

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. The Black-tailed Deer Management Plan will be reviewed in 2013 to gauge implementation progress and will be revised in entirety beginning in 2018.

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 this Commission packet was made available 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 were considered when developing this final plan.

Comments received since the April 2008 Commission meeting are included in this exhibit.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the Black-tailed Deer Management Plan and adopt the associated administrative rules as proposed by staff
2. Approve an amended version of the Black-tailed Deer Management Plan and adopt the associated administrative rules
3. Not approve a Black-tailed Deer Management Plan or adopt associated administrative rules

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the Black-tailed Deer Management Plan and adopt the associated administrative rules as proposed by staff

DRAFT MOTION

I move to approve The Oregon Black-tailed Deer Management Plan and adopt the associated administrative rules in OAR Chapter 635, Division 195.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon filing