

## 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 fifteen wildlife area management plans have been adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. The Sauvie Island Wildlife Area management plan is the last on the Department's schedule. The draft management goals, objectives and key management issues were presented by the area manager to the Commission at the June 5, 2009 hearing in Salem. Due to the high level of interest in the management plan review process, the Department has expanded the plan review timeline to provide ample opportunity for extensive public input and key stakeholder review. The Department held four public meetings, from June to September 2009, in the Portland Metro area to present the draft plan and solicit public comment. The Department also held several internal review meetings in which division and regional staff provided extensive comments and suggested edits. Over 60 public correspondences have been received to date, including detailed comments from the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde Community of Oregon, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, Audubon Society of Portland and Oregon Duck Hunter's Association.

The Department has now completed a revised draft management plan (Attachment 4). Because this revised draft is substantially different than the previous draft, the Department is presenting it to the Commission in a second informational briefing. This will be followed by another public review meeting on June 16 at Sauvie Island. The final draft Sauvie Island Wildlife Area plan will then be presented to the Commission for potential adoption at the August 6, 2010 hearing.

A summary of major draft plan revisions (Attachment 3) and a summary of verbal and written comments received during the public review process, through April 29, 2010, are attached (Attachment 5). Copies of all written public correspondence received to this date are also attached (Attachment 6).

### 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 held four public meetings at local venues, from June through September 2009. The formal public comment period has continued through April 29, 2010, with 61 correspondences received. A revised draft has been developed that incorporates the results of internal staff review public comments received to date. An additional public meeting will be held on June 16 and additional public comments will be solicited. Public testimony will be encouraged at the August 6, 2010 hearing when the Department will be seeking plan adoption.

### ISSUE ANALYSIS

Presentation of one draft wildlife area management plan. Informational only.  
After the revised draft Sauvie Island Wildlife Area management plan is

presented to the Commission at the June hearing, an additional public meeting will be held and a formal public review process will continue through August, 2010. The final draft plan will then be presented to the Commission for potential adoption on August 6, 2010.

**STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION  
DRAFT MOTION**

Informational only. No action requested at this time.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**

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