke on the beach, nor smelled cigarette smoke on the beach. Campfire smoke? yes. TOXIC LAUNDRY SOAP & DRYER SHEETS on People, sadly yes. I am more affected by that smell wafting up & down the beaches and streets everywhere people are.

The beach is my playground, my sanctuary, where I get my daily exercise, and where I spend at least 15+ hours a week on the beach hunting treasures and picking up trash. I'm also fortunate to live "lands end" in Nye Beach. This August, while I have worked out of town 12 days, I have spent **30 hours** on the beach this month so far.

I have traveled north on Hwy 101 to Seaside and south to Coos Bay/North Bend to Sunset Bay, Charleston to see for myself what was happening on the coast in regards to this ban, talk to Rangers, people at the beach and in the city, collected trash while looking for cigarette butts or people smoking.

Here are my findings:

August 1st - 19th: On the beaches between South Beach-Taft/Lincoln City ~ found 14 cigarette butts

August 20th: Newport north to Seaside, 8 State Parks, Waysides to Seaside Public Library for 7pm meeting.

Picked up 33 cigarette butts, paper, beer bottle caps. Seaside the 'city' was littered heavily all over with cigarette butts, *hundreds* in front of the Broadway Public Park restroom. This was only my second time to Seaside, the first, 24 years ago. What I found was huge growth in pollution and was quite surprised at the amount of litter strewn all over town.

August 21-25th: South Beach and Nye Beach in Newport: picked up litter and cigarette butts, 12-pack of beer cans, Starbucks, McDonald's and dutch bros. plastic cup, candy wrappers, styrofoam, and a halloween plastic bucket I have noticed that litter of all kind is mostly at the main public entrances onto the beaches and much worse on Monday morning's after a "tourist/visitor" weekend.

August 26th: Newport South to Coos Bay, North Bend & Sunset Bay at Charleston, 8 State Parks & Waysides to Coosbay for 7pm meeting.

Much less trash south of Newport vs. north to Seaside. Still, 23 cigarette butts, food wrappers, etc.

August 28th: Nye Beach on my way to Salem for 7pm meeting:

23 cigarette butts, styrofoam, plastic, candy wrappers, 1 flip-flop.

Out of all cigarette butts found in parking lots and on the way to the sandy beaches, ***ONLY 3 Cigarettes were found ON THE BEACH!***

The "brands" I found were: Marlboro, Camel & Pall Mall. Of the 3 girls I found to smoke near the ocean, 1 was local, and the 1 who littered the butts on the ground, a teenager.

What I didn't see on my rambles up and down the coast? "NO Cigarette Ash Trays or Receptacles"

Do you think this could be part of the issue? When we voted NO Smoking in buildings 5 years ago, everyone picked up their ash trays from inside & OUTSIDE their buildings and businesses! Personally, I think the ash trays ran off with the telephone booths.

Ok...yes, I did see 1 ash tray...at D River Wayside

My Suggestions:

We already HAVE in place the Education resources to help educate our own citizens in Oregon as well as the people who visit from afar.

* Jr. Ranger Program with the State Parks Department

* Devocean to the Ocean Education program in the Oregon Coast Schools, already in place and working ~ Give them more Funding!

- * Bring the "Pixieland Pixies" out of the garage, create a cute little jingle to educate, AND some butt receptacles out to collect trash. The North Lincoln County Historical Society is currently using Pixieland in their advertising.
- * The Health Department's time would be better spent on many other things!

My Concerns:

- * Are that this is not a 'public' vote, that the current 7 member volunteer committee, of which ONLY 2 live on the coast?
Are they Native Oregonians?, Do they spend time on our beaches?
- * Does this 'proposed ban' have anything to do with the November election to legalize Marijuana?
- * How much will it cost to fund People, Advertising & Enforcing this proposed law?
- * Our Founding Fathers of our State DID put legislation in place when they said, "NO Local selfish interest, through politics or otherwise, SHALL be permitted to destroy or even impair this great birthright of ours, OUR OCEAN BEACHES." With FREE un-interrupted use!

Please consider my observations and solutions, this is Oregon, WE ARE DIFFERENT here!

Thank you,

Susan Davidson
Newport & Portland