

Roadkill salvage takes effect in Oregon

As of January 1, deer and elk struck by vehicles can be legally salvaged in Oregon using a free online permit available at www.odfw.com/roadkill.

A *Nugget* reader left a message Wednesday, January 2, reporting that he had seen a person salvaging what appeared to be a roadkill elk along Highway 20 between Black Butte Ranch and Indian Ford Road.

The change in law was required after the passage of Senate Bill 372 during the 2017 Oregon State Legislative session.

Following are the key regulations to follow to legally salvage a roadkilled deer or elk:

- The free online permit application found at www.odfw.com/roadkill must be submitted within 24 hours of salvaging a deer or elk. (Note that completing an online permit is not allowed until the animal is actually salvaged as specific information about location, date and time of salvage is required).
- Only deer and elk accidentally struck by a vehicle may be salvaged and for human consumption of the meat only. Intentionally

hitting a deer or elk remains unlawful.

- White-tailed deer may only be salvaged from Douglas County and east of the crest of the Cascade mountains because of the protected status for white-tailed deer in most of western Oregon.

- The entire carcass of the animal including gut piles must be removed from the road and road right-of-way during the salvage.

- Any person (not just the driver who struck the animal) may salvage a deer or elk killed by a vehicle.

- Only the driver of the vehicle that struck the animal may salvage an animal in cases where a deer or elk is injured and then humanely dispatched to alleviate suffering; law enforcement must also be immediately notified as required by state Statute (ORS 498.016).

- Antlers and head of all salvaged animals must be surrendered to an ODFW office within five business days of taking possession of the carcass; see office location list at www.odfw.com/roadkill and call ahead to schedule an appointment. (Tissue samples from the head will be tested as part

of the state's surveillance program for chronic wasting disease).

- While antlers and heads must be surrendered, other parts such as the hide may be kept by the roadkill salvage permit holder.

- Any person who salvages a deer or elk will consume the meat at their own risk. ODFW/OSP will not perform game meat inspections for any deer or elk salvaged under the roadkill permit program.

- The State of Oregon is also not liable for any loss or damage arising from the recovery, possession, use, transport or consumption of deer or elk salvaged.

- Sale of any part of the salvaged animal is prohibited, but transfer to another person will be allowed with a written record similar to transferring game meat.

The new rules apply only to deer and elk. It remains unlawful to salvage other game mammals including pronghorn antelope, bears and cougars. Find out more at www.odfw.com/roadkill.

Desert writing contest accepting entries

The Waterston Desert Writing Prize 2019 is now open for submissions. Applicants must submit online via Submittable through April 1.

The Prize honors creative nonfiction that illustrates artistic excellence, sensitivity to place, and desert literacy, with the desert as both subject and setting. Inspired by author and poet Ellen Waterston's love of the high desert of Central Oregon, a region that has been her muse for over 30 years, the Prize recognizes the vital role deserts play worldwide in the ecosystem and the human narrative.

Submission guidelines and a link to submit are available at www.waterstondesertwritingprize.org. The Prize winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award, a reading and reception at the High Desert Museum in Bend and a four-week residency at PLAYA in Summer Lake, Oregon.

Renowned Western historian, author and teacher Patty

Limerick will serve as guest judge for the 2019 contest. She will also participate in the "A Desert Conversation" panel at the Prize's annual award event on June 26, 2019 at the High Desert Museum.

Oregon Poet Laureate Kim Stafford and desert writer Bruce Berger will join Limerick on the panel. Limerick is the faculty director and chair of the board of the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado-Boulder, where she is also a professor of history. Limerick has dedicated her career to bridging the gap between academics and the general public and to demonstrating the benefits of applying historical perspective to contemporary dilemmas and conflicts.

For more information about the Waterston Desert Writing Prize, visit www.waterstondesertwritingprize.org or email info@waterstondesertwritingprize.org.

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