LEGISLATIVE AND FEDERAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
Chair: Tim Schaeffer (PA)
Vice-Chair: Kendra Wecker (OH)
Thursday, March 12, 2020
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

85th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference
Room TBD / Hilton Omaha / Omaha, NE

AGENDA

1pm Call to order, introductions, review agenda – Tim Schaeffer, Chair

1:05pm State Roundtable Discussion: Sharing the Challenges, Strategies, and Lessons Learned from Working with your State Legislature

1:35pm Legislative Discussion: As we discuss each of the following, please tell us what can AFWA do better to enhance states’ Congressional engagement.

- Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (HR3742) – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA; Mike Leahy, NWF
  - Bill status, changes made by the House amendment in the nature of a substitute, new apportionment table, and talking points – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
  - What are states and partners doing and what else can you do?

- Land and Water Conservation Fund (HR3195/S1081) and Restore our Parks and Public Lands Act (HR1225) – Steve Kline, TRCP; Joel Pederson, NWTF
  - Status update
  - What’s missing? What else needs attention? – All
  - What are outstanding state needs? – All

- Transportation bill reauthorization
  - Reauthorization of Wallop-Breaux (HR4828) – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
  - Wildlife connectivity and reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions (S2302) – Mike Leahy, NWF; Andy Treherne, CSF
  - Timelines and discussion of state needs and perspectives on the legislation – All

- Water Resources Development Act – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
  - Aquatic invasive species

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  - Chronic Wasting Disease legislation and funding – Steve Kline, TRCP

- America’s Conservation Enhancement Act (HR925) – Steve Kline, TRCP
- Migratory Bird Protection Act of 2020 (HR5552) – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
  - Sharing perspectives on the proposed permit system – All
  - Discussion of definition of “commercial activity” and implications for the management of state lands and states’ wildlife management actions – All
- Abandoned Mine Reclamation legislation – Tim Schaeffer, Chair

2:30pm  Review of committee charge and work plan – Tim Schaeffer, Chair
2:35pm  Wrap-up, next steps, and actions for the Business Meeting; break

2:40pm-3pm
- Introductions of Government Agency participants
- Government Agencies Only Roundtable Discussion—sharing strategies for fully implementing conservation programs that require non-federal match, specifically RAWA
- Additional perspectives on AFWA’s aquatic invasive species work
- 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.