

# ODFW-1996

## Elk Seasons

On November 22, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission heard public testimony and accepted the proposed Northeast Oregon elk hunting strategies. The strategies were developed over the course of a year and included input provided by two public working groups.

The strategies were designed to improve post-season bull ratios, keep elk populations within their accepted management objective population levels, maintain hunter opportunity and continue to address elk damage problems on private lands. The two public working groups included hunters, landowners and state/federal agency personnel. The proposals developed were then reviewed/discussed at 41 public meetings, 7,500 questionnaires were mailed to elk hunters and during the deer and elk season this past fall, many hunters were contacted and the strategies were explained to them.

Locally, there has been a lot of interest and many questions as to what the 1996 elk season will be. Hopefully, the following information will help inform everyone:

**Heppner Unit-First Season:** 800 either sex elk tags (tag numbers are approximate); 1,000 spike only tags; hunters will have to apply for an either sex tag or a spike tag by May 15.

**Heppner Unit-Second Season:** Spike only, no tag limit and hunters can purchase a tag at any POS vendor prior to the tag sale deadline, November 1, 1996.

The Fossil Unit was changed and in 1996, will be managed as two subunits. The North Fossil area will have an either sex first season and an any bull second season. The overall management of this area will remain as it has been. Hunters will have to apply for the first season either sex tags by the May 15 application deadline, and second season tags will be available at POS vendors until the November 1 tag sale deadline. There will also be an antlerless elk season after the bull season, for population control and to address damage problems as they arise.

The South Fossil area will have an any bull bag limit for both the first and second seasons and hunters will have to apply for these tags prior to the May 15 application deadline.

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## Directors provide leadership



**RICHARD JOHNSON**  
Zone 1..... Boardman area

Soil and Water District Directors have an important role as local conservation leaders. Elected at the County general election for four years, staggered terms, they serve as grassroots representatives of landowners and the general public in their communities. They provide leadership and direction in bringing volunteer cooperation in natural resource conservation programs. To develop and maintain effective programs, directors must identify local conservation needs, set corresponding goals, develop a plan to achieve those goals, ensure implementation and evaluate effectiveness.

Morrow SWCD has seven directors, five elected from specific zones and two elected at-large (see corresponding map):

**ZONE 1:** Richard Johnson represents the Boardman area. In addition to full-time employment with Portland General Electric, he and his wife, Susan, raise purebred Limousin cattle and hay on their north Morrow County farm. He also serves as a board member for the West Extension Irrigation District and the Morrow County United Way. As a Morrow SWCD Director, Johnson hopes to bring more attention to the "water" component, focusing on both the conservation benefits and the local economic concerns.

**ZONE 2:** Vernon Frederickson represents the Irrigon area. He operates Frederickson Farming and Portview Ranches in north Morrow County. He is also active in Oregon Hay, an agricultural export business at the Port of Morrow. Vern is assisted by his wife, Suzanne, and son, Greg, 12. As a SWCD Director, he will help local producers with their interactions with state and federal agencies.



**SUSAN WARD**  
Zone 5..... Heppner area

He is especially interested in seeing the Morrow SWCD help with the implementation of the 1995 Farm Bill, as well as continue its lobbying efforts for programs which will benefit local producers.

**ZONE 3:** Bill Jepsen represents the Lone area. He and his wife, Nancy, farm dryland wheat and barley 18 miles west of Heppner. The Jepsens have five children—Matt, 13, Dan, 11, Amy, 7, Eric, 3 and Rebecca, 1. Bill hopes to help the SWCD continue with viable worthwhile projects while making sure it does not get bogged down in bureaucracy. He is especially interested in matters concerning dryland wheat farmers. He would like to see farmers make the right choices concerning CRP take-out. He also keeps close tabs on current farm legislation.

**ZONE 4:** Chris Rauch, Chairman of Morrow SWCD, farms dryland wheat north of Lexington. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children—Andre, 5 and Natalie, 1. As Chairman, Chris makes sure that the SWCD is efficient, productive and accessible to all of Morrow County. He has helped Morrow SWCD continue its role as a leader in conservation planning and implementation statewide.

**ZONE 5:** Susan Ward represents the Heppner area. She and her husband, Jim, operate the French-Ward cattle ranch up Big Butter Creek in the foothills of the Blue Mountains. They have two daughters—Lindsey, 13 and Ashley, 11. Susie hopes to heighten awareness of the conservation programs available to landowners through the SWCD. She is especially interested in the new opportunities available to rangeland operators. She plans to help livestock operators take advantage of the information



**CHRIS RAUCH CHAIRMAN**  
Zone 4..... Lexington area



**BILL JEPSEN VICE CHAIR**  
Zone 3..... Lone area



**KEITH REA**  
At Large..... Lone

and programs pertaining to them.

**AT-LARGE:** Jim McElligott farms dryland wheat 13 miles south of Lone. He also runs a cow/calf operation utilizing summer range at Hardman and Long Creek. He and his wife, Eileen, have three children—Randi, 13, Colin, 11 and Taylor, 8. Jim wants to see a more active SWCD based on a broad database of existing local conditions, resources and potential cooperators. By emphasizing education and cooperation, he hopes to get projects completed in a timely manner. Jim believes conservation education should include the schools and general public, in addition to the landowners and/or operators.

He would like the schools to be involved in gathering data on an on-going basis in order to keep the database current. Jim also hopes to provide landowners assistance in obtaining grants and/or cost-share monies for conservation projects. However, with the future of supplemental funding un-



**VERNON FREDERICKSON**  
SECRETARY/TREASURER  
Zone 2..... Irrigon area



**JIM McELLIGOTT**  
At Large..... Lone

certain, he believes it important to convince landowners of the long-term benefits of implementing conservation practices now.

**AT-LARGE:** Keith Rea farms wheat eight miles south of Lone. He is assisted by his wife, Judy, and son, Gary. He helps

the SWCD identify local conservation needs and goals so as to develop and maintain effective programs. He hopes to keep the public informed, and is especially interested in noxious weed control.

Morrow SWCD is fortunate to have such a broad-based directorship.

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