



ENERGY & WILDLIFE POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair: Clay Crowder (AZ)

Vice-Chair: Chris Lewis (AL)

Thursday September 17th

1:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Conestoga Room (Lvl 4)

116th AFWA Annual Meeting

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Committee Charge: The energy and wildlife policy committee focuses on understanding and ameliorating the effects of energy development and generation in North America on fish and wildlife resources, habitats, and landscapes at the state, provincial, territorial, regional, and international levels.

Agenda

- 1:15 pm **Call to Order / Approval of Minutes from April's 91st North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference Meeting**
Clay Crowder, (AZ)
- 1:20 pm **State Spotlight: Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (*Jordan Allison*) / Pennsylvania Game Commission (*Jim Roberts*) & PPL (*Chadd Sober and Eric Beaver*)**
- 1:40 pm **National Utility-Scale Solar Guidelines Discussion**
Becky Crow, (OH) and Quintana Hayden, (ACP)
- Update and Next Steps
- 1:50 pm **Wind Wildlife Working Group Update**
Karen Volutra, (CO) and Jessica Wilkinson (TNC)
- Solar Wildlife Working Group Update**
Melissa Marinovich (NE) and Emily Grabowski (WA)
(Handout)
- 1:55 pm **Clean Energy Compass Update**
Jessica Wilkinson, (TNC)
- 2:10 pm **Energy & Wildlife Conservation Initiative**
Clay Crowder, (AZ)
Update on the Energy Wildlife Conservation Initiative (EWCI), an initiative under development to work with the oil and gas and electric utility sectors to expand opportunities for fish and wildlife conservation on energy rights-of-way and other working lands while supporting industry operational needs.

- 2:20 pm **Developing a Joint Data Center Working Group**
Clay Crowder (AZ) & Committee
Discussion of a proposed joint working group between the Energy & Wildlife Policy Committee and the Fisheries & Water Resources Policy Committee Subcommittee on Water to address the rapidly growing questions associated with data center development.
- 2:35 pm **Federal Agency and Partner Updates**
 - USGS
 - FWS – *Mike Oetker*
 - BLM
 - REWI – *Troy Hartley, Solar Wildlife & Ecosystem Database project*
 - TCF
 - ACP
 - Others
- 2:50 pm **State and Provincial Roundtable**
One representative per state agency highlights a couple of legislative and policy initiatives, issues, or success stories. Non-state participants, please introduce self.
- 3:10 pm **Wrap-up and Next Steps**
Clay Crowder, (AZ)
- 3:15 pm **Adjourn**