



ASSOCIATION of
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THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair: Brian Nesvik (WY)

Vice-Chair: Eric Gardner (WA)

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

109th AFWA Annual Meeting

Room TBD/ InterContinental Saint Paul Riverfront Hotel/ Saint Paul, MN

DRAFT Agenda

8:00am

Call to order, introductions, and review agenda

Presentation and discussion: IPBES Report and the Americas assessment – Doug Beard, USGS

States' Roundtable discussion: Recent ESA successes, challenges, and troubleshooting

Update since the last committee meeting: states' and FWS training workshops on Assessing Decision-Risk in Species Range Maps and Distribution Models for Use in Conservation and Management – Thomas Edwards, Research Scientist and Assistant Leader; USGS, Cooperative Research Units Program (t.edwards@usu.edu)

FWS update: Using SDMs to improve current range maps for select listed species

- Information sharing and Q&A

Update: White Paper on the "Best Management Practices for the Development and Application of Quantitative Models for the Conservation and Management of Rare Species," by the AFWA S&R Committee and WDPMeers – Jonathan Mawdsley, AFWA

Review and discussion: Changes to implementing the ESA and new final rules – FWS/NOAA

- Q&A

WAFWA prelisting 10(j) concept

Update on the status of Monarch conservation across the states

- Actions in the mid-America region – Ed Boggess, Claire Beck
- Actions in the western region – TBD

Federal Partner updates: FWS, NMFS (Angela Somma), WS, BLM (Kim Trip), USFS, USGS, NPS, NRCS,

- Ongoing and new priorities for federal agencies and what it means for existing/other T/E efforts?

Legislative Updates & Discussions

- Recovering America's Wildlife Act – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
- Transportation bill reauthorization and wildlife corridors language
- Other?

Update: Litigation on the ESA

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Review committee charge and work plan – changes?

AFWA's Strategic Plan – opportunity for committee input

Committee Charge:

- *Review procedural or categorical problems affecting threatened and endangered species listings and de-listing and critical habitat proposals as reported in the Federal Register and suggest appropriate action.*
 - *Keep abreast of legislative proposals and oversight hearings and recommend Association involvement.*
 - *Maintain active liaison with appropriate federal agency offices, the conservation community, states and regional associations.*
 - *Serve as the subject matter and support group on endangered species that are covered by CITES or other international arrangements.*
 - *Subcommittees and Working Groups: ESA and Climate Change Working Group*
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