



## WILDLIFE DIVERSITY CONSERVATION & FUNDING COMMITTEE

Chair: Sara Parker Pauley, Missouri Department of Conservation  
Vice Chair: Jonathan Regosin, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife  
Thursday March 12, 2020  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
85<sup>th</sup> North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference  
Room: Ballroom A  
Hilton Hotel | Omaha, NE

**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**

- 08:00AM Call to Order/Review Agenda/Introductions-Sara Parker Pauley, MDOC
- 08:15AM Approval of Committee Report from the September 2020 Meeting-Sara Parker Pauley, MDOC
- 08:20AM State & Tribal Wildlife Grants
- FY2021 STWG Funding-Mark Humpert, AFWA
  - STWG Fly-in & Dear Colleague Letters-Mark Humpert, AFWA
- 08:30AM *Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources*  
*Recommendation #1*
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act/Alliance for America's Fish & Wildlife-Sean Saville & Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA; Mike Leahy, NWF
- Update on HR 3742
  - Status of Senate Legislation
  - Advocacy (i.e. sign-on letters, resolutions, factsheets, etc.)
- 09:20AM *Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources*  
*Recommendation #2*
- Implementation of the Fish & Wildlife Relevancy Roadmap-Elsa Haubold, USFWS
- 10:00AM **-BREAK-**

- 10:15AM Report from EOD/WDCF Joint Working Group-Shelley Plante, TPWD
- 10:25AM Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program Update-Christy Vigfusson, USFWS
- State & Tribal Wildlife Grants 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report
  - Update on TRACS Reporting System and Inclusion of State Wildlife Grants Effectiveness Measures
- 10:45AM State Profile: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Wildlife Diversity Program-Melissa Panella, NGPC
- 11:00AM Why does landscape conservation matter for at-risk species conservation? -Deb Rocque, USFWS (5 min)
- Initiative Updates and Discussion on Landscape Conservation (10 min each)
- Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy Blueprint 4.0- Kyle Briggs NCWRC; Bill Uihlein, USFWS
  - Nature's Network & Northeast Regional Conservation Needs-Jenny Dickson, CT DEEP
  - Midwest Landscape Initiative-Jim Douglas, NGPC; Kelley Myers, USFWS
  - Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool-Chanda Pettie, WAFWA
- 11:45AM Discussion: What action (if any) can the committee take to spur collaboration on a connected network of lands and waters for the benefit of species of greatest conservation need.
- 12:00PM Adjourn