



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

### BACKGROUND

ODFW is providing an update on progress implementing the 3-Year Action Plan for Beaver-Modified Landscapes (Plan). The Plan was adopted in June 2023 with the goal of accelerating the restoration of American beaver habitat and beaver-modified habitat at the landscape-scale in Oregon. The Plan is organized as four Pillars of Action – Data and Science, Beaver Habitat Restoration, Beaver Management, and Outreach and Communication – outlines ODFW goals, strategic actions, staff leads, and timelines for advancing beaver-modified landscapes in Oregon. Many of the Plan actions are creating tools or shared information that will support the work of scaling up beaver-modified landscape restoration, where appropriate, in Oregon. This informational presentation will provide an update on Plan implementation to date, highlighting key accomplishments and next steps. When ODFW has completed the actions outlined in this plan, Oregon will have:

- (1) a better understanding of current beaver distribution and the opportunities for beaver-modified habitat uplift,
- (2) expanded our collaborative partnerships (internally and externally) to advance this work, and
- (3) made progress towards restoring site-appropriate, beaver-modified landscapes and the ecological benefits they provide to Oregon’s native fish and wildlife species.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The 3-Year Beaver Action Plan is a non-regulatory document and its development was not required by Oregon statute or rule. Regardless, public involvement opportunities have been provided in the plan’s development and implementation. ODFW staff provided a 6-month plan development update and draft plan to the Beaver Management Work Group (BMWG) in March 2023. The final plan (ODFW June 2023) incorporated BMWG review comments consistent with the BMWG Recommendations Report (May 2022). In 2024, ODFW launched the Beaver Action Plan Partnership (BAPP) – a forum for sharing plan implementation progress and building relationships with stakeholders to advance beneficial outcomes for fish, wildlife, and people resulting from Plan implementation. To date, the BAPP has met twice for two hours each meeting, on February 20<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Additionally, ODFW staff developed a 10-question online survey (open June 21 – August 1) to solicit BAPP member ideas on future meeting agenda items and how to prove member engagement during the meetings. The BAPP provides a venue for ongoing public involvement in discussing plan implementation. The next BAPP meeting will occur later this fall (October/November 2024) with future meetings (three times per year) planned for 2025+.

**ISSUE 1**

Not applicable. This agenda item is an informational update. The Commission will not be making any decisions.

**ANALYSIS**

Not applicable.

**OPTIONS**

Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: ISSUE 1**

1. Not applicable

**DRAFT MOTION:**

Not applicable

**Effective Date:** Not Applicable