



ASSOCIATION of  
FISH & WILDLIFE  
AGENCIES

**OCEAN RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Curt Melcher (OR)**

**Vice-Chair: Robert Boyles (SC)**

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**8:00 am – 10:00 am**

**85<sup>th</sup> North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference**

**Omaha, NE**

**1001 Cass Street**

- 8:00 am Call to Order/Introductions/Review Agenda – *Curt Melcher, OR*
- *Action: Approval of Draft Meeting Agenda/September 2018 Minutes*
- 8:10 National Fish Habitat Partnership
- Update – *Ryan Roberts, AFWA*
  - National Fish Habitat Assessment; Science and Data – *Gary Whelan, MI*
- 8:25 EPA Tools and Applications for States – *Bill Fisher, EPA*
- Toxicology Tools
  - Coastal Assessment
- 8:45 USGS, Atlantic States Marines Fisheries Commission – *Melanie Steinkamp, USGS*
- Leetown Science Center/ASMFC
- 8:50 Marine Legislation Update – *Devin DeMario, AFWA/All*
- Wallop-Breaux Reauthorization
  - Aquatic Invasive Species Provisions
- 9:15 Roundtable: Marine Fisheries Commission – *All*
- State Issues, Efficacy, Areas of Improvement
  - Forage Fish Conservation Act
- 9:55 Meeting Wrap-Up and Adjourn – *Cult Melcher, OR*

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**Committee Charge:**

*Discuss, develop, and recommend Association positions related to:*

- *Federal laws, regulations, and policies concerning marine ecosystems, habitats, fisheries and other resources, and related funding for such programs.*
  - *Marine fisheries management programs, practices or considerations (e.g., Marine Recreational Information Program, catch shares) and emerging issues (e.g., climate change, coastal energy, marine aquaculture and marine spatial planning).*
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