



THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES POLICY COMMITTEE

**Chair: Greg Sheehan (UT)
Vice-Chair: Jack Buckley (MA)**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016
8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**106TH AFWA Annual Meeting
Room: TBD / Marriott Philadelphia Downtown
Philadelphia, PA**

Agenda

- 8:00 am Call to order, introductions and agenda modifications – **Greg Sheehan**, Chair
- 8:05 Plants and the ESA: State of the states' work on federally listed plants, challenges and opportunities – Mary Pfaffko (GA) & Jonathan Mawdsley (AFWA)
- 9:05 State agencies' species updates:
- Monarch butterfly conservation and potential impacts to states – Kelley Myers, (IA)
 - Black-footed ferret and Sylvatic plague vaccine, Canada lynx, wolverine, others?
- 9:30 UT's Partnership with the USFWS and their strategies to facilitate downlisting and delisting of species – Henry Maddox (UT)
- 9:45 Update: draft charter for a revised working group on ESA & Climate Change – Davia Palmeri (AFWA)
- 9:55 Update: Work of the ESA State/Federal Joint Task Force - Nick Wiley (FL)
- 10:00 Health Break
- 10:15 ESA Listing Work Plan and agency update – Gary Frazer (USFWS)
- 10:35 Other Federal Agency Reports & Discussion
- NMFS, BLM, USFS, USGS, NRCS, NPS, Others?

- 11:20 Discussion: Enhancing States' range-wide and multistate conservation abilities for T/E/candidate species – Jen Mock Schaeffer (AFWA)
- What works, what doesn't, what can we do better together?
 - What do states need in order to enhance range-wide and multistate species conservation efforts?
 - Discussion and assessment of states' challenges and needs
- 11:55 Closing Discussion and Action Items
- 12:00 Adjourn

Note: Please see the Legislative Synopsis distributed with this agenda for an update on Congressional Legislation.

Committee Charge:

- *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*
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