

## Agenda Item Summary

**BACKGROUND**

The Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (Plan) and its associated technical rules were adopted by the Commission in December, 2005. The Plan calls for Commission evaluation every five years, similar to other conservation plans, with the first update in 2010. This schedule also meets the requirement by ORS 496.176(8) for reviewing the status of listed gray wolves under Oregon ESA. The Plan acknowledges that any formal evaluation of the plan could result in a decision by the Commission to enter into rulemaking and amend the Plan.

Staff provided a preliminary overview of the updated plan at the September 2, 2010 Commission meeting.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

The department met with 14 stakeholder groups to solicit comments on proposed updates to the plan. These stakeholder groups included representatives from tribes, conservation groups, livestock producers, landowners, and state and federal agencies. The meetings took place statewide from June 1 to July 15, 2010.

Copies of written public correspondence received to this date are attached (Attachment 6).

**ISSUE**

Adopt the updated 2010 Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan and amend OAR Chapter 635 Division 110. The staff proposal would replace the 2005 Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.

**ANALYSIS**

Staff proposes that the Commission adopt the updated 2010 Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. See Attachment 4 for discussion and analysis.

**OPTIONS**

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1.

**DRAFT MOTION**

I move to adopt the Updated 2010 Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, as proposed in attachment 4 and amend OAR Chapter 635 Division 110 as proposed in Attachment 5.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

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