

## **It's Not Just Clark Couch Anymore**

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A class action suit has been filed against ODF&W (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife), it's commissioners and directors for 50 million dollars. The core of the suit stems from ODF&W taking away ownership of animals that have been bought and paid for by Clark Couch and many others. ODF&W feels they have the right to classify any animal, bird or fish as wildlife if that animal exists anywhere in the world in its natural state. Unfortunately, they want ownership of the animals but are not willing to pay for them. Anywhere else this would be considered theft.

It's Nice to see ODF&W now feels they can take care of the world's animals; since they have done such a poor job managing Oregon's. There are fifty plus people involved in this suit now. The elk breeders, exotic breeders, and pheasant breeders have all joined with Clark in this suit. One wishing to join this class action suit has until May 6<sup>th</sup> 2008. It costs nothing to file as the cost has already been paid. Anyone wanting further information should contact Clark Couch for details at **541-475-1133**.

As usual, there is a gag order that has come down not to put any of this in the newspapers. Just another example of ODF&W and the state's newspapers exercising their options for selective journalism.

Again if you feel you have been short sheeted by ODF&W feel free to contact Clark Couch. It's time for breeders to quit being victims and start taking action to be part of the solution.

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