



ASSOCIATION of  
FISH & WILDLIFE  
AGENCIES

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**OCEAN RESOURCES POLICY**  
**Chair: Curt Melcher (OR)**  
**Vice-Chair: Robert Boyles (SC)**

**Tuesday, September 24th, 2019**  
**10:00 am –12:00 pm**  
**State Suite I/II**

**109th Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Meeting**

**InterContinental Saint Paul Riverfront Hotel**  
**Saint Paul, MN**

**Agenda**

- 10:00 am Call to Order/Introductions/Review Agenda – *Curt Melcher, OR*
- *Action: Approval of Draft Meeting Agenda/March 2019 minutes*
- 10:10 AFWA Strategic Plan Update – *Curt Melcher, OR*
- Questions to Consider:
- #1 - What strategic objective, that is related to this committee's work, would you like to see in AFWA's next strategic plan?*
- #2 – How would you like to see the work of this committee reflected in the next Strategic Plan? What would you change from the current plan?*
- Note: AFWA's current strategic plan is available at this [LINK](#)
- 10:15 Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: Update – *Grace Bottitta, ONMS*
- 10:30 NOAA/NMFS Updates - *Heidi Lovett, NOAA/Chris Wright, NOAA (invited)*
- 11:00 EPA Office of Research & Development: Ocean Acidification - *Bill Fisher, EPA*
- 11:15 Discussion on Offshore Aquaculture - *All*
- Summary of NOAA Aquaculture 101 Webinar
    - State challenges and opportunities for engagement
    - Legislation
    - Potential next steps for committee/state involvement

- 11:35 Marine Legislation Update – *Devin DeMario, AFWA/All*
- 11:45 Discussion on Forage Fish Conservation Act (HR 2236) – *Devin DeMario, AFWA/All*
- 11:55 Meeting wrap-up and adjourn – *Curt 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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