

Joint EOD-WDCF Working Group
September 20, 2022

Notes:

Introductions

- Recent focus on helping tell the state story to support the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)
 - State fact sheets
 - Shovel-ready state projects
 - Story map about state allocations

Recovering America's Wildlife Act Update- Sean Saville

- Use the Shovel Ready fact sheets daily; very helpful on the Hill and reporters
- A lot of work has been happening over the last few weeks; raising the profile of the RAWA bill during the August recess
- Setting up more meetings with key people in the Senate to get support for RAWA passage
- Looking at possibly attaching the bill to the Continuing Resolution (CR)
 - Looking like a possibility
- There's a new 'paid for' option on the table for the RAWA bill
 - Going through policy and legal review
 - Should have something to share with offices soon
- Responsive Management did a polling that showed over 70% of people support the bill (bipartisan); current polling shows 86% support
- Looking to get 60 Senators to the 'YES' on RAWA
- Next Steps: contact senators and ask for the YES vote when it comes to the floor; make contact with local media

Future of the Joint Working Group (WG)- Discussion

- Currently in holding pattern until we know the status of RAWA-- since the main focus has been on RAWA support thus far
 - Decisions won't likely be made until after the North American Conference in March
- If RAWA passes- what should we focus on?
 - SWAPs would be a natural focus; could incorporate RAWA funding opportunities there as well, but main focus would be on SWAP
 - Telling the Stories: 1) successful application of funding with RAWA, 2) other conservation success stories and efforts
 - Would help with the quantification piece of RAWA reporting if bill passes
- EOD would be an important partner moving forward after RAWA passage
 - Will need more EOD engagement in Joint WG to successfully get our message out to the public, media, stakeholders and constituents.

- Relevancy can be part of the Joint WG wheelhouse moving forward
- Will need volunteers from EOD Committee to help 'lead the charge' in the Joint WG

Work Plan Update- discussion

- We successfully completed or continue to work on goals in work plan

Other Items

- Would be good to have a unified press release for when RAWA passes
 - All states would have the same message and can plug in their state specific items
 - Create a boiler plate press release

Useful links:

Social for RAWA

Facebook: [/OurNatureUSA](#)

Twitter: @OurNatureUSA

IG: /OurNatureUSA

RAWA Toolkit: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19oOPZlIjZtND4VO6aYxEyWQuc-E9g28T>

Use hashtag #RecoverWildlife for any social media posts around the Recovering America's Wildlife Act