



ASSOCIATION of
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

FEDERAL AND TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Chuck Bonham (CA)

Vice Chair: Jim Connolly (ME)

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

86th Virtual North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference

Draft Agenda

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Finalize Agenda – Jim Connolly, ME

2. State Agency Updates/Roundtable Discussion – State Agency Committee Members

4. Legislative Updates – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA

- *Recovering America's Wildlife Act*: Tribes and states working together for wildlife conservation – Garrit Voggesser, NWF
- Budget reconciliation
- Transportation legislation, wildlife habitat connectivity, and wildlife corridors
- Appropriations
- Additional legislative priorities for the 117th Congress

5. Update -- Wild Horse and Burro Management Issues – Terry Messmer, Utah State University

- Open access to Human–Wildlife Interactions (HWI) journal
- Summit on Free Roaming Equids and Ecosystem Sustainability

In addition to the usual updates, we ask our federal agency partners to discuss the latest Administrative actions and priorities, federal register/regulation items, personnel changes, relevant Executive Orders, revisiting previous decisions, new actions coming, implementation of the Great American Outdoors Act, and the agency's thoughts/approach to the Executive Order on climate change and conserving biodiversity (30x30).

6. Bureau of Land Management Updates – BLM

7. BLM National Landscape Conservation System Updates – NLCS

8. U.S. Forest Service Updates – USFS

9. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Updates – USFWS

10. National Park Service Updates – NPS

11. U.S. Geological Survey Updates – USGS

12. USDA Wildlife Services Updates – USDA WS

13. Natural Resources Conservation Service Updates – NRCS

14. Discussion: Enhancing Tribal Participation and Engagement in the Committee – Garrit Voggesser, NWF

15. Discussion: Diversity and Inclusivity -- Jim Connally, ME

16. Action Items/Updates for the Business Meeting -- Jim Connally, ME

Committee Charge:

- *Provide opportunity for discussion, deliberation and action with respect to fish and wildlife conservation in the context of the three sovereign entities which have various jurisdictional authority over these resources: state fish and wildlife agencies, the USFWS and tribal governments.*
- *Coordinate effective delivery of stewardship and conservation of fish and wildlife resources.*
- *Assure the appropriate jurisdictional relationship between the three sovereigns in legislative, executive and treaty initiatives.*