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OR ST § 498.128

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OR ST § 498.128 Use of Drones for Purposes Related to Pursuit of Wildlife Prohibited; Exemptions

- (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules prohibiting the use of drones for the following purposes related to the pursuit of wildlife:
 - (a) Angling;
 - (b) Hunting;
 - (c) Trapping;
 - (d) Aiding angling, hunting or trapping through the use of drones to harass, track, locate or scout wildlife; and
 - (e) Interfering in the acts of a person who is lawfully angling, hunting or trapping.
- (2) Rules adopted to carry out the prohibitions provided for in this section may include exemptions for:
 - (a) Subject to ORS 837.360, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the department's agents and contractors for the use of drones in carrying out the duties of the department; or
 - (b) The use of drones in a manner otherwise prohibited under this section if the purpose of the use is to benefit wildlife management or habitat or for the protection of property.
- (3) Nothing in this section is meant to limit the use of drones by a person who is lawfully engaging in activities authorized under the commercial fishing laws.
- (4) As used in this section, "drone" means:
 - (a) An unmanned flying machine;
 - (b) An unmanned water-based vehicle; or
 - (c) Any other vehicle that is able to operate in the air, in or under the water or on land, either remotely or autonomously, and without a human occupant.

