

Landowner Preference Review Committee Report Legislative Concepts Staff Summary

One Legislative Concept discussed by the LOP Review Committee that was not recommended to the Commission included; allowing LOP tag holders to hunt anywhere in the controlled hunt area. The Committee was split evenly between hunters and landowners regarding this issue. Therefore, based on the consensus format discussed earlier, the concept was tabled; however, ODFW staff made a commitment to make the Commission aware of the suggestion.

The LOP Review Committee also discussed charging a registration fee for processing landowner preference requests. Two of the landowner representatives opposed charging a fee of any kind while the remaining members suggested the following alternatives:

1. No landowner fee would be assessed for applications submitted prior to May 15 (hunt application deadline).
2. Charge a fee for any changes to the Tag Distribution Forms after the May 15 deadline.
3. Charge a fee for any changes to land registered in the LOP program. For example, if property is purchased or sold then a registration fee would be assessed.

The LOP registration fee concept was not included as a Legislative Concept because it will be contained in ODFW's budget package. The Commission will have a later opportunity to weigh in on a LOP registration fee as it reviews the entire agency budget.