

Joint WG: EOD + WDCF

March 6, 2019

Chair: Jen Newmark

Attendees: 35

Agenda:

Welcome- Jen Newmark

Overview of original purpose of the working group

- To help promote the goals of the BRP
- The goals have changed over time
- Today- need to see what the need/purpose of this Joint WG is
  - Is it needed? – if so what is the new goal/purpose
  - Should this group dissolve?

Questions to group- should we exist

- We see there is a lot of overlap between the two committees → but is this Joint WG the place to collaborate
- Should we make a point to be at each other's meetings to make this collaboration happen, or should we have a more formal setting with this Joint WG to collaborate

Discussion:

- If we make sure we're at each other's meetings and on each other's agendas, then perhaps this group isn't needed; unless we have a true purpose
  - Challenge- having a working group chair (non-director) talk to a committee chair (director) may be difficult (for possibly keeping this joint WG)
- Might be good to keep this joint WG for the next year to have better collaboration with the launch of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress
  - Have a specific issue that we work on in a collaborative effort; once done then work on another focused project or dissolve
- → how would this be different than AFWA's current communication to the groups not through the joint WG?
  - This should be beyond disseminating information; but working collaboratively as to how best to get the message out to our target audiences
- Working collaboratively will help us brainstorm how states can meet match for RAWA if it were to pass
- Overall there are more pros and less cons for keeping the Joint WG
- This would likely be monthly calls between the two committees to brainstorm or produce products to help the grassroots efforts for the RAWA campaign

- Can assist in getting local conservation groups aware and why RAWA is important to them
- Allows us to build that partnership and base of support in our states
- Thinking about the stuff that is missing
- This may be important to build bridges between the two committees and to some more key people that want the information
- More pro-active communication and collaboration and help with the states is needed → this might be a place to do that collaboration

**Updated draft Charge:** develop active outreach tools that can help state agencies to support the RAWA campaign and facilitate grassroots efforts

- Short term charge that can be revisited or changed at future meetings; or dissolve if decided group is no longer needed

Updated Chair & Vice-Chair nominations requested:

- Jen Newmark (WDCF)
- Shelly Plante (EOD)
- Looking for more possible nominations and voting.

Ask: for participation and engagement by the group to make this group successful

Will report out during the EOD and WDCF committees that this group will continue

- Will ask via email for volunteers for chairs
- May have interim chairs in the meantime to make sure this group is productive until then.