



said, to issuing the permits. The permits were recently extended for another week.

According to Josh Laughlin of Cascadia Wildlands, there is no stipulation under the kill permits that allow the shooting of collared wolves that would prevent ranchers from killing the breeding pair.

"Even if the alpha male is dead, ODFW still has the responsibility to try to prevent further depredation since there has already been six confirmed livestock losses to wolves," said Michelle Dennehy of ODFW. If the wolf was shot, "ODFW will of course investigate what happened if the alpha male is found dead and bring in Oregon State Police if necessary," she said.

Wolves are currently not listed as endangered species federally, but are protected under Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), Cascadia Wildlands and other conservation groups are currently suing to help the

wolves regain their federal endangered species status in Montana and Idaho, and in the eastern third of Oregon and Washington. The Oregon plan is under review and the public can make written comments until June 30 by sending an email to ODFW.Comments@state.or.us

Noah Greenwald of CBD said, "If the wolf is in fact dead, it highlights just how tenuous wolf recovery in Oregon and the need to take a more cautious approach than the one ODFW has been taking by authorizing killing of two wolves in the pack." — Camilla Mortensen

MEDICAL POT INITIATIVE NEARS GOAL

Local organizers of an initiative to expand and liberalize the Oregon Medical

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• Soccer, football, fútbol. We're hopeless fans of **World Cup 2010**. With grace, power, skill and controversies on global display in South Africa's World Cup, it even seems that America's sporting provincialism about fútbol is disappearing. A turnaround started with Annie Leibowitz' beefcake photos of international soccer stars in *Vanity Fair*, then full-color righteous indignation about the U.S. goal called back on the *New York Times* front page, simultaneous games on ESPN and ESPN 2. The "beautiful game" has shouldered its way into our popular consciousness, although some boring old sportswriters still don't get it. How many of you know what a vuvuzela is? The noisemaker has been pre-emptively banned from Yankee Stadium and Wimbledon, but you can still download its noise with an iPhone app. Even the noise of World Cup 2010 is buzzing around the world. And speaking of noise, following the World Cup can be more fun and more culturally diverse in a rowdy crowd. Check out <http://wkly.ws/m7> for our listing of bars around town where you can go wild booing the fouls and cheering the chilenas.

• **Wolf tails** in PDX? We hear from a reliable Portland barkeep that small packs of dark-bearded young men can be seen prowling downtown streets after the bars close, swishing long wolf tails from their backsides. Are they furries out to scratch in the moon-lit alleys? Are they making a political fashion statement in sympathy with Eastern Oregon ranchers? Or are they true werewolves, and will they migrate south to inhabit Eugene's dark spots? Are they already here?

• **We go deep!** Media Audit's updated independent polling tells us *Eugene Weekly* is now third in the nation among 80 alternative newsweeklies in penetration! That might sound sexy, but it just means an exceptionally high percentage of Lane County's population reads us. Our penetration rate is exceeded only by the Spokane, Wash., *Inlander*, and the Madison, Wis., *Isthmus*. We now have more than 89,000 readers in Lane County, another 6,000 in Corvallis and Albany, and more than 50,000 regular readers online. Thanks to everyone who keeps us alive and thriving! Our growth is the only kind of sprawl worth celebrating.

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