

Oregon State Board of Agriculture: Resolution Detail

Title

Coexistence of wolves and livestock on Oregon's rural landscape

Background

Whereas Oregon's livestock producers are major contributors to Oregon's economy and culture;

Whereas most of Oregon's wildlife habitat is privately owned by Oregon's livestock producers and farmers;

Whereas wolf re-colonization is subject to management and control by the State of Oregon and U.S. Fish and Wildlife;

Whereas Oregon's livestock producers endure losses and damage from wildlife, including predation by wolves;

Whereas Oregon's livestock producers have concern for the safety of their families and employees as it relates to the proximity of wolves to the livestock;

Whereas Oregon's livestock producers' goal is to manage the wolf population, not eliminate wolves in Oregon;

Whereas livestock predation and other management costs are caused by wolves and will continue to increase as wolf numbers and distribution increase;

Where the Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program provides important financial assistance to livestock producers who experience livestock loss and/or implement nonlethal wolf deterrent techniques;

Whereas wolf management is subject to different management and control standards than other predators, due to their protected status;

Whereas livestock producers have unaddressed and unresolved concerns regarding wolf recovery and management;

Whereas plain, certain, and science based rules; consistent policy, procedures, and standards are necessary to address livestock predation by wolves in Oregon;

Whereas the relationship between the State of Oregon and its livestock producers is stressed as a result of wolf management;

Whereas the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the State Board of Agriculture represents Oregon's livestock producers and supports the livestock industry;

Resolution

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Oregon State Board of Agriculture acknowledges the economic importance of the livestock industry in Oregon. The Oregon State Board of Agriculture supports, recommends, and encourages the implementation of plain, certain, and science-based rules; consistent policy, procedures, and standards that are necessary to address livestock predation by wolves in Oregon and, in particular, that authorize Oregon's livestock producers and their agents to use immediate lethal control when necessary to prevent livestock predation by wolves or those in the process of or attempting to kill any livestock according to the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. The Oregon State Board of Agriculture also supports and encourages full funding for the Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program.

Summary

Resolution Number

298

Subject

Predator Control

Resolution Date

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Date of Last Review

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Committee

Government Relations

Moved by

Tracey Liskey

Seconded by

Stephanie Hallock

Action

Passed Unanimously

Status

- Active
- Inactive
- Revise

Notes

This resolution replaces resolution #290. The resolution was reviewed and updated 11/30/2017.