

House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Habitat work group

1. The first thing we did is to look at habitat which mattered-restoring habitat that restores populations on large scale level. An example would be approach taken in Oregon Salmon Plan. Habitat needs to be restored at large level.

Habitat challenges-

1. Inadequate early seral habitat- habitat which is optimum for various game species.
2. Fire both as a destructive level and as something which could have positive benefit on creating early seral habitat.
3. Invasive species-developing habitat plans which deal with invasive species.
4. Dealing with threatened and endangered species.
5. Lack of plans for unified land base habitat.

Next steps

A. State

1. Address habitat challenges-what they are across the state working with state and federal agencies, as well as stakeholder groups.
2. Improved data collection- especially population monitoring and assessment and local plans and habitat efforts.
3. Collaboration with stakeholders and federal agencies on regional and local plans and habitat efforts.
4. Build a repository of different data and maps.
5. Develop a broader habitat plan similar to the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.
 - a. Within that plan develop a concept that stresses the importance of Early Seral habitats for game and non-game species
 - b. Make sure it is not a "single species approach" to habitat management
 - c. Work to bring all habitat plan data whether is ODFW Conservation Strategy or OWEB data together to develop this plan.
 - d. Develop Wildlife Council concept.
 - e. Continue to meet as group to further develop plan
6. In future look to develop habitat plan for inland fish using ODFW Conservation Strategy and OWEB model