

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The *Oregon Black-tailed Deer Management Plan* is the first effort by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a long term, statewide management strategy for Columbian black-tailed deer (black-tailed deer). The plan will provide overall management framework and direction for Oregon's black-tailed deer populations compatible with habitat capacity, primary land use, other wildlife species, and provide recreational benefits to the public for the next five years.

The plan emphasizes the need to estimate black-tailed deer populations and effectively manage habitat. The planning document also provides biological information, summarizes the history and current status of Oregon's black-tailed deer. The plan describes past, current and future management strategies and techniques.

Management needs, issues effecting the management of black-tailed deer populations, and strategies to address those issues are identified in the plan.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

An External Review Committee representing 19 different interests and six individuals at large was selected to provide input to the plan. The Committee met twice and has provided comments/edits to three drafts of the plan.

The draft plan provided in the Commission packet will be distributed for public review, placed on the department website, and provided at 21 Wildlife District public meetings held statewide during May. Information and comments obtained from this public involvement will be considered when developing the final plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Informational only. No action requested at this time.

DRAFT MOTION

No action requested at this time.

EFFECTIVE DATE

N/A