

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

In 1993 the Oregon Legislative Assembly created the Access and Habitat (A&H) program to improve habitat and public hunting access in Oregon. The bill created a citizen board to provide recommendations to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) on projects requesting A&H funds. The Access and Habitat Board (Board) is comprised of three landowner representatives, three hunting representatives and the Chair representing the public at large. The Board provides project review and recommends proposals to the Commission for final consideration and approval.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The A&H Program provides for public involvement through Regional Advisory Councils and A&H Board meetings. The meetings are advertised in advance, notices are published on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website, and agendas are mailed to interested citizens. There is an opportunity for interested parties to 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 at any time. The A&H Board most recently met on April 12 in Grants Pass, Oregon.

ITEM 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:

June 9, 2016