



**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Greg Sheehan (UT)  
Vice-Chair: Eric Gardner (WA)**

**Friday, March 10, 2017  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**82<sup>nd</sup> North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Committee  
Meeting Room 1 / Davenport Grand Hotel  
Spokane, WA**

**Agenda**

- 8:00 am Call to Order/Review Agenda – Greg Sheehan
- 8:05 Introductions – All
- 8:10 Review and Approval of 2017 work plan – All
- 8:15 Report on the Western Governors Association ESA Initiative - Zach Bodhane, WGA
- 8:35 Update from Legal Committee on ESA critical habitat rule challenge – Lisa Reynolds, CPW
- 8:50 Species Updates:
- Wolves – Gray, Mexican, Red
  - Grizzly Bears
  - Monarchs
- 9:10 Update on EAJA Reform in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress – Lowell Baier, Esq.
- 9:20 Legislative Update and Discussion – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
- AFWA’s administrative transition priorities (attachments to email)
  - Recovering America’s Wildlife Act reintroduction
  - [Senate EPW Hearing on Modernization of the ESA](#) and AFWA’s efforts
  - Other ESA related legislation
  - Discussion of appropriations priorities and other considerations
- 9.45 Review and Discussion of USFWS’s Final ESA Compensatory Mitigation Policy finalized December 27, 2016– Gary Frazer

- 10:05 Health break
- 10:15 Review and Discussion of USFWS's & NMFS's changes to the HCP handbook and CCAA policy and changes to regulations finalized December 27, 2016– Gary Frazer & Angela Somma
- 10:35 Federal Partner Updates and Q&A
- USFWS (other issues)
  - NMFS
  - BLM - T&E Recovery Fund Presentation – Kim Tripp
  - NRCS
  - NPS
  - USFS
  - USGS
  - Other?
- 11.45 Update: Work of the ESA State/Federal Joint Task Force - Nick Wiley, FL
- 11:55 Next Steps and wrap-up discussion
- 12:00 pm Adjourn

If time permits:

Species of Interest Updates:

- Canada lynx species status assessment
- Black-footed ferret reintroduction and recovery
- Monarch butterfly conservation
- Wolverine conservation

*Committee Charge:*

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- *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.*
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- *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*
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