

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The department has initiated a review and update of its 12 wildlife area long range management plans, which were originally developed in 1993 as well as developed four new plans. To date, 15 of 16 plans have been reviewed and adopted. The final draft of the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area management plan has been completed. The 2010 Sauvie Island plan differs from the 1993 plan by providing an expanded discussion of the biological resources unique to this wildlife area and includes color geographic information system (GIS) maps depicting landscape features such as habitat types, land ownership and land uses.

The first draft of the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area management plan was submitted in June 2009. But due to extensive comments, a second revised draft plan was developed for Commission review and presented at the June 4, 2010 Commission meeting. Since that time, a public review process has been underway and now a final draft plan has been completed.

Revisions to this revised draft plan include:

- Housekeeping and error corrections
- Addressing public comments. A summary of the key plan revisions is attached (Attachment 4).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

In June 2010, staff held a public review meeting at Sauvie Island School, to update attendees on the changes the department has made to the draft plan and to solicit additional comments on the revised draft. Hard copies of the revised draft plan were made available to the public and the draft plan was also posted on the department website.

A summary of verbal and written comments received during this public review process, through July 29th, is attached (Attachment 7). Copies of all written public correspondence received to this date are also attached (Attachment 8).

The final draft management plan (Attachment 5) incorporates or addresses the public comments received by July 29, 2010. Comments received after this date will be presented to the Commission during the September 2, 2010 hearing. An opportunity for public testimony will also be provided at this hearing.

The department met with local dog training groups that utilize the wildlife area on August 10, 2010.

ISSUE

Adopt the Goals and Objectives of the 2010 Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Management Plan. The staff proposal would replace the existing 1993 Sauvie Island Long Range Management Plan.

ANALYSIS

Staff proposes that the Commission adopt the Goals and Objectives as described in the September 2010 Final Draft Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Management Plan. The remainder of the plan contains historical and biological informational material.

OPTIONS

1. Approve staff recommendation.
2. Modify staff recommendation.

STAFF

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to adopt the Goals and Objectives of the 2010 Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Management Plan and amend OAR Chapter 635, Division 008, as proposed by staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon Filing