

## Agenda Item Summary

### BACKGROUND

Through HB 2538, the 1993 Oregon Legislative Assembly created the seven-member Access and Habitat (A&H) Board. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) appoints three board members to represent the broad spectrum of hunters, three to represent the broad spectrum of landowners, and one to represent the public and serve as Board Chair. The A&H Board subsequently appoints representatives to six Regional Advisory Councils, which provide the first level of review for projects designed to improve habitat and public hunting access in Oregon. The A&H Board provides the next level of project review, and then forwards proposals to the Commission for final consideration and approval to expend A&H Program funds.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Hunter Representative vacancy was advertised to the public through news releases, internet postings, and sports groups' newsletters or email lists. In addition, applications were sent to sports group leaders and all A&H Regional Council members.

### ISSUE 1

#### Access and Habitat Board Hunter Representative Appointment

### ANALYSIS

The A&H Board will have one Hunter Representative vacancy beginning January 1, 2010. ODFW received 18 applications and formed an internal review committee to rank them according to nine criteria (Attachment 2).

The five top-ranking candidates for the Hunter Representative position (listed in alphabetical order) are:

#### **Candidate A – Todd Bastian**

- Name: Todd R. Bastian
- Location: Corvallis
- Occupation: Director of Development, OSU Foundation, College of Ag.

Todd is a native Oregonian and has been a hunter all his life. His passion for the sport and resource brought him to serve as the Oregon Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and inspired his involvement with Ducks Unlimited, the Boone and Crockett Club, the Mule Deer Foundation, the Oregon Hunter's Association, Safari Club International, the Wildlife Society, the Nature Conservancy, and the Northwest Habitat Institute. Todd received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University.

While serving with RMEF, Todd oversaw the Oregon Project Advisory Committee (PAC), which reviews projects through a process very similar to that of A&H. He also coordinated banquets for RMEF chapters throughout the state where he gained experience selling A&H auction tags. Todd has provided testimony on wildlife issues to the Fish and

Wildlife Commission and the Oregon Legislature, and has served on several advisory councils.

### **Candidate B – Roger Borine**

- Name: Roger H. Borine
- Location: Bend
- Occupation: Natural Resource Consultant

Born and raised in Oregon, Roger has been hunting deer, elk, upland birds, and waterfowl since early childhood. He is both a firearm and bow hunter, and has a particular passion for hunting birds over pointing dogs. He has served as President and Secretary, and on the Board of Directors for Oregon Hunters Association (OHA; Central Oregon) and has held membership and board positions with various gun dog organizations. Roger is currently serving as a Hunter Representative on the A&H Deschutes/Klamath Regional Council; he was appointed to the position in 2005.

Professionally, Roger has worked with agriculture and forest industries for 32 years as a Soil Scientist, Wetland Specialist, and Habitat Biologist throughout Oregon for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). This position required close coordination with private landowners, various federal, state, and county agencies, and numerous landowner and sports groups. Personally, Roger has worked with OHA, RMEF, the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and Representatives in the Oregon Legislature on wildlife habitat and hunter issues.

### **Candidate C – Alan Christensen**

- Name: Alan G. Christensen
- Location: Portland
- Occupation: Wildlife Biologist - Retired

Alan has hunted with firearms and bows in seven states and two Canadian provinces for big game, upland birds, and waterfowl since becoming a legally licensed hunter at age 12. He is an avid retriever owner and trainer and has published articles in scientific and popular literature regarding upland birds, retriever training, and waterfowl hunting.

Alan became the first field director for RMEF and started several local chapters to raise funds for habitat improvements. Alan started and oversaw the Project Advisory Committee (PAC), a project review system very similar to A&H, which has since been adopted in every state in which RMEF works. Alan went on to become Vice President of RMEF. He has also served as President of the Montana state chapter of The Wildlife Society and held positions on numerous other conservation and hunting boards and committees. In carrying out these professional roles, Alan coordinated with various stakeholders on several (often controversial) issues, and represented many of those stakeholders before various legislative bodies. Throughout these proceedings, Alan carried a perspective of and an advocacy for the hunting heritage.

**Candidate D – Donald Poole**

- Name: Donald L. Poole
- Location: Salem
- Occupation: Semi-retired

Don has been an avid bow hunter for 40 years and has been serving on the A&H South Willamette Regional Council for three years. He started the Alaskan Bowhunters Association and held all offices in the organization before moving to Oregon. He has remained quite involved with the hunting community here in Oregon, volunteering on various ODFW committees and serving as President of the Oregon Bow Hunters. He has testified at legislative hearings and Fish and Wildlife Commission Meetings.

In addition to bow hunting, Don is passionate about bowhunter education. He has been teaching classes for over 15 years and is a Master Instructor for the International Bowhunter Education Foundation. As a Regional Coordinator for Alaska Department of Fish and Game, he taught and organized bowhunter education instructors. Don is also an Official Measurer for both the Pope and Young Club and the Boone and Crockett Club.

**Candidate E – Kenneth Range**

- Name: Kenneth L. Range
- Location: Brookings, OR
- Occupation: Retired

Kenneth grew up in the San Joaquin Delta, California, hunting waterfowl, upland game birds, and small game. By age twelve he had added big game to the list, and since then he has harvested goats, sheep, wild boar, deer, elk, bear, and various small game using both archery equipment and firearms. He has hunted big game in Oregon for over 30 years. Throughout his career as a law enforcement officer, Kenneth worked part time as a hunting guide and has volunteered as a hunter education instructor in both California and Oregon. He also hosted an annual youth hunting/outdoors summer camp at his 18,000 acre hunting resort that he managed for big game and upland game bird habitat.

Kenneth has served on various boards and committees, including the San Benito County Fish and Game Commission (6 years as chairman), a County Substance Abuse Advisory Committee, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District Advisory Board, and the Board of Directors for Oregon South Coast Fishermen (current). While serving in these positions, Kenneth worked with several local, state, and federal entities to negotiate controversial issues.

**DRAFT MOTION**

I move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to serve a four-year term as Hunter Representative on the Access and Habitat Board.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

January 1, 2010

