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FISH & WILDLIFE
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LEGISLATIVE AND FEDERAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chair: Tim Schaeffer (PA)

Vice-Chair: Kendra Wecker (OH)

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM CT

86th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference

DRAFT AGENDA

- 8am Call to order, introductions, review agenda – Tim Schaeffer, Chair
- 8:05am 30 x 30, the Global Deal for Nature – Christy Plumer, TRCP; all
- Executive Order, shaping the next 4 years, and legislative actions
- 8:15am Transportation bill reauthorization – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
- Reauthorization of Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund
 - Wildlife habitat connectivity provisions
 - Wildlife corridor legislation v3.0?
- 8:25am Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (House/Senate) – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
- 8:35am COVID-19 legislation – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
- Budget reconciliation
 - Economic recovery opportunities: outdoor recreation and public safety infrastructure
- 8:40am NEW: North American grasslands conservation initiative – Bethany Erb, PF/QF; Aviva Glazer, NWF
- Background, need, goals, and desired outcomes
 - What you can do to help; Q&A
- 9:00am NEW: Reauthorization of the Abandoned Mine Lands Act – Tim Schaeffer, Chair
- Background and significance of restoring abandoned mine lands pre-1977
 - Fit with Administration’s priorities, economic recovery, environmental justice, etc.
 - Call to action
- 9:10am Congressional appropriations – Christy Plumer, TRCP; Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
- President’s budget request processes for FY2022
 - AFWA’s starting point; where are our partners?
 - Review and discuss draft funding recommendations
 - What’s missing, what are partners asking for, and why?
 - Alignment of community appropriations requests?
 - Call to action: Volunteers to help refine requests?
- 9:30 USGS Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Units: Use of appropriations and how they fulfill agencies’ applied science needs – Jonathan Mawdsley, USGS
- 9:40am Committee discussion: Diversity and Inclusivity – Kendra Wecker, OH
- 9:50am Wrap-up, adjourn

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Committee Charge:

- *Identify and evaluate bills and policy issues coming before the U.S. Congress having the potential for affecting the needs, interests, role and authority of the Association members.*
 - *Develop and recommend positions on such measures.*
 - *Develop recommendations on the budgets of the federal resource agencies.*
 - *Explore ways of working with Canada and Mexico on significant legislation.*
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