

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

In 1993 the Oregon Legislative Assembly created the seven-member Access and Habitat (A&H) Board. This legislation authorized the A&H Board (Board) to review and recommend to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) projects designed to improve wildlife habitat and public hunting access in Oregon. The 2009 Oregon Legislative Assembly reauthorized the program through December 2019.

Project proposals are typically submitted by landowners, corporations, organizations, and agencies. Applications are initially reviewed by Board-appointed Regional Advisory Councils established in six geographic regions of the state which forward the projects on to the Board. The Board reviews all proposals and sends recommended proposals to the Commission for final consideration and approval to expend A&H Program funds.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The A&H Program provides for public involvement through Regional Advisory Councils and Board meetings. A&H Board meetings are advertised through press release and on the ODFW webpage. Interested parties may provide public comment during these meetings. Project proposals are also posted on the A&H website; members of the public may review the documents and provide comments. The A&H Board most recently met on January 12, 2016 in Salem, Oregon.

ISSUE 1

PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

ANALYSIS

A summary of the projects recommended for funding by the A&H Board is presented in the staff summary (Attachment 2).

OPTIONS

- Option 1. Approve A&H Board recommendations.
- Option 2. Modify individual project proposals.
- Option 3. Reject individual project proposals.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to approve the recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board for project funding.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

March 18, 2016