



ASSOCIATION of
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

ENERGY & WILDLIFE POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair: Clay Crowder (AZ)

Vice-Chair: Vacant

September 24, 2025

8:00 am – 11:00 am

AFWA Annual Meeting

Tucson, Arizona

Room: See Whova App

Committee Charge: The energy and wildlife policy committee is focused on understanding and ameliorating the effects of energy development and generation in North America and its impacts on fish and wildlife resources and their landscape habitats at the state, province, territory, region, and international levels.

Agenda

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| 8:00 am | Call to Order / Approval of Minutes from March 2025 North America
<i>Clay Crowder, AZGF</i> |
| 8:05 | Arizona State Spotlight
<i>Jessica Potter, AZGFD</i> |
| 8:20 | Bumblebee Conservation Benefits Agreement
<i>Caroline Hernandez and Dan Salas, Sustainable Landscape Program, University of Illinois Chicago</i> |
| 8:35 | REWI Update
<i>Troy Hartley, REWI Executive Director</i> |
| 8:50 | National Utility Scale Solar Wildlife Guidelines (NUSSWG) Update & Discussion
<i>Quintana Hayden, ACP; Becky Crowe, OH DNR</i> |
| 9:20 | Committee Priorities Discussion
<i>Clay Crowder, AZGFD; ALL</i> |
| 9:40 | Federal Administration Updates: USFWS
<i>Michael Oetker, Southeast Regional Director (tentative), USFWS</i> |
| 9:55 | Wind Wildlife Working Group Update
<i>Laura Zebehazy, Texas Parks and Wildlife</i> |

- 10:05 Solar Wildlife Working Group Update
Melissa Marinovich, Nebraska GFD; Emily Grabowsky, Washington Dept. Fish & Wildlife
- 10:20 Golden Eagle Project Update
Juan Botero, AFWA Contractor and Project Lead
- 10:30 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.
- 10:55 Farewell and Thank you Bob Sargent!
ALL
- 11:00 Wrap-up and Adjourn