

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) developed the 2006 Oregon Cougar Management Plan (Plan) to guide cougar management in Oregon. A primary aspect of the Plan is the use of proactive adaptive management strategies including addressing human safety, livestock depredation, and conflict with other big game species. This briefing provides an update regarding implementation of the Plan.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Communication with local sports groups and other interested parties
- Answering questions from interested persons, including the news media
- Annual public meetings to review staff big game hunting and management proposals
- Annual big game related Commission Meetings (June and October)

ISSUE 1

Cougar Management Plan related activities

ANALYSIS

Management of cougar and other large predators continues to receive a high level of interest from the public and is often controversial. This briefing includes information regarding Oregon's cougar population, Target Area activities, and recent research.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Informational only. No action requested at this time.

DRAFT MOTION

No action required.

EFFECTIVE DATE