

FISH & WILDLIFE HEALTH FORUM

IDENTIFYING COMMON CHALLENGES, NEEDS, AND SOLUTIONS



NOVEMBER 14-16, 2018
USGS HEADQUARTERS IN RESTON, VA

Purpose: *To improve the potential to respond to wildlife disease events in the U.S. through the evaluation of existing systems, policies, and procedures*

Agenda

Tuesday, November 13

Afternoon: Optional field trip to Smithsonian exhibit ["Outbreak: Epidemics in a Connected World"](#)

Wednesday, November 14

8-8:30am Gather, clear security, register, and enjoy coffee

8:30-10:35am Welcome and Opening Remarks



Ron Regan, AFWA; Benjamin Tuggle, USFWS; James Reilly (USGS, invited); Nick Lapham (Band Foundation); Carl Lucero (USFS); Bob Duncan (VDGIF)

Keynote: *Becky Humphries, CEO, National Wild Turkey Federation*

10:35-10:50am Break

10:50am-12pm Group Discussion: *National Fish and Wildlife Health Initiative toolkit, 2008*

12-1pm Lunch

1-2:45pm Presentations: "State of the Science" (break included)

3-5pm Group Discussion: *Lessons learned – what is working?*
Case studies including screwworm outbreak in Florida, sheep respiratory disease, false alarms of novel pathogens, Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA), diagnostic laboratory methodology standardization

5:30-7pm Reception

PRESENTATIONS - Wednesday, November 14

Syntheses on the “State of the Science”

*Focus on ideal responses and early interventions following an outbreak
for select emerging or epidemic diseases and pathogens*

Contemporary Emerging Pathogens: *including projects funded by the Band Foundation*

- White-nose Syndrome (WNS) - *Craig Willis, PhD; University of Winnipeg*
- Snake fungal disease - *Matt Allender, DVM, PhD; University of Illinois*
- Amphibian chytrid pathogens (Bsal and Bd), susceptibility and mitigation - *Matt Gray, PhD; University of Tennessee-Knoxville and Molly Bletz, PhD; University of Massachusetts-Boston*
- Marine diseases with Seastar Wasting Syndrome case study - *Drew Harvell, PhD; Cornell University*
- Aquatic parasites of salmonids: A presentation on myxozoans - *Julie Alexander, PhD; Oregon State University*

Scientific Tools and Considerations:

- USGS Strategic Sciences Group case study on Bsal: Using preparatory exercises to help identify needs - *Camille Hopkins, DVM, PhD; U.S. Geological Survey*
- Standardization of Lab Testing - *David Blehert, Ph.D., U. S. Geological Survey*
- Considerations and challenges in aquatic vs. terrestrial ecosystems - *Sarah Gravem, PhD; Oregon State University*
- Trends across diseases - *Anna Savage, PhD; University of Central Florida*

Thursday, November 15

8-8:30am	Recap
8:30-9:40am	Presentations: <i>Fish & Wildlife Health Management Approaches</i>
9:40-10am	Break ☕
10am-12pm	Group Discussion: <i>Lessons learned – challenges and gaps</i>
12-1pm	Lunch 🍴
1-5pm	Group Discussion: <i>Lessons learned – challenges and gaps, cont'd; potential actions</i> (break included ☕)

PRESENTATIONS - Thursday, November 15

Fish & Wildlife Health Management Approaches

Focus on a selection of fish & wildlife health management approaches, and what we have learned

Ongoing Disease Management Challenges:

- Domestic animal and wildlife interface diseases - *Patrice Klein, MS, VMD, DACPV, DACVPM; U.S. Forest Service*
- Aquatic Animal Health Program: Overview, case study, and lessons learned - *Kathleen Hartman, DVM, PhD; USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service*
- White-nose Syndrome: Lessons learned and current challenges - *Jeremy Coleman, PhD; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
- Sylvatic Plague: Approaches attempted, what worked, lessons learned - *Mike Miller, DVM, PhD; Colorado Parks and Wildlife*
- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD): Best management practices and current efforts - *Colin Gillin, DVM; Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife*

Management tools and considerations:

- Decision support processes to guide preparation and response - *Evan Grant, PhD; U.S. Geological Survey*
- Adaptive management of sheep respiratory disease - *Peri Wolff, DVM, Nevada Department of Wildlife*

Friday, November 16

8:00-8:30am	Recap
8:30-9:00am	One Health Considerations <i>Casey Barton Behravesh, MS, DVM, DrPH, DACVPM; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (invited)</i>
9:15-11:15am	Group Discussion: <i>Summary of needs identified and opportunities for better inter-agency management and coordination, resource and policy implications</i> (break included ☕)
11:15am-12pm	Report Out, Next Steps, and Closing Remarks

THANK YOU

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