

## **Proposal to OBH 2018 Annual Hunting Committee Meeting**

### **Title: In the Matter of Establishing a Limit on Landowner Preference (LOP) Tags for the Late Archery Buck Hunt in the Metolius Unit**

**WHEREAS**, the late archery buck hunt in the Metolius unit is an iconic special opportunity hunt for many Oregon bow hunters, and

**WHEREAS**, the number of tags offered to the public for the late archery Metolius buck hunt is very small, generally about 20 tags, and bow hunters must now apply for 18 years or longer before finally drawing a tag, and

**WHEREAS**, in most recent years, a small number of landowners in the Metolius unit have each been eligible to obtain two (2) or more Landowner Preference (LOP) tags for hunting on their property every year based only on the size of their property ownerships, and

**WHEREAS**, in most recent years, the applications for LOP tags issued for the late archery Metolius buck hunt have exceeded the controlled hunt tags offered for the hunt by 50 percent or more, and

**WHEREAS**, the situation with LOP tags issued for the late archery Metolius buck hunt is a historical artifact dating back to when the hunt was first established by ODFW in 1995, and

**WHEREAS**, if ODFW were to establish a hunt similar to the late archery Metolius buck hunt today, LOP tags would be limited at five (5) tags or ten percent (10%) of the number of controlled tags, whichever is greater, and

**WHEREAS**, at the 2017 OBH Convention, an emergency proposal was approved at the Hunting Committee meeting stating that OBH should strenuously urge ODFW to establish a limit of five (5) LOP tags for the late archery Metolius buck hunt and other special opportunity hunts with 50 controlled hunt tags or fewer, and

**WHEREAS**, following the 2017 OBH Convention, a member of the OBH E-Board not able to be at the meeting expressed extreme objection to the action of the Game Committee and got the action of the Game Committee held in abeyance,

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it proposed to the OBH Hunting Committee meeting at The Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend, Oregon on March 4, 2018 that the 2017 action of the Hunting Committee urging ODFW to establish a limit of five (5) LOP tags for the late archery Metolius buck hunt and other special opportunity hunts with 50 controlled hunt tags or fewer shall be reaffirmed by a majority of positive (aye) votes or rescinded by a majority of negative (nay) votes.

Submitted by Craig Starr, Past President OBH