



ASSOCIATION *of*
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

SCIENCE & RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Chair: Russ Mason (MI)

Vice-Chair: Karen Waldrop (KY)

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

84th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference
Denver, Colorado

Agenda

- **Call to Order/Review Agenda/Introductions (5 minutes)**
Russ Mason (MI)

- **Programmatic Updates (60 minutes)**
 - **National Cooperators Coalition update** *John Kennedy (WY) (10 minutes)*
 - **USGS Ecosystems and Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units** *Anne Kinsinger, John Thompson (USGS) (10 minutes)*
 - **Strategic Science at USFWS** *Benjamin Tuggle (USFWS) (10 minutes)*
 - **Strategic Science at U. S. Forest Service** *Monica Tomosy (USFS) (10 minutes)*
 - **Human Dimensions Subcommittee Update** *Ann Forstchen (FL) (10 minutes)*
 - **Monarch Butterfly Conservation Science Plan** *Ed Boggess and Claire Beck (MAFWA) (10 minutes)*

- **Committee Update: Species Distribution Models as Tools for Conservation and Management (20 minutes)**
 - **USGS Workshop Series** *Tom Edwards (UT Coop Unit) (10 minutes)*
 - **Draft AFWA White Paper – BMPs for model development** *(Jonathan Mawdsley, AFWA) (10 minutes)*

- **Committee Discussion: State Agency Science Needs Survey (40 minutes)**
 - **Introduction** *Jonathan Mawdsley (AFWA) (5 minutes)*
 - **Previous efforts** *Russ Mason (MI) and Committee (10 minutes)*
 - **Committee perspectives and discussion:** identify key thematic areas and questions to be addressed in the survey? *(25 minutes)*

Objectives and Desired Outcomes for Committee Discussion:

- Create working group to assist AFWA in implementation of survey results
 - Identify priority thematic areas and questions for the State Agency Science Needs Survey
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- **Adjourn**