



LEGISLATIVE FEDERAL BUDGET COMMITTEE (LFBC)

Chair: Kendra Wecker (OH)
Vice Chair: Bryan McClinton (LA)

115th Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Meeting
Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa
Tucson, Arizona

Tuesday, September 24, 2024
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Agenda

8:00 AM **Call to order– Kendra Wecker, Chair**

Introductions

Agenda Review/Repair

Approval of Meeting Summary – 2025 Spring LFBC Meeting, Louisville, KY

8:10 AM **Invited Speakers (8 Minutes Each):**

- **75th Anniversary of the Sportfish Restoration Trust Fund (Dingell-Johnson) Recognition and Outreach Updates** – Tim Schaeffer, Executive Director, PA Fish and Boat Commission
- **America's Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP) – Wildlife for the 21st Century: Volume VII (W21)** – Joel Webster, Chief Conservation Officer, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) & Incoming AWCP Chair
- **Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Prevention Act of 2025** – Connor Bevan, Inland Fisheries Policy Director, American Sportfishing Association

- ***What do State Fish and Wildlife Agencies Accomplish with their Entrusted Fiscal Resources, and Why that Work is Important – a Multistate Conservation Grant Proposal*** – Rob Southwick, President, Southwick and Associates
- **Farm Bill Outlook** – Shane Behler, Agricultural Policy Program Manager, AFWA

8:50 AM **FY26 Federal Budget Update** – Kurt Thiede

9:00 AM **AFWA Legislative Updates** – Kurt Thiede

- **Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund Reauthorization**
- **Sporting Goods Excise Tax Modernization Act**
- **The Wetlands Conservation and Access Improvement Act of 2025**
- **Make SWAPs Efficient Act of 2025**
- **Funding for State Identified Species of Greatest Conservation Need**
- **Supporting the Health of Aquatic Systems through Research, Knowledge, and Enhanced Dialogue (SHARKED) Act (H.R. 207 / S. 2314)**
- **Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission Act (H.R. 1514/S. 1078)**
- **Cormorant Relief Act of 2025 (HR 2293 / S 1255)**

9:15 AM **Conservation Partner Legislative Priorities** – Conservation NGOs in Attendance

9:20 AM **State Member Updates** – All State Agency Committee Members and Attendees

State members in attendance are invited to raise awareness of any of their legislative priorities or issues.

9:30 AM **Federal Partner Updates (8 Minutes Each):**

- **USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services Program Update** – Jessica Fantinato, Deputy Administrator, USDA APHIS - WS
- **USFWS Agency Update** – Dave Miko, Acting Deputy Director for Operations, USFWS
- **USFS Agency Update** – Steven Lohr, Director of Natural Resources, USFS
- **USGS Cooperative Research Unit Update** – Kevin Pope, Acting Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Chief

10:00 AM **Adjourn**