



LEGISLATIVE & FEDERAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chair: Greg Johnson (KY)

Vice-Chair: David Whitehurst (VA)

Thursday, March 17, 2016

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

81st North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference

Room: TBD / Wyndham Grand Hotel

Pittsburgh, PA

Agenda

- 1:00pm Call to Order/Review Agenda; David Whitehurst, Vice Chair
- 1:05 Introductions and AFWA's new Government Affairs staff; All
- Devin DeMario, AFWA Government Affairs Associate; Gary Taylor, contractor
- 1:10 Update on Congressional Legislation
- Forestry Reform and Wildfire Disaster Funding Act – Gary Taylor, NWTF
 - Bipartisan Sportsmen's Package – Gary Kania, CSF
 - National Fish Habitat Conservation Act – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
 - Tribal Self-Governance Act (S. 286) – Gary Taylor & Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
 - Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015/HR 8 – Devin DeMario, AFWA
 - Other issues of importance to the community – All
- 1:50 Strategies for State Agency Successes in Gaining Authority to Set License and Permit Fees – Tim Schaeffer, PFBC
- 2:05 AFWA Government Affairs Review– Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
- Sportfish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund – review of reauthorization
 - LWCF Reauthorization – Guiding Principles revisited and omnibus provisions
 - Community views and opportunities – All
 - Revising AFWA's General Principles on Improving Implementation of the ESA
 - Recommendations of AFWA's Blue Ribbon Panel: sustaining America's diverse fish and wildlife resources
 - Community views and opportunities – All
 - Water Resources Reform Development Act – Devin DeMario, AFWA
 - Ideas and needs for reauthorization – All
- 2:30 Review and adoption of AFWA's 2017 federal appropriations recommendations to Congress – Jen Mock Schaeffer & Devin DeMario, AFWA
(over)

- 2:45 Committee Business: review and adoption of 2016-2017 draft work plan – David Whitehurst
- 2:55 Wrap-up Discussion, Action Items, and Next Steps
- 3:00 Adjourn

Committee Charge:

- *Identify and evaluate bills and policy issues coming before the U.S. Congress having the potential for affecting the needs, interests, role and authority of the Association members.*
 - *Develop and recommend positions on such measures.*
 - *Develop recommendations on the budgets of the federal resource agencies.*
 - *Explore ways of working with Canada and Mexico on significant legislation.*
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