

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The department has initiated a review and update of its twelve wildlife area long range management plans, which were adopted in 1993. In addition, four brand new plans have been written. To date, the goals and objectives of 14 wildlife area management plans have been adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. The last management plan on the department's schedule is for Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. This draft plan has now been completed. The area manager will present the goals and objectives and key management issues to the Commission at the June 5, 2009 hearing in Salem.

Due to the complexities which arose during the development of the 1993 Sauvie Island management plan, the department has expanded the typical plan review timeline to provide ample opportunity for extensive public input and key stakeholder review.

The purpose of the wildlife area management plans is to offer a comprehensive vision and action plan for the next 10 years. This management plan will be reviewed in 2014 to gauge implementation progress and will be revised in its entirety beginning in 2019.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Communication and coordination with neighbors, interest groups and local federal and state government agencies have been ongoing. The Sauvie Island Wildlife Area manager has informed more than fifteen groups including hunting, birding, dog training and other recreationists to involve them in the plan review process. In order to solicit public comments on the draft plan, Sauvie Island staff will hold at least four facilitated public meetings at local venues. These meetings will be scheduled after the draft plan has been presented to the Commission at the June 5, 2009 hearing. The formal public comment period will continue through December 11, 2009. A revised draft will incorporate public comments received during the public review period (see Proposed Timeline on page 2 of the Staff Summary). Public testimony will also be encouraged at the December 11, 2009 hearing when the department will be seeking plan adoption.

ISSUE ANALYSIS

Presentation of one draft wildlife area management plan. Informational only.

The department is nearing completion of 16 wildlife area management plans. The last management plan, for Sauvie Island Wildlife Island, will be presented by the area manager to the Commission at the June 5, 2009 hearing. This will be followed by a formal public review process continuing through December, 2009. The final draft plan will be presented for potential adoption to the Commission on December 11, 2009.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION DRAFT MOTION

Informational only. No action requested at this time.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

N/A