

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

In 1993, the Oregon Legislative Assembly created the seven-member Access and Habitat Board (Board). The Board reviews project proposals designed to improve wildlife habitat and public hunting access in Oregon. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) then considers the Board's review and recommendation when approving the grants.

Project proposals are typically submitted by landowners, corporations, organizations, and agencies. Applications are initially reviewed by Board-appointed Regional Councils (Councils) established in six geographic regions of the state. Projects supported by the regional Council are brought before the Board. The Board reviews all proposals at quarterly Board meetings and sends recommended proposals to the Commission for final consideration and approval to expend A&H Program funds

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The A&H Program provides for public involvement through Regional Advisory Councils and Board meetings. A&H Board meetings are advertised through press release and on the ODFW webpage. Interested parties may provide public comment during these meetings. Project proposals are also posted on the A&H website; members of the public may review the documents and provide comments. The A&H Board most recently met January 10, 2017.

Item 1

A&H PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

ANALYSIS

A summary of projects requesting A&H funds recommended by the A&H Board is presented in the staff summary (Attachment 2)

OPTIONS

- Option 1. Approve A&H Board recommended projects
- Option 2. Reject individual project proposals

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Option 1. Approve A&H Board recommended projects

Item 2

OPEN FIELDS PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

ANALYSIS

A summary of projects requesting Open Fields funds recommended by the A&H Board is presented in the staff summary (Attachment 2)

OPTIONS

- Option 1. Approve A&H Board recommended projects
- Option 2. Reject individual project proposals

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Option 1. Approve A&H Board recommended projects

DRAFT MOTION	I move to approve the recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board for project funding.
EFFECTIVE DATE	April 21, 2017