

STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the Department's recommendations associated with Intermediate Board Issue 6—Improve the Northwest Oregon Forest Management Plan to achieve desired outcomes. These recommendations relate to:

- A set of Species of Concern strategies to replace the Draft Habitat Conservation Plan strategies.
- The management approach for the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests that best achieve the current Board of Forestry Performance Measure targets.

CONTEXT

The Department will present results of further work conducted in response to November 2008, Board direction. The presentations include four additional scenarios to demonstrate a range of management approaches, information regarding species of concern status in Northwest Oregon and a proposed species of concern strategy. All of this information informs the recommendations contained in this staff report, and is available in staff reports developed for Agenda Items 3, 4, and 5.

ANALYSIS

Working collaboratively with ODFW fish and wildlife specialists, Department staff have developed a proposed draft strategy designed to maintain and enhance habitat for species of concern (SOC). These strategies are not yet incorporated into the model outputs.

The Model scenario *D. Performance Measure with Structure and Revenue Goals* appears to best meet the performance measures and targets. Without the complete set of SOC strategies, this scenario achieves a harvest volume of 220 MMBF per year, starting in the second model period (five to ten years). This achieves a 20 percent increase over current harvest levels, falling approximately 17 MMBF shy of achieving the Performance Measure 3 target of a “30-35 percent increase” in revenue. At the same time, this scenario develops 20 percent complex

structure in 25 years, and approaches 30 percent in 80 years. This level of complex structure is five years short of achieving the Performance Measure 6 target of “increasing complex structure to at least 17-20 percent.”

The selection of this management scenario would require the following administrative rule changes: adjust the long-term structure target to 30 percent; and discontinue the pursuit of the draft Western Oregon Habitat Conservation Plan. Information regarding these changes would be presented at the June meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Board:

1. Approve the “performance measure” scenario as the management approach for further analysis.
2. Approve the use of the draft SOC strategies for further analysis.
3. Direct the Department to continue its work on the Board work plan for the June meeting.

NEXT STEPS

At the June meeting the Board will consider changes to the Northwest Forest Management Plan that would allow moving in a trajectory towards achieving the performance measure targets for the North Coast districts. This would include replacing the current species of concern strategies (draft habitat conservation plan strategies) with the proposed strategies.