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Hansell Testifies Before Fish and Wildlife Commission on Grey Wolf Delisting

Salem, OR – Senator Bill Hansell (R-Athena) testified before The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioners today in the hopes of convincing the panel of six members (Commissioner Jason Atkinson was not in attendance) to vote for the delisting of the Canadian Gray Wolf.

Hansell was first to testify out of 106 members of the public. At the conclusion of public testimony, the Commissioners met to deliberate on the decision to delist. The Commission decided they would in fact vote to delist.

“I am very pleased with the decision of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioners to agree with the findings of their staff in following the Wolf Plan and delisting the Canadian Grey Wolf,” Hansell said. “We have reached Phase II in the Eastern Half of the state and they have, in this decision, chosen to delist. Now we can continue to move forward managing wolves under the Oregon Wolf Plan.”

With a delisting decision from the Commission, there will not be legal hunting of the Grey Wolf. The Wolf Plan agreed upon by The Department of Fish and Wildlife, ranchers, farmers, and environmentalists in 2005 remains in effect.



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