

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



ASSOCIATION of
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

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Updates



COMMUNICATIONS

INPUT NEEDED:

Provide input on International Relations Committee 2022-2023 Work Plan. The draft work plan is available [here](#). Please email Deb Hahn any input and comments by COB September 12th at dhahn@fishwildlife.org.

UPCOMING ACTIONS:

AFWA will update our GBF recommendations for the December meetings and request input.

RECENT/UPCOMING MEETINGS AND DATES OF INTEREST:

- Tri-lateral Wildlife Committee: June 13th-17th
- IPBES Plenary: July 3rd-9th
- AFWA International Relations Committee meeting: September 19th
- CITES Conference of the Parties (CoP) 19: November 13th-25th
- CBD Open-ended Working Group 5 (GBF Framework Text Negotiations): December 3rd-5th
- CBD CoP15: December 7th-19th

UPDATES

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The last Committee meeting was on May 3rd. The summary is [available](#). The Committee will meet on September 19th. The Committee will discuss CITES and CBD; the work of the CWDC; the IPBES sustainable use summary; the IUCN hunting situation analysis and more. The agenda is available [here](#).

CBD

The Open-ended Working Group is responsible for developing the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) for adoption at the CBD CoP. The GBF text negotiations were conducted in March and June. The final negotiations will happen in December in Montreal. AFWA will update our recommendations and participate in the meetings.

CITES

The CITES CoP will meet in Panama. The [agenda items](#) that may be of interest include CITES and zoonotic diseases, the CITES Strategic Vision and species listing proposals. The list of North American species recommended for listing in a CITES Appendix is [here](#). You will recall in May AFWA gathered information and input on a potential species listings by the US government. Based on your input, (continued on next page)

IPBES

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services summary for policymakers of the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species is [available](#). You can read the media release that highlights some of the main messages [here](#). The summary provides recommendations and messages for sustainable use and wildlife conservation.

PRODUCTS/ACTIONS OF INTEREST



CITES COP19

AFWA submitted a [comment letter](#). Of note, the US did not submit a proposal to list Caribou but did submit listing proposals for 30 US native species and the musk turtle genus. All the CITES species listing proposals are available for [download](#).



Convention on
Biological Diversity

CBD COP15

Information on registration for the Open-ended Working Group 5 and the CoP are available [here](#). They are both being held in Montreal. The latest GBF document contains many brackets (undecided text) and several options for consideration for each draft target. It is available [here](#).



TRILATERAL WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

The 26th Trilateral Wildlife Committee meeting was hosted virtually by Canada. The participants, which included participation from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and AFWA, engaged on migratory bird and monarch butterfly conservation, wildlife health and zoonotic diseases, grassland conservation, Mexican wolf conservation, tri-national feral swine management, 30x30 and more. Each year the state agencies and AFWA produce a report that provides an overview of some of their international conservation work. The report can be found [here](#).



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