

DIVISION 090
ACCESS AND HABITAT PROGRAM

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Access and Habitat Board

(1) The Access and Habitat Board shall consist of seven members appointed by the commission.

(2) Members shall be appointed as follows:

(a) One member of the board to represent the public and serve as board chairperson. In making appointments to the board pursuant to this subsection, the commission shall consider recommendations from the director, ~~and from a list of at least 15 persons submitted by the State Forester and the Director of Agriculture.~~

(b) Three members to represent the broad spectrum of hunters. In making appointments to the board pursuant to this subsection, the commission shall consider recommendations from the director.

(c) Three members to represent the broad spectrum of agriculture and timber landowners. In making appointments to the board pursuant to this subsection, the commission shall consider recommendations from the director and from a list of at least ~~15~~ **five** persons submitted by the State Forester and the Director of Agriculture.

(3) Board members shall serve four-year terms. Members of the board are eligible for appointment to two consecutive terms.

(4) Official actions of the board require the affirmative vote of at least four members.

(5) The board shall select officers for such terms and with such duties and powers as considered necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the board.

(6) The board shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by the chair or by the majority of board members.

(7) A board member shall receive no compensation, beyond reimbursement for actual and necessary travel and expenses, for expenditures incurred in the performance of official duties.

Statutory Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.232, 496.242

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Access and Habitat Subaccount Expenditures

All moneys made available for access and habitat programs from surcharges received under section 19 of the Act and from gifts and grants to the Access and Habitat Program may be expended only upon the recommendation of the board and the approval of the commission. Funds may be expended on programs that:

- (1) Benefit wildlife by improving habitat. Such programs shall be coordinated with the Wildlife Division and shall be in addition to programs provided by federal funds. These programs may:
 - (a) Be on private land;
 - (b) provide seed and fertilizer to offset forage consumed by wildlife and for other programs that enhance forage; and
 - (c) be adjacent to agricultural and forest land to attract animals from those crops.
- (2) Promote access to public and private lands through contracting for various levels of management of these lands. These management programs may include:
 - (a) Creating hunting lease programs that provide access at present levels or stimulate new access;
 - (b) Controlling access;
 - (c) Opening hunter access, including vehicle access;
 - (d) Promoting land exchanges; ~~or~~
 - (e) Promoting proper hunting behavior; **or**
 - (f) Acquisition of easements.**
- (3) Provide for wildlife feeding to alleviate damage, to intercept wildlife before they become involved in a damage situation, and for practical food replacement in severe winters.
- (4) Coordinate volunteers to improve habitat, repair damage to fences or roads by wildlife or recreationists, monitor orderly hunter use of public and private lands, and assist the Oregon State Police in law enforcement activities.
- (5) Administer the auction or raffle of access and habitat deer/elk tags to provide incentives for habitat or access projects.

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