



**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Angi Bruce (WY)**

**Vice Chair: Kyle Briggs (NC)**

**115<sup>th</sup> Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Meeting**

**Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa**

**Tucson, Arizona**

**Wednesday, September 24, 2024**

**8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Agenda**

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| 8:00 AM | Call to order– Angi Bruce, Chair  |
|         | Introductions   |
|         | Agenda Review/Repair  |
|         | Approval of Meeting Summary: 2025 TESPC Spring Meeting – 90th North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference – Louisville, KY   |
| 8:10 AM | USFWS Ecological Services Program Updates – Gina Schultz, Acting Assistant Director, Ecological Services  |
| 8:25 AM | Regional USFWS E/T Spp. Highlights and Updates<br>Mike Oetker – Regional Director, USFWS Southeast Region<br>Will Meeks – Regional Director, USFWS Midwest Region<br>Paul Souza – Regional Director, USFWS Pacific Southwest Region |
| 9:10 AM | Informational Presentation: NatureServe’s InSite Biodiversity Assessment Tool – Anne Bowser, Chief Executive Officer, NatureServe Break   |

- 9:25 AM Transboundary E/T Species Conservation – Stewart Lily (NM) / Jim DeVos (AZ) / Clay Crowder (AZ)
- 9:40 AM Roundtable: Committee State Member Updates
- *In an effort to use the committee as a venue for learning, state agency members in attendance are encouraged to share opportunities, issues, challenges and lessons learned, and/or raise questions related to threatened and endangered species policy and management.*
- 10:10 AM Legislative Update – Kurt Thiede, Government Affairs Director, AFWA
- 10:20 AM NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Updates – Heidi Lovett, Supervisor and Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Policy, NOAA Fisheries
- 10:30 AM USDA – APHIS – Wildlife Services Updates – Wendy Anderson, Western Region Director, USDA, APHIS-WS
- 10:45 AM US Forest Service Update – Steven Lohr, Director of Natural Resources, USFS
- 11:00 AM Adjourn

### **Threatened and Endangered Species Policy Committee Charge**

- Review procedural or categorical issues affecting threatened and endangered species listings under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as well as downlisting/de-listing and critical habitat designation proposals as reported in the Federal Register; suggest appropriate action.
- Keep abreast of legislative proposals and oversight hearings and recommend Association involvement when appropriate.
- 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.