



AFWA IR 2018-2019 Committee Work Plan

Worksheet

Guidelines: Each AFWA Committee, Subcommittee and Workgroup is required to review their charge and develop a work plan at the AFWA Annual Meeting and submit to John Lord, Operations Director, jlord@fishwildlife.org by October 1. The purpose of the work plan is to improve communication and effectiveness of committee work and enable committee chairs and the Executive Committee to evaluate their status annually.

Committee Work Plan		
Date: September 2018		
Committee Name: International Relations		
Co-Chair: Bob Broscheid	Co-Chair: Travis Ripley	Staff: Deb Hahn
<p>Committee Charge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop AFWA positions on all appropriate international matters including agreements, treaties, conventions, regulations and initiatives such as International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and its specialists groups and especially on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Fauna and Flora (CITES) • Further Canadian and Mexican involvement, develop relations with Central and South American and Caribbean nations, and explore contact with other nations across the globe. • Monitor and participate, as needed, in the relevant Conventions, agreements and treaties such as the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Ramsar Convention, Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN), IUCN, etc. • Serves as AFWA's source, sounding board and integrator of information and discussion about international issues. 		
Changes to the Charge:		
<p>List Major Activities and Objectives Accomplished During the Last Year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Represented State agencies and where applicable Provinces and Territories in CITES (see Work Group activities below). 2. Supported the 30 states participating in Southern Wings. 3. Attended and helped guide the development of the IUCN U.S. National Committee related to its June meeting and development of working groups and priorities. 4. Actively participated in debates and initiatives of the IUCN Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group. 5. Participated in the 2018 Trilateral Committee meeting in the U.S. 6. Attended the CBD SBSTTA meeting in December 2017. 7. Engaged with partners on issues and positions leading up to CBD CoP14. 8. Participated in planning between the U.S., Canada, and Mexico for the July meeting of the Americas Flyway Framework Task Force. 9. Participated in the WHSRN Hemispheric Council meeting. 		

<p>10. Participated in the CMS Conference of the Parties (CoP) with a focus on migratory bird conservation and lead ammunition.</p> <p>11. Engaged with U.S. State Department on the SPAW Protocol and develop of positions/resolutions for Ramsar CoP13.</p>	
<p>List Activities and Objectives that Will be Accomplished in the Coming Year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in the October 2018 CITES Standing Committee and 2019 CITES CoP. 2. Engage in the development of positions for the 2018 Ramsar CoP13. 3. Engage in the discussions around the 2018 CBD CoP14. 4. Participate in and help guide the IUCN U.S. Committee. 5. Engage on issues at the Trilateral Wildlife Committee (April/May 2019). 6. Engage with partners on cross border conservation issues as needed. 7. Engage with USFWS's Mesoamerican initiative as appropriate. 8. Support Southern Wings and seek to engage new financial partners. 9. Engage with WHSRN, America's Flyway Framework, and the related flyway investment strategies. 10. Engage with the Canadian Wildlife Directors Committee (CWDC) and other Canadian partners on the conventions, treaties and initiatives. 11. Attend the Joint Management Committee meeting if it occurs. 12. Communicate IR Committee issues to other Committees and AFWA members via the AFWA Communications Strategy in cooperation with Patty Allen. 	
<p>Comments:</p>	
<p>Workgroup Work Plan</p>	
<p>Date: September 2018</p>	
<p>Workgroup Name: CITES Technical Work Group</p>	
<p>Members: Rick Jacobson - Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Carolyn Caldwell - Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Buddy Baker - Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Jim deVos - Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies</p>	<p>Staff: Deb Hahn</p>
<p>Workgroup Charge:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assure state, Provincial, and Territorial fish and wildlife agencies are appraised of pending CITES issues and can respond. 2. To provide a streamlined approach to requesting changes in federal (Canadian policies when appropriate) and/or international policies to accommodate state, Provincial, and Territorial fish and wildlife agency needs. 3. To provide biological and administrative information to assist the federal government(s) in executing its (their) international responsibilities. 4. To minimize unnecessary oversight and restrictions to state, Provincial and Territorial fish and wildlife agency authority as a result of CITES and other conventions as they relate to CITES' issues. 	

5. To support sustainable use principles and the North American Model internationally.
6. To ensure the federal government(s) understands and reacts positively to the needs and authority of state fish and wildlife agencies as it relates to CITES.

Changes to the Charge:

1. To inform State, Provincial, and Territorial fish and wildlife agency directors of policy developments affecting conservation at an international (i.e., through CITES) scale.
2. To formulate and advocate for policy positions reflecting the interests of State, Provincial and Territorial fish and wildlife agencies in international forums.
3. To formulate and advocate for federal policies (e.g., U.S. and Canadian) that reflect State, Provincial, and Territorial fish and wildlife agency interests.
4. To provide biological and administrative information to assist the federal governments in executing their international responsibilities.
5. To minimize unnecessary oversight and restrictions to State, Provincial and Territorial fish and wildlife agency authority as a result of policies adopted under international conventions (i.e., CITES).
6. To support sustainable use principles and the tenets of the North American Model internationally.

List Major Activities and Objectives Accomplished During the Last Year:

1. Developed positions (E.g., American eel, turtle, snake conservation, traceability, and CITES Strategic Vision) on CITES issues for the July 2018 Animals Committee meeting, and the October 2017 and October 2018 Standing Committee meetings.
2. Disseminated information on CITES and gather information from the state agencies on CITES issues to inform USFWS positions in preparation for the CITES meetings.
3. Participated in 2018 Federal CITES Interagency Coordination meetings.
4. Participated in International Relations Committee meetings at the North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference and the AFWA's Annual Meeting.
5. Communicated with International Relations Committee Co-Chairs during the CITES Animals and Standing Committee meetings to keep them up to speed on issues.
6. Provided an annual summary of CITES related matters and update the state Directors at their respective regional association meeting.
7. Met twice, with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to discuss issues of importance to the state fish and wildlife agencies and provide feedback concerning proposals and positions being developed for United States government related to treaty implementation.
8. Prepared for and attended the winter 2017 Standing Committee and the summer 2018 Animals Committee.

List Activities and Objectives that Will be Accomplished in the Coming Year:

1. Prepare for, develop positions on important issues, and participate in the October 2018 CITES Standing Committee and the 2019 CoP.
2. Respond to USFWS Federal Register notices in preparation for the 2019 CITES CoP as needed.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Disseminate information on CITES and gather information from the State, Provincial, and Territorial agencies on CITES issues to provide to the USFWS and Canadian Wildlife Service when applicable. 4. Meet twice annually with the USFWS to discuss issues of importance to the state fish and wildlife agencies and provide feedback concerning proposals and positions being developed for United States government related to treaty implementation. 5. Meet once a year with the Provinces and Territories (likely at CWDC) to discuss important and relevant CITES issues. 6. Communicate regularly with CWS to discuss issues of importance and relevance to the State, Provincial and Territorial agencies. 7. Participate in US CITES Interagency Coordination meetings. 8. Provide an annual summary of CITES-related matters and update the State, Provincial, and Territorial directors at their respective regional association meeting(s) and through the CWDC. 9. Participate in International Relations Committee meetings at the North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference and the AFWA Annual Meeting. 	
<p>Describe any Changes you Anticipate to the Work Group: N/A</p>	
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<p>Date Workgroup Formed: 1994</p>	<p>Expected Termination Date: ongoing</p>
<p>Comments</p>	