



LEGISLATIVE & FEDERAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chair: Greg Johnson (KY)

Vice-Chair: David Whitehurst (VA)

Monday, March 17, 2016

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

106TH AFWA Annual Meeting

**Room: TBD / Marriott Philadelphia Downtown
Philadelphia, PA**

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
- 10:20 Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015, S. 2012/HR 8 & Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Package – Jen Mock Schaeffer, 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.*
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