



ASSOCIATION of  
FISH & WILDLIFE  
AGENCIES

**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES POLICY COMMITTEE**

Chair: Brian Nesvik (WY)

Vice-Chair: Eric Gardner (WA)

Thursday, March 11, 2021

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM CT

**86<sup>th</sup> Virtual North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

- 10:00am Call to order, introductions, and review agenda – Brian Nesvik, WY; Eric Gardner, WA
- 10:10am Latest Administrative actions, federal register/regulation items, personnel changes, updates on Executive Orders, revisiting previous decisions under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), new actions coming under the ESA, etc.:
- Gary Frazer, USFWS
  - Angela Somma, NMFS
- 10:30am Federal Partner updates on T/E species restoration: WS, BLM, USGS, USFS, NPS, NRCS, others
- 11:10am Update: USGS Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Units – how they fulfill agencies’ applied science needs for T/E species and SGCNs – Jonathan Mawdsley, USGS
- 11:25am 30x30: The Global Deal for Nature – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA; All
- Background
  - Executive Order and shaping biodiversity conservation for the next 4 years
  - Sharing opportunities and challenges, concerns and excitement, etc.
  - Where are AFWA’s partners on 30x30?
- 11:45am States’ Roundtable Discussion
- Opportunities and Challenges to States’ T/E Species Restoration Efforts
- 12:15pm Legislative Updates – Jen Mock Schaeffer, AFWA
- Recovering America’s Wildlife Act
  - Transportation bill reauthorization
    - Wildlife connectivity and reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions
    - Wildlife corridors bill
  - FISH Act
  - Reauthorization of the Abandoned Mine Lands Act
  - North American grasslands initiative – Bethany Erb, PF/QF
  - Congressional appropriations: discussion of recommendations, community alignment?
- 12:30pm Discussion: Diversity and Inclusivity
- 12:40pm Other business
- 12:45pm Adjourn

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*Committee Charge:*

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- *Review procedural or categorical problems affecting threatened and endangered species listings and de-listing and critical habitat proposals as reported in the Federal Register and suggest appropriate action.*
  - *Keep abreast of legislative proposals and oversight hearings and recommend Association involvement.*
  - *Maintain active liaison with appropriate federal agency offices, the conservation community, states and regional associations.*
  - *Serve as the subject matter and support group on endangered species that are covered by CITES or other international arrangements.*
  - *Subcommittees and Working Groups: ESA and Climate Change Working Group (not active)*
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