

Seattle judge expects to rule soon on wolf claims

By **DON JENKINS**
Capital Press

SEATTLE — A King County judge says he expects to rule in a week on a motion to dismiss claims that Washington Fish and Wildlife has been breaking the state’s fundamental environmental law every time it kills a wolf.

Fish and Wildlife says lethal control keeps the public from turning against wolves and resorting to poaching. Wolf advocates argue the state must study how killing wolves affects the environment.

After a 50-minute hearing Jan. 3, Superior Court Judge John McHale said he needs time to decide and anticipates issuing a ruling next Friday or the following Monday.

“I have work to do,” he said.

The lawsuit, similar to one pending in Thurston County, seeks to force Fish and Wildlife to stop killing wolves until it conducts a review under the State Environmental Policy Act. A SEPA review can take two or more years.

A Thurston County judge already has tossed out the SEPA claims, and Fish and Wildlife is seeking to duplicate that success in King County.

The two lawsuits also allege Fish and Wildlife violated the state’s Administrative Procedure Act by



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A King County, Wash., judge will rule in a week on the state Department of Fish and Wildlife’s protocol for culling wolves.

adopting its lethal-control policy without adequate reasons or public involvement. In both suits, that claim will be the subject of future hearings.

The dispute, being litigated in Western Washington courts, involves Fish and Wildlife actions in the eastern one-third of Washington. Wolves in Central and Western Washington are federally protected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which doesn’t shoot wolves for attacking livestock.

Fish and Wildlife argues killing wolves is exempt from SEPA because it has the responsibility to remove dangerous wildlife. It also argues that it did an environmental review before it adopted a wolf recov-

ery plan in 2011, and that shooting wolves to stop depredations was part of the plan.

Fish and Wildlife’s attorney, Joe Panesko, told Judge McHale that wolves are thriving in Eastern Washington. “The wolves have been recovering even with the lethal removals. There is no ecological disaster,” he said.

Panesko said the department dislikes killing. But if it didn’t, there would be more poaching, he said. “Social acceptance is the biggest obstacle to the recovery of wolves.”

Fish and Wildlife has avoided drawing a hard line on when it will kill wolves. The department’s director, Kelly Susewind, will consider lethal control after a pack attacks livestock three times in 30 days, but there’s no law or rule that says the department has to shoot wolves.

The department calls it a “lethal-removal protocol.” Wolf advocates’ attorney Jonathon Bashford said it’s hardened into a program to annually kill wolves. “The protocol is a policy. It’s a plan,” he said.

Bashford asked McHale to keep the SEPA claims alive for a fuller hearing now set for May 8.

Bashford said the department did not submit any evidence to support its contention that wolves devalue grazing leases.

Ranchers fined \$17K for burn pile that included carcasses

By **SIERRA DAWN MCCLAIN**
Capital Press

LEBANON, Ore. — The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has issued a fine of \$17,869 against a Willamette Valley ranch for a burn pile that included 40 dead animals, furniture and other garbage.

“I think that’s probably the second time I can recall anything like this in our district,” said John Tacy, division chief of operations for Lebanon Fire District. “It’s outside the scope of agricultural burning. There’s always a number of slash or ditch lines that get burned. But nothing like this. And I’ve been with the fire department 30-some years.”

The incident occurred May 13, when the Lebanon Fire Department responded to a complaint about a fire that smelled like “roasting tires.” The incident was included in a year-end report from DEQ.

Fire Marshal Jason Bolen and Lt. Michael Maynard arrived seven minutes later at property owned by ranchers Mark and Bethany Wahl of Wahl Livestock LLC.

According to the district’s records, Bolen asked Mark Wahl if it was OK to look at the burn pile. Wahl said yes, inviting Bolen and Maynard onto his property in a manner that was, according to the department, “cordial.”

The burn heap, records indicate, was piled 6 feet tall with 35 dead cattle, five dead sheep, decomposable garbage, plastics, asphalt-



Lebanon Fire District

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has issued a fine of \$17,869 against Mark and Bethany Wahl of Wahl Livestock LLC near Lebanon, Ore., for a burn pile that included dead animals, furniture and other garbage.

tic materials, furniture and petroleum products. Open burning of those materials is prohibited in Oregon, according to DEQ.

According to the report, the pile was also burning unattended. Wahl disputes this, telling the Capital Press he was about 400 feet away.

Bolen told Wahl his activity was illegal, and the crew got to work. Two hours and 2,500 gallons of water later, the fire was extinguished.

But for the Wahls, the trouble was just beginning.

The fire department is required to report burning of illegal substances to DEQ, according to Tacy. DEQ officers then contacted Wahl to investigate.

“The DEQ called,” said Wahl. “They wanted to look at the burn pile, but I did not give them permission to come on the premises.”

Instead, Wahl sent DEQ a receipt showing that he had properly disposed of the car-

casses after the fire was put out.

The animals had died from pneumonia within a 30-day span, Wahl said.

DEQ, blocked from investigating Wahl’s land, based its case on fire district records and fined the couple \$17,869 for burning illegal materials, improper disposal of animal carcasses and leaving an open burn unattended.

Wahl said they are appealing the fine.

“The damage never happened,” Wahl told the Capital Press. “The fire only burned for max 20 minutes. What burned up was some straw and tree limbs. The dead never burned, never went up in smoke. The deads weren’t even in the brush pile, just right next to it. We cleaned up the whole pile and exported it. So that’s why we’re appealing the fine.”

As fire regulations have stiffened and people have become more educated about environmental hazards through the years incidents such as this are becoming less common, explained Tacy of the fire district.

“When I was a kid, everybody had a burn barrel,” said Tacy. “And 30 years ago, people used to just pile up all their garbage and burn it. I wouldn’t say that’s rare now, but it’s not happening to the extent that it was anymore.”

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METROPOLITAN P & C
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
1993 GMC JIMMY UT
VIN= 1GKDT13W3P2500591
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
TODD ANDREWS MILLER

\$163450-1

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MUTUAL OF ENUMCLAW INS CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2019 KIA SOUL 4DR
VIN= KNDJN2A27K7650987
Amount due on lien \$1,295.00
Reputed owner(s)
BRUCE ALAN CORCORAN

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LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2019 JEEP CHEROKEE UT
VIN= 1C4PJMCXXKD271722
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
LAURA & OCTAVIO MENDOZA IOCU

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SAFECO INSURANCE
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2013 FORD MUSTANG 2DR
VIN= 1ZVBP8AM0D5239784
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
BRIAN F & SARA L SUTTON

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MERASTAR INS CO.
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2015 SUBARU BRZ2.0 2DR
VIN= JF12CAC19F9601054
Amount due on lien \$1,275.00
Reputed owner(s)
DANIELA YOLANDA RAMIREZ

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LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2018 SUBARU OUTBACK 4D
VIN= 4S4BSANC5J3242659
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
PARRIS J & SHARON L NELSON
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA

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GEICO CASUALTY
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2010 LEXUS ES350 4DR
VIN= JTHBK1EG5A2345558
Amount due on lien \$1,295.00
Reputed owner(s)
CRAIG ARTHUR STENBERG
ONPOINT COMMUNITY C.U

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LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2015 AUDI A4 4DR
VIN= WAU8FAFL1FN031636
Amount due on lien \$1,295.00
Reputed owner(s)
WILLIAM L & SHAUNA A HASTINGS
WELLS FARGO AUTO

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ESURANCE
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2019 TOYOTA CAMRY 4D
VIN= 4T1B11HK2KU257136
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
STEPHEN & FLORENCE YIM
TOYOTA LSE TRST

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SAFECO INSURANCE
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2008 LEXUS RX350 UT
VIN= 2T2HK31U88C077499
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
JESSICA AMBER GRIEGO

\$163414-1

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ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO (WEST)
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2018 CANA MAVERICK
VIN= 3JBVNA W43JK00577
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
JUSTIN KERBOW & DUSTY SCOTT LINN
CO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

\$163402-1

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LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2013 VOLVO XC60 4DR
VIN= YV4902D24D2416863
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
PATRICIA CARMEN CONACHER

\$163394-1

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GEICO CASUALTY
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2011 HD FLST MC
VIN= 1HD1JM512BB026812
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
JAMES DOBSON & DAVID VAN PERNIS
OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION

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SEDGWICK CMS
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2004 DODGE CHALLENGER 2D
VIN= 3D7MU48C84G129820
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
JACOB BERRIEN & TIFFANY PARKER
SOUTH COMMERCIAL AUTO COMPANY

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METROMILE INS CO WOODBURN, OR
2018 HONDA ACCORD 4D
VIN= 1HGCV1F4XJA009297
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)

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ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO (WEST)
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2017 NISSAN ALTIMA 4D
VIN= 1N4AL3AP6HC126176
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
JESSICA ZARAGOZA & EMMA
GODINEZ MARION POLK SCHOOLS
CREDIT UNION

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SAFECO INSURANCE
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2016 DODGE DURANGO UT
VIN= 1C4RDPJDG6G301776
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
JOSEPH MARSHALL MCKINNEY
ONPOINT COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

\$163404-1

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LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2016 SUBARU FORESTER UT
VIN= JF2SJAHCTG7H511552
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
SHIRLEY NADINE LATHAM JPMORGAN
CHASE BANK NA

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SAMS TRANSMISSION
590 HIGH ST NE SALEM, OR
2005 CHEV AVALANCHE PU
VIN= 3GNEK1Z215G130526
Amount due on lien \$4,880.00
Reputed owner(s)
AARON MONTEZ HENRY WELLS
FARGO AUTO

\$163453-1

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AMICA MUTUAL INS CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2019 DODGE CHALLENGER 2D
VIN= 2C3CDZF2JKH650005
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
JASON MICHAEL VANDORP
ONPOINT COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

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METROPOLITAN P & C
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2004 CHEV AVALANCHE PK
VIN= 3GNEK12T24G276797
Amount due on lien \$1,570.00
Reputed owner(s)
DONALD L & NADINE H COOPER
MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

\$163425-1

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SAFECO INSURANCE
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2011 HARLEY FLSTFB MC
VIN= 1HD1JN5188B037304
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
DAWN P & JOHN D FORT

\$163416-1

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TRAVELERS INDEMNITY CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2015 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER UT
VIN= 5TDDCRFH3F5008254
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
JOZUA AND MAUDY ANDRIESSE

\$163405-1

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LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2015 SUBARU FORESTER UT
VIN= JF2SJBAC1FH641582
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
EDWARD C & JULIE C BOWLES
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA

\$163385-1

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces a face-to-face meeting of the Washington State Technical Advisory Committee on Thursday, January 23, 2020, from 9:30am to 3:30pm at the Redwood Plaza Building, USDA-NRCS State Office, 11707 E. Sprague Ave., Suite 303, Spokane Valley, WA 99206. For more information, contact Nick Vira at 360-704-7758.

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2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2012 GMC SIERRA PU
VIN= 3GTP2XE25CG128259
Amount due on lien \$1255.00
Reputed owner(s)
BRENDA LUCIA QUEVEDO
OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION

\$163447-1

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2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2016 HONDA ACCORD 4DR
VIN= 1HGC2F54GA129933
Amount due on lien \$1,235.00
Reputed owner(s)
EDWARD P & ERIN M LA ROSA
FIFTH THIRD BANK

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LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2011 TOYOTA SIENNA VAN
VIN= 5TDYK3DC6B5151802
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
KULITI G SHIFERAW
ONPOINT COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

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ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO (WEST)
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2019 TOYOTA COROLLA 4D
VIN= JTNK4RBE4K3004446
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
REPUTED OWNER(S) GABRIEL JOSIAH
FOURNIER GM FINANCIAL

\$163408-1

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SANTIAM TOWING
1525 W WASHINGTON STAYTON, OR
2017 KIA SEDONA VAN
VIN= KNDMB5C14H6337891
Amount due on lien \$2,590.00
Reputed owner(s)
NATHAN J STUFFLEBEEM MARION/
POLK SCHOOLS C.U

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SAFECO INSURANCE
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2017 FORD FUSION 4D
VIN= 3FA6POHD3HR167872
Amount due on lien \$1,255.00
Reputed owner(s)
EDWARD WAYNE NELSON
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA

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TRAVELERS INDEMNITY CO
2885 NATIONAL WAY WOODBURN, OR
2017 HYUNDAI ACCENT 4DR
VIN= KMHCT4AE3HU354601
Amount due on lien \$1,295.00
Reputed owner(s)
RAYNE HALLIDAY & DAKOTA JOHNSON
CAPITAL ONE AUTO