

Trust Funds Collection Working Group

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
1100 First Street, NE, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002

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1:00 – 5:00 PM

Call Information – 1-(866) 816-2269

Conference code: 207465

I. Greetings and Introductions

Lori Bennett and Paul Rauch, FWS

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Paul Rauch/ Steve Klein/ Lori Bennett/ Taylor Pool

Tax and Trade Bureau – Jesse Longbrake

Internal Revenue Service – Tim Boes

Office of Tax Analysis –

Customs and Border Protection –

U.S. Coast Guard – Barry Nobles

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies – Carol Frampton / Lane Kisonak / Jen Mock
Shaeffer

National Association of State Boating Law Administrators –

American Sportfishing Association –

National Shooting Sports Foundation –

National Marine Manufacturers Association –

Archery Trade Association – Dan Forster

Wildlife Management Institute – Jon Gassett / Mitch King

II. Federal Status Reports and Updates

A. U.S. Department of the Treasury

i. Internal Revenue Service – Tim Boes

Sport Fishing and Archery Compliance Activities

ii. Office of Tax Analysis –

Estimating Receipts for the Sport Fish and Boating Trust Fund

Estimating Receipts for the Wildlife Restoration Account

iii. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

What is Happening in the World of Federal Firearms & Ammunition Excise Tax?

B. U.S. Department of Homeland Security

i. Customs and Border Protection

Duty Trends

ii. U.S. Coast Guard

Boat Registration Forecast and Trends

C. Department of the Interior

i. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt Trends

Status of [2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation](#)

Wildlife TRACS Data System Update

Strategic Communications Plan Update

III. Ongoing Areas of Interest and Concern

A. Industry Shows 2017 and 2018 – Mitch King

i. ATA

ii. ICAST

iii. SHOT

B. TFCWG Charter Updated - Lori Bennett

IV. Nongovernmental Organizations Status Reports and Updates

A. Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Legislative Update

Changes or additions needed to laws or regulations to improve excise tax collections

B. National Shooting Sports Foundation

Status of Industry Sales

2017/2018 Industry Summit Update

Industry Chat/Concerns

C. American Sportfishing Associations

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ASA 2017/2018 Summit Update

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D. Archery Trade Association

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E. National Marine Manufacturers Association

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F. Wildlife Management Institute

2017/2018 Fish and Wildlife Business Summit Update

V. Identify New Areas of Concern – All

VI. Set Date/Time for Follow Up Meeting(s) – All (Suggest 19 February 2019)

VII. Conclusions/Agreements Reached and Wrap Up Review

ACTION ITEMS
Trust Funds Collection Work Group on Excise Taxes
February 21, 2017

ACTION ITEMS FROM FEBRUARY 2017 TFCWG MEETING:

1. Imports – Mitch King will look at Harmonized Tariff Schedule to determine where to go with items such as cast nets which are no longer deposited in SFRBT fund to determine appropriate action.
2. Registered Boats - USCG and NMMA will look at total registered recreational motorized boat numbers to see why NMMA shows approximately 1 million more boats.
3. Follow-up needed on Wildlife Restoration Account forecast to determine why OTA forecasts increase in archery receipts.
 - Elena Patel with OTA is responsible for the WR Account. The increase in archery is driven by Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth with quarterly adjustments for seasonality. In the past, this type of model has done fairly well in forecasting.
4. TFCWG Charter needs updated.
 - Updated TFCWG Charter approved by AFWA Fish and Wildlife Trust Funds Committee Chair, Jack Buckley, at the 2017 North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference in Spokane, WA on March 10, 2017.