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FEB 23 2015 TO: THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

FROM RODMAN A. MILLER NO. 22850016051

DEAR SIRS.

IN MY OPPION THE RECENT PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE MUZZLELOADER SEASON INTO WILLIAM'S CREEK SHOULD BE OBALISHED.

IT SHOULD STAY THE SAME AS IT ALWAYS HAS AND I WILL TELL YOU WHY.

N.O.I. I'VE BEEN A LICENSED HUNTER IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR 60 YEARS. I AM 85 YEARS NOW AND I BOUGHT MY FIRST LICENSE IN 1954 THE YEAR I GOT OUT OF THE NAVY.

SO I HAVE 60 YEARS OF MEMORIZ OF HOW HUNTING WAS THEN AND HOW IT IS NOW

BACK THEN WHEN I FIRST STARTED HUNTING IT WAS A VERY SIMPLE THING NOTHING COMPLECATED ABOUT IT. DER SEASON STARTED FIRST IN OCTOBER AND ELK SEASON LATER ON IN NOVEMBER AND THE LAST FIVE DAYS OF ELK SESON THE COW HUNTERS COULD KILL A COW. THIS WORKED GOOD. THE ELK WERE HUNTED A SHORT TIME AND THA

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LEFT ALONE THE REST OF THE YEAR.
THIS WAS good FOR THE ANIMALS THEY DID
NOT HAVE TO RUN HALF THE WINTER TO TRY TO
SERVIVE LIKE THEY DUE NOW.
THEY HAD AN ARCHERY SEASON BUT IT
WAS STRICTELY ON Long ISLAND NO RIFL
HUNTER COULD SET FOOT ON THAT ISLAND
BELIEVE ME SOME OF THE Biggest bul
IN THE WHOLE STATE OF Washington
LIVED ON THAT ISLAND. WE WOULD SEE
THEM ALL THE TIME Looking out TO THE
ISLAND FROM SHORE WITH A Spotting
SCOPE. THE ARCHERY HUNTERS HAD IT MADE
BUT THIS WAS SIMPLE EVERY ONE WAS
HAPPY NO ONE COMPLAINED. THE DEER
HUNTERS WERE Happy, THE ELK HUNTERS
WERE HAPPY AND ALSO THE ARCHERY
HUNTERS.
THEN THE TROUBLE STARTED THE WDFW
ALLOWED THE ACHERY HUNTERS TO TAKE
OVER OUR WHOLE Hunting AREA THAT
INCLUDED MOST PACIFIC COUNTY.
NOT ONLY DID THEY give THEM THE WHOLE
S.W. PART OF THE STATE BUT THEY GAVE
THEM A EARLY HUNT IN SEPTEMBE
WHEN THE ELK ARE RUTTING WERE
THY CAN Buggle THEM INTO THEM AN
SHOOT THEM. THIS IS A HUNTERS DREAM

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TO BUGGLE IN A BULL THAT'S RED WITH RAGE
AND ITCHING FOR A FIGHT. THEY LET THE
ARCHERY HUNTER SHOOT COWS AS WELL AS
BULLS AND BELIEVE ME THEY SHOOT A LO
OF EACH.
BUT THIS IS NOT MY COMPLANT. WE
RIFLE HUNTERS MOSTELY BUT MAYBE
NOT ALL GO ALONG WITH THIS ARANGEMENT
WE HAVE HAD TO LIVE WITH IT SO LONG I
GUESS BY NOW MOST OF US HAS GOTTEN
USED TO IT.
BUT THIS PROPOSAL FOR A MUZZLE
LOADER SEASON SQUEEZED BETWEEN
ARCHERY AND RIFLE SEASON
ISNT FAIR TO THE RIFLE HUNTER
AND IT ISNOT FAIR TO THE ELK AS
WELL. YOU WOULD HAVE ELK BEING
CHASED AROUND BY AND ADDED GROU
OF HUNTERS FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIM
WHEN ORDINARY THEY WOULD HAVE SOM
DOWN TIME BETWEEN ARCHERY AND
RIFLE SEASONS LIKE THEY HAVE NOW.
ALL THOUGH ME MY SON AND TWO GRAND
SONS HAVE SHOT A LOT OF DEER AND ELK
WE STILL HOLD THEM IN HIGH REGARD
NOW LETS GET BACK TO BLACK POWDE
RIFLES OR MUZZLE LOADERS AS THEY

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ARE ALSO CALLED.
I BOUGHT A MUZZLE LOADER YEARS AGO. IT WAS FUN TO SHOOT. ME AND MY PAL WHO HAD ONE USED TO GO TO THE GRAVEL PIT AND TARGET SHOOT WITH THEM. IT WAS A LOT OF FUN A FLASH WOULD COME OUT THE END OF THE BARREL AND A BIG CLOUD OF BLACK SMOKE WOULD FOLLOW THE FLASH OF FLAME. BUT THATS ALL WE DID IS TARGET SHOOT. WE DIDN'T DREAM OF TAKING THEM HUNTING BECAUSE THAT OLD TIME BLACK POWDER DIDN'T HAVE MUCH POWER. YOU COULD NOT SHOOT VERY FAR WITH OUT ELEVATING THE BARREL BECAUSE OF THE EXTREEM BULLET DROP.

NOW HEARS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU WOULD ALLOW THIS MUZZLE LOADER PROPOSAL TO GO INTO EFFECT. NO. ONE: YOU WOULD PUT TWO RIFLE GROUPS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. AND NOT ONLY THAT BUT YOU PROPOSE TO LET THE M (THE MUZZLE LOADERS) HUNT FIRST AND THE RIFLE HUNTERS HUNT LAST. DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THE GROUP THAT HUNTS FIRS HAS THE ADVANTAGE. THEY WOULD GET FIRST CRACK AT THE BULLS THAT ARCHER HUNTERS LEAVE AND AFTER THEIR DONE

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TAKING THE BULLS THAT THEY SHOOT AND SPOOKING THE REST AND PUTTING THEM INTO HIDING WE THE RIFLE HUNTERS FINELY GET OUR CHANCE. AND WHAT KIND OF A CHANCE IS THIS.

IN MY OPPINION IF THIS THING GOES INTO EFFECT THE STATE WILL LOOSE A LOT OF MONEY BECAUSE A LOT OF RIFLE HUNTERS WHO HAVE HUNTED FOR YEARS WHEN THEY SEE ALL BULLS THAT THE ARCHERY HUNTERS AND MUZZLE LOADERS SHOOT THEY WILL SAY THE HELL WITH IT AND GO OUT OF STATE TO OTHER STATES LIKE A LOT OF HUNTERS ALREADY DEW.

WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS HOW YOU CAN TAKE A NEW RIFLE GROUP WHO IS NOT ESTABLISHED IN WILLIAMS CREEK AND GIVE THEM THE FIRST PRIME HUNT OVER ANOTHER RIFLE GROUP WHO IS ESTABLISHED AND HAS BOUGHT LICENSES IN WASHINGTON SINCE SINCE WASHINGTON BECAME A HUNTING STATE.

WHY DONT YOU LET US THE MODERN RIFLE GO FIRST AND THE BLACK POWDER RIFLE HUNTERS GO LAST? OR BETTER YET LEAVE THE SEASON LIKE IT IS AND IF A BLACK POWDER RIFLE

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HUNTER WANTS TO HUNT LET HIM USE HIS MUZZLE LOADER IF HE PREFERS BECAUSE AFTER ALL THESE ARE BOTH RIFLES ITS JUST A MATTER OF PREFERANCE.

SINCERELY Rodman d Miller 51

P.S. I FAILED TO REPORT MY ELK + DEER REPORT FOR LAST YEAR I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT I USUALLY REPORT IT ON TIME BUT THIS YEAR I'VE HAD SOME HEALTH ISSUES. SO ANY WAY HERES MY REPORT. 3 POINT BULL KILL IN WILLIAM'S CREEK A 4X5 POINT BUCK KILL IN BEAR RIVER. AND PLEASE EXCUSE THE SPELLING. LIKE I SAID BEFORE I'M 85 YEARS OLD AND SUBJECT TO MISSPELLING BECAUSE OF OLD AGE.

THANK YOU