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WILDLIFE DIVERSITY CONSERVATION & FUNDING COMMITTEE

Chair: Sara Parker Pauley, Missouri Department of Conservation
Vice Chair: Jonathan Regosin, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Tuesday September 20th, 2022
9:15 am to 12:15 pm (CDT)
112th Hybrid Meeting of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Ft. Worth, Texas)

Committee Charge: *Advocate for long-term dedicated funding and annual appropriations for the conservation of species of greatest conservation need, nature-based recreation and conservation education and support development, implementation, and revision of State Wildlife Action Plans.*

Agenda (CDT)

- 9:15AM Welcome, Call to Order, Review Agenda, and Approve March 2022 Committee Report, Sara Parker Pauley, MDOC
- 9:25AM Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Discussion-Sara Parker Pauley, MDOC
- 9:40AM State & Tribal Wildlife Grant Funding for FY23-Mark Humpert, AFWA
- 9:50AM *Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources Recommendation #1*
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act Legislative Update-Mike Leahy, NWF; Kurt Thiede & Sean Saville, AFWA (20 min)
 - National Wildlife Federation Advocacy-Naomi Edelson, NWF (10 min)
 - Steps Underway to be RAWA-Ready-Kathy Hollar USFWS (15 min)
 - Report from EOD/WDCF Joint Working Group-Shelley Plante, TPWD (10 min) (invited)
- 10:45AM *Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources Recommendation #2*
- Update on Fish and Wildlife Relevancy Roadmap Implementation-Elsa Haubold, UFWS (10 min)
- 10:55AM State Wildlife Action Plans

- Discussion & Proposed Approval of Voluntary Guidance on Climate Change and SWAPs-Jacob Blandford, AFWA (15 min)
- Recommendations for Improving the USGS Species of Greatest Conservation Need Database-John Kanter, NWF (10 min)
- Update on Landscape Conservation Joint Task Force-Ken Elowe, AFWA/FWS (10 min)

11:30AM Update on Bat Working Group-Jenny Dickson, CTDEEP and Leanne Burns, AFWA Bat Contractor

11:40AM Developing a Network and Convening Capacity for Pollinators & Invertebrates-Ross Winton, TPWD

11:50AM Update on America the Beautiful Challenge Grants-Deb Rocque, USFWS

12:00AM Overview of the Texas Wildlife Diversity Program—Jonah Evans, TPWD

12:15PM Adjourn

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