

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND	The original Oregon Wild Turkey Management Plan (Plan) was adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in August 2004. Since 2004, wild turkeys have expanded in both numbers and popularity as a game species. The proposed 2018 Oregon Wild Turkey Management Plan update addresses current issues relevant to the management of wild turkeys in the state.
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with sports groups and other interested parties • Information was included in the twenty, hunting regulation public meetings held throughout the state in July • Draft Plan was posted for review on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website in July
ISSUE 1	Propose updates to the 2004 Oregon Wild Turkey Management Plan including adaptive management changes, and trap and transplant guidelines
ANALYSIS	The Department is updating the Oregon Wild Turkey Management Plan to guide turkey management in the state. The Plan focuses on maintaining flocks where public hunting opportunity exists, and reduction in areas where turkeys cause serial nuisance or damage issues. The update suggests innovative approaches to address nuisance and damage, and achieve more comprehensive population surveys. This document now includes habitat-specific restoration strategies to benefit wild turkeys. The Plan updates the Trap and Transplant Protocols (Appendix A) to improve efficiency and disease testing. Additionally, strategies are presented to better utilize abundant wild turkeys as part of the Department's comprehensive hunter recruitment/retention/reactivation efforts.
OPTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve staff recommendations 2. Amend staff recommendations
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Option 1

DRAFT MOTION	I move to adopt OAR Chapter 635, Division 135 as proposed by staff.
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EFFECTIVE DATE	Upon filing
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