



AFWA Committee Work Plan

Worksheet

Guidelines: Each AFWA Committee, Subcommittee, Workgroup and Task Force should review their charge and develop a work plan at the AFWA Annual Meeting and submit to John Lord, jlord@fishwildlife.org by October 15. The purpose of the work plan is to improve communication and effectiveness of committee work and enable committee chairs and the Executive Committee to evaluate their status annually.

| Committee Work Plan | | |
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| Date: October 4, 2022 | | |
| Committee Name: Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Committee | | |
| Chair: David Golden | Vice Chair: Thomas Eason | Staff: Kerry Wixted |
| <p>Committee Charge: The Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Committee identifies effective means and guidance for member states, provinces, territories, tribes, and federal agencies to address and advance herpetofaunal conservation priorities, including through improved policies, funding avenues, and via interagency and external partner collaboration. The committee seeks opportunities for increased interactions with other AFWA committees, and advises or assists on cross-cutting issues involving amphibians, reptiles, or their habitats, as needed or requested. In addition, the committee is a forum for discussion, information sharing and dissemination of emerging threats, and for development of new and improved conservation tools and solutions.</p> | | |
| Changes to the Charge: None | | |
| <p>List Major Activities and Objectives Accomplished During the Last Year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formed Bsal Working Group and held two meetings. 2. Held NE Illegal Turtle Trade Workshop in 2021 for 200+ attendees. Produced a workshop summary, drafted and passed resolution "In Support of Enhancing Regulatory, Collaborative, and Strategic Capacity to Combat the Illegal Trade in Turtles", and continued work to engage on this issue. 3. Coordinated with state agencies to put together CITES data on <i>Phrynosoma</i>, timber rattlesnakes, and a large number of turtle species. Worked with CITES Work Group to hold two meetings in February 2022 and September 2022 to discuss CITES proposals. 4. Held two webinars- Management of North American Herpetofaunal Diseases and Field Biosecurity 101, each for 100+ attendees. A Bsal Webinar is being planned for Dec 2022/Jan 2023. 5. Held two meetings in between conferences including one focused on RAWA-readiness. | | |
| <p>List Activities and Objectives that Will be Accomplished in the Coming Year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to lead Bsal Working Group to work on exploring options for increasing Bsal awareness and developing an early detection protocol using the Bsal strategic plan. Host a Bsal webinar. 2. Coordinate with states to implement resolution "In Support of Enhancing Regulatory, Collaborative, and Strategic Capacity to Combat the Illegal Trade in Turtles." Focus on RAWA-implementation centered on resolution needs. 3. Continue to coordinate with the PARC Disease Task Team to provide learning opportunities for committee members on herpetological diseases. Work with reinvigorated the Herp Disease Alert System (HDAS) among stakeholders. | | |

4. Continue quarterly (or as needed) ARCC member calls, and work to implement DEI into calls by increasing accessibility and inclusion.

Comments:

Workgroup Work Plan

Date: September 2022

Workgroup Name: Bsal Working Group

Chair: TBD

Vice Chair: TBD

Staff: Kerry Wixted

Workgroup Charge: In conjunction with the federal Bsal taskforce, the working group will explore options for increasing Bsal awareness and developing an early detection protocol using the Bsal strategic plan.

Changes to the Charge:

List Major Activities and Objectives Accomplished During the Last Year:

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- 4.

List Activities and Objectives that will be Accomplished in the Coming Year:

1. Perform strategy and needs assessment survey.
2. Develop an online decision-making tool based off Bsal strategic plan.
3. Develop customizable web template to market to agencies to add to websites

Describe any Changes you Anticipate to the Work Group:

List Workgroup Members:

Date Workgroup Formed:

Expected Termination Date:

Comments