



ASSOCIATION *of*
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair: Angi Bruce (WY)

Vice Chair: Kyle Briggs (NC)

**91st North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference
Columbus, OH**

Thursday, April 2, 2026

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM ET

Agenda

10:15 AM **Call to order– Angi Bruce, Chair**

Introductions – All Attendees

Agenda Review/Repair

Approval of Meeting Summary: 2025 TESPC Fall Meeting – AFWA Annual Meeting – Madison, WI

Invited Speakers:

***Wildlife Issues Are Local – So Why Isn't ESA Implementation?* - Jonathan Wood, Vice President of Law & Policy, Property and Environment Research Center (PERC)**

Congressional/Legislative Updates – Kurt Thiede, Chief Operating Officer, AFWA

Discussion Topics

AFWA Priorities Communicated to USFWS Leadership Regarding ESA Implementation – Angi Bruce, Chair

State Member Roundtable – All State Agency Members in Attendance

In an effort to use the committee as a venue for learning, state agency members in attendance are encouraged to share opportunities, issues, challenges and lessons learned, and/or raise questions related to threatened and endangered species policy and management that may have national implications.

Federal Agency Partner Updates

- **USFWS – TBD**
 - **Listing, Policies, and Regulations Updates**
- **NOAA- NMFS – TBD**
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- **USFS – TBD**
- **BLM – TBD**
- **USDA – APHIS – Wildlife Services - TBD**

12:15 PM Adjourn

Threatened and Endangered Species Policy Committee Charge

- Review procedural or categorical issues affecting threatened and endangered species listings under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as well as downlisting/de-listing and critical habitat designation proposals as reported in the Federal Register; suggest appropriate action.
- Keep abreast of legislative proposals and oversight hearings and recommend Association involvement when appropriate.
- 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.