

## Agenda Item Summary

**BACKGROUND**

In 1993, the Oregon Legislative Assembly created the seven-member Access and Habitat Board (Board). The Board reviews project proposals designed to improve wildlife habitat and/or enhance public hunting access in Oregon. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) then considers the Board’s review and recommendation when approving the grants.

Project proposals are typically submitted by landowners, corporations, organizations, and agencies. Applications are initially reviewed by Board-appointed Regional Councils (Councils) established in six geographic regions of the state. Projects supported by regional Councils are brought before the Board. The Board reviews all proposals at quarterly meetings and sends recommended proposals to the Commission for final consideration and approval to expend A&H Program funds

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

A&H provides for public involvement at Council and Board meetings. Board meetings are advertised by press release and on the webpage. Project proposals are posted on the website; members of the public may review the documents and provide comments. Interested parties may provide public comment during these meetings. The Board most recently met April 11 and 25, 2017

**Item 1**

**A&H PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ANALYSIS**

A summary of projects requesting A&H funds recommended by the A&H Board is presented in the staff summary (Attachment 2)

**OPTIONS**

- Option 1. Approve A&H Board recommended projects
- Option 2. Reject individual project proposals

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

<b>DRAFT MOTION</b>	I move to approve the recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board for project funding.
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	June 9, 2017