



ASSOCIATION of  
FISH & WILDLIFE  
AGENCIES

**FISH AND WILDLIFE HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Paul Johansen (WV)**

**Vice-Chair: Colin Gillin (OR)**

**AFWA Committee Staff Support: Sonja Christensen / Mark Humpert**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

**8:00-1100 AM Central Daylight Time (GMT-5)**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**Agenda**

- **Welcome & Introductions**  
*Paul Johansen (WV)*
- **Meeting Minutes / New Business / Agenda additions or changes**
- **Chronic Wasting Disease Updates and Discussion**
  - **CWD Applied Research Updates** – *Matt Dunfee/ John Fischer (WMI)*
  - **APHIS CWD Stakeholder Coop. Agreement Funding Update** – *Tom Deliberto (USDA WS)*
  - **CWD Natl. Acad. Sci. Study and Task Force** – *Camille Hopkins (USGS)*
  - **State Updates and New Initiatives** - *Committee members*
- **AFWA SARs Cov-2 in Wildlife Working Group Update**  
*Tom Deliberto (USDA WS)/ Jen Ballard (AR)*
- **Interagency Steering Committee for Avian Influenza Surveillance in Wild Migratory Birds**  
*Samantha Gibbs (USFWS)*
- **White-nose Syndrome in Bats Update**  
*Jeremy Coleman (USFWS)*
- **Aquatic Fish and Wildlife Health Update**  
*Gary Whelan (Michigan)*
- **AFWA Lead and Fish and Wildlife Health Working Group**  
*Kevin Blakely (OR)*
  - **TWS Position Statement on Lead in Hunting Ammunition and Fishing Tackle** – *Gordon Batcheller (TWS)*
- **Fish and Wildlife Health Legislative Update**  
*Kurt Thiede (AFWA Govt Affairs Director)*
- **Fish and Wildlife Health Initiative Update**  
*Paul Johansen (WV)*
- **USFWS Funding** - *Sam Gibbs (USFWS)*
  - **Regional Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Health Coordinator funding update**
  - **Update on the American Rescue Plan: Zoonotic Disease Initiative to Fund Wildlife Disease Prevention and Preparedness**

- **Workshop on Wildlife Health Information – *Bryan Richards (USGS)***
- **Other Business / News / Funding Opportunities**
  - TWS Conference Nov. 6-11; AFWA Session participation on Nov. 8
  - WDA International Meeting, Madison 2022, AFWA support

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