DRAFT Agenda

10:00am Call to Order/Review Agenda; Greg Johnson, Chair

10:05 Introductions; All

10:10 Update on Congressional Legislation (see handout)
- Wildfire Disaster Funding and Forestry Reform bills – Gary Taylor, NWTF
- Water Resources Reform Development Act – Devin DeMario & Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
- P/R Modernization Act – Gary Taylor, AFWA

- Discussion (All): What changes are needed to S. 2012/HR 8 energy provisions to garner states’ support?
- Other state issues/concerns?
- Next steps and actions

10:40 Tribal Legislation of Interest to the States
- Tribal Self-Governance Act, S. 286 – Gary Taylor, AFWA
- Tribal Forest Protection and Participation Act, S. 3014 – Gary Taylor, AFWA
  - Discussion (All): Are there any concerns with the Amendment language, and are there additional improvements needed?

10:50 Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) – Devin DeMario & Jen MS, AFWA
- Latest discussion draft bill and outstanding issues
- Sharing state perspectives and concerns
- Discussion of compromise ideas (see handout)
- Finding consensus on compromise ideas
11:15  AFWA’s Blue Ribbon Panel Recommendations: Restoring America’s Wildlife Act, HR 5650 -- Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
  • Strategies for the 114th and 115th Congresses; Hill meetings
  • States’ actions to date (resolutions, meetings, etc.)
  • Partner actions to date
  • Findings to share: support, concerns, new questions, foreseen needs/issues/challenges
  • Helpful State perspectives when working with your MOC
  • State Success Stories Needed
  • Strategies for State Match Requirements

11:30  Strategies for State Agency Successes in Gaining Authority to Set License and Permit Fees – Tim Schaeffer, PFBC

11:50  Other issues of importance to the community – All

11:55  Wrap-up, Next Steps, and Action Items

12:00  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.