THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES POLICY COMMITTEE
Chair: Greg Sheehan (UT)
Vice-Chair: Jack Buckley (MA)

Wednesday, September 14, 2016
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

106TH AFWA Annual Meeting
Room: TBD / Marriott Philadelphia Downtown
Philadelphia, PA

Agenda

8:00 am  Call to order, introductions and agenda modifications – **Greg Sheehan**, Chair

8:05  Plants and the ESA: State of the states’ work on federally listed plants, challenges and opportunities – Mary Pfaffko (GA) & Jonathan Mawdsley (AFWA)

9:05  State agencies’ species updates:
   • Monarch butterfly conservation and potential impacts to states – Kelley Myers, (IA)
   • Black-footed ferret and Sylvatic plague vaccine, Canada lynx, wolverine, others?

9:30  UT’s Partnership with the USFWS and their strategies to facilitate downlisting and delisting of species – Henry Maddox (UT)

9:45  Update: draft charter for a revised working group on ESA & Climate Change – Davia Palmeri (AFWA)


10:00  Health Break

10:15  ESA Listing Work Plan and agency update – Gary Frazer (USFWS)

10:35  Other Federal Agency Reports & Discussion
   • NMFS, BLM, USFS, USGS, NRCS, NPS, Others?
11:20  Discussion: Enhancing States’ range-wide and multistate conservation abilities for T/E/candidate species – Jen Mock Schaeffer (AFWA)
    • What works, what doesn’t, what can we do better together?
    • What do states need in order to enhance range-wide and multistate species conservation efforts?
    • Discussion and assessment of states’ challenges and needs

11:55  Closing Discussion and Action Items

12:00  Adjourn

Note: Please see the Legislative Synopsis distributed with this agenda for an update on Congressional Legislation.

Committee Charge:

- Review procedural or categorical problems affecting threatened and endangered species listings and de-listing and critical habitat proposals as reported in the Federal Register and suggest appropriate action.
- Keep abreast of legislative proposals and oversight hearings and recommend Association involvement.
- Maintain active liaison with appropriate federal agency offices, the conservation community, states and regional associations.
- Serve as the subject matter and support group on endangered species that are covered by CITES or other international arrangements.
- Subcommittees and Working Groups: ESA and Climate Change Working Group