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~ GENERAL SESSION ~  
“The Changing Climate of Wildlife Management”  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Meeting  
Louisville, KY  
Monday, September 17, 2007

State fish and wildlife agencies are responsible for the management of the vast majority of fish and wildlife in our nation and have a critical interest in the potential impacts associated with climate change. Since climate change will either impact or have the potential to impact the wildlife resources for which they are responsible, state fish and wildlife agencies, tribes, and the federal agencies will all be challenged to manage populations and ecosystems in the face of these changes and uncertainties about how ecological systems will adapt. This general session—which includes two panel discussions—will highlight approaches and strategies that fish and wildlife agencies need to consider to address potential impacts and challenges associated with climate change on a variety of natural resource issues.

**WELCOME TO KENTUCKY**

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*Jon Gassett*

*Commissioner, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission*

**INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS**

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*Edward Parker*

*President, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Bureau Chief, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection*

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CLIMATE CHANGE OVERVIEW**

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*Virginia Burkett Ph.D.*

*Chief Scientist, Global Change Research, USGS*

**PANEL I: CLIMATE CHANGE AND FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**“Global Warming Impacts on Big Game Winter Habitat”**

*Mike Berger, Wildlife Division Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department*

**“Trout in a Warming Environment: No Kitchen Door”**

*Fred Harris, Interim Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission*

**“Bird Conservation and Climate Change”**

*Dave Erickson, Wildlife Division Chief, Missouri Department of Conservation*

**“Ecosystem Effects of Climate Change on Declining Herpetofauna”**

*Mike Harris, Chief, Nongame Conservation Section, Wildlife Resources Division of the Georgia Department Natural Resources*

**“Agricultural Conservation and Climate Change”**

*Greg Wathen, Chief, Wildlife Management, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency*

**“Effects of Climate Change on Invasive Species”**

*Larry Riley, Division Coordinator, Wildlife Management Division Arizona Game and Fish Department*

**“Climate change and the Future of Wildlife in North America: Where Do We Go From Here?”**

*John Organ, President, The Wildlife Society: U.S. Fish and Wildlife*

**PANEL II: STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE DIRECTORS**

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**Midwest:** *Dave Schad*  
*Director Division of Fish and Wildlife*  
*Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*

**Northeast:** *Doug Austen*  
*Executive Director*  
*Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission*

**Southeast:** *Ken Haddad*  
*Executive Director*  
*Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission*

**West:** *Duane Shroufe*  
*Director*  
*Arizona Game and Fish*

**Alaska:** *Ken Taylor*  
*Deputy Commissioner*  
*Alaska Department Fish and Game*