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"Dr. Jenifer Chatfield" (b) (6)

From: "Dr. Jenifer Chatfield" (b) (6)
Sent: Wed Mar 14 2018 12:20:20 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Oh...

And, she asked for my email address...which I did not give her...
Wish I had been a bit better forewarned and forearmed...then would have handled it a bit smoother I think. :/
Well, that'll teach me to answer the phone while standing in a pasture...the day before a council meeting...from an unknown 202
number...HA!
Jenifer

Jenifer Chatfield, DVM, Dipl. ACZM

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Dinner

"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 12:02:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Dinner

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 16:11:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Dinner

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-Joshua

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Sent: Wed Mar 14 2018 08:31:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
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From: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 14 2018 05:22:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Phil LePelch <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Subject: Winchell teleworking today

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Sent: Wed Mar 14 2018 05:41:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Winchell teleworking today

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To: Greg Sheehan (b) (6) @fws.gov, Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Hello and question
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Subject: Fwd: Hello and question
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

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Date: Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 12:26 PM
Subject: RE: Hello and question
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To: Simpson, Melissa M <(b) (6)>
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From: "Sheehan, Greg" <(b) (6)>@fws.gov>
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"Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

From: "Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 13:54:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Sheehan, Gregory" <(b) (6)@fws.gov>, "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, Gloria Bell <gloria_bell@fws.gov>, Edward Grace <edward_grace@fws.gov>, Amy Jonach <amy_jonach@fws.gov>, Danielle Kessler <danielle_kessler@fws.gov>, Tim Van Norman <tim_vannorman@fws.gov>, Rosemarie Gnam <rosemarie_gnam@fws.gov>, "Coil, Dan" <dan_coil@fws.gov>, Pamela Scruggs <pamela_scruggs@fws.gov>, A Alvarez <aeric_alvarez@fws.gov>, Tatiana Hendrix <tatiana_hendrix@fws.gov>
Subject: International Wildlife Conservation Council presentation
Attachments: FWS International Conservation - IWCC 3-12-18 rev.pptx

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Subject: Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council presentation
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All,

Here is the second presentation, meant to cover the larger USG effort to combat wildlife trafficking. Again, I welcome any thoughts on changes, additions, etc to the slides or the script. COB tomorrow, please.

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Craig

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CC:
Subject: Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council presentation

thank you Craig for pulling this presentation together - you did a great job. Here are my comments:

Slide #3 - its all about seeing wildlife in National Parks or Monuments aboard. Do we have any statistics to cite about how many US hunters travel aboard each year :to hunt in Africa or Asia? For the future, Might be useful to have such information, may be the Council can actually help to quantify such data.

Slide #4 - I'd change the ginseng photo to an animal

Slide 18 - where AIA's work is divided into three components - the international wildlife policy is never discussed in the presentation at all - focus was on financial assistance and permitting.

I like the specific permitting examples used in the presentation - they are clear & concise

slide #42 in the notes section discuss NDF for Appendix I and Appendix II , I'd stress the point that for Appendix II species, an NDF equates to the sustainable use of the species in trade,
Slide #42 - the permitting slide - I'd add add as a bullet under CITES, make a non-detriment finding (not detrimental to the survival of the species), there is a bullet for legal acquisition but not for NDF

slide 47 - on southern white rhino - discussion is limited to trophies only but the Council members audience (some US game ranches have an interest) is it worth mentioning live white rhino imports as well and requirement of appropriate & acceptable destination?

Slide 54 - in notes is it worth making the point for application by application basis for enhancement findings for trophies, will also be applicable to NDFs as well? John Jackson knows we have used general advices in past to make NDFS so he may ask question.

hope this helps. Thanks for opportunity to review.

On Mon, Mar 12, 2018 at 3:54 PM, Hoover, Craig <craig_hoover@fws.gov> wrote:

All,

Attached is a first cut at the International Conservation overview presentation for the Council meeting on Friday. There is a full script in addition to the slides. It is long, and I welcome input on how to cut it down. I'd also be grateful for any feedback on the specific content of the slides and script. I'd like to get this into relatively final form by Wednesday for any required clearances in the Department.

If you have suggested changes, please send them to me separate from the presentation if possible so that I can maintain version control.

Greg, your overall thoughts would be appreciated on whether this is what you are looking for, whether we should de-emphasize any areas, etc.

OLE, please focus on the LE slides and the accuracy of the content and script.

Tim/Rose, please make I got the legal status and finding information on the species-specific slides.

Any feedback by COB tomorrow would be great.

Best,

craig

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Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 15:40:35 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Thanks Joshua.
Looking forward to the meeting.
Bill B.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Denise Welker (b) (6)
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 15:53:46 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Thank you Joshua.

Looking forward to meeting everyone next week

Denise

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Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6)

From: Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6)
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 16:16:09 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

I will NOT be traveling with my spouse; you can count on only myself for Thursday's & Friday's events. Thanks!

~ Olivia Opre

Sent from my I-Phone

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From: Peter Horn (b) (6)
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 17:57:48 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Josh

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Peter

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Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 19:25:01 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Thank you Joshua for sharing. Was it clear to them in the first email that they are responsible for the cost of their own dinner but that they should have a set dollar amount provided to them through a per diem based reimbursement? If some have spouses there they may be unclear as to who is picking up the tab.

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From: "Dr. Jenifer Chatfield" (b) (6)
Sent: Sat Mar 10 2018 07:43:07 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Thanks, Joshua!
Now, if you guys could just get the weather to warm up some next week...ha!
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Jenifer

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Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 08:32:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Mike Ingram will go to the dinner Thursday, 7 pm, Carmine's.

Many thanks,

Denise M. Organ

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Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 3:19 PM

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Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 12:23:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Greg Sheehan <(b) (6)@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Greg,

Following up on the voicemail I just left you, here is the agenda-related question from Chancellor. Gary Kania also emailed with questions about how chair selection will be accomplished.

Responses to the questions are not particularly challenging (i.e. 1. agenda was developed by FWS and DOI leadership; 2. IWCC members will vote on chair/vice-chair at the end of the meeting), but I wanted to check in with you first to ensure my answers are consistent with any previous comms you've had with members.

-Joshua

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Hey Joshua! I will attend all events alone. Thank you! KM

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To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: Out of Office (Leave): Linda Walker, Chief DVSC Re: FYI - Sheehan briefing packet for IWCC mtg

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Phil can be reached at 703-358-1974 or phil_lepelch@fws.gov

Thank you.

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Linda D. Walker

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From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 11:10:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Phil LePelch <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
CC: Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
Subject: FYI - Sheehan briefing packet for IWCC mtg
Attachments: Sheehan briefing packet IWCC mtg.pdf

Phil,

For your awareness - I just finished briefing up Sheehan for the IWCC mtg this Friday (I briefed Martinez and Sanchez last week). Attached is the briefing packet I put together for him, he is working directly with International Affairs for additional support.

-Joshua

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Urgent request: WSJ reporter interested in attending IWCC meeting

"Vogt, Heidi" <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>

From: "Vogt, Heidi" <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 09:49:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov>, <Laury_Parramore@fws.gov>, <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
Subject: Urgent request: WSJ reporter interested in attending IWCC meeting

Hi there,

Heidi Vogt here with the Wall Street Journal. I'm very eager to attend the IWCC public meeting on Friday. I am hoping there's a way to accommodate me as I really want to make sure I'm fully informed about this process for my coverage (I report on business and regulation for the Journal).

I've been talking to Joshua at FWS, along with Laury and Gavin, and I know there's a space issue, but I'm hoping there's a way to squeeze me in.

Thanks so much,

Heidi Vogt

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Attachments:

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 09:34:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Roslyn Sellars <Roslyn_Sellars@fws.gov>
Subject: briefing doc for sheehan
Attachments: Sheehan briefing packet IWCC mtg.pdf

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 04:59:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 05:04:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Laury Parramore <Laury_Parramore@fws.gov>, Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 07:13:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

Subject: Re: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

Heather Swift, our Press Secretary is working on this.

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 07:27:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

Natalie,

RSVP period closed last night, we've maxed out South Penthouse capacity (46 members of the public RSVPed) so there's no

additional room for the public. This is the list of public attending:

Public Attending	
Boudreaux, Paul	Journal of Intl Wildlife Law and Policy
Dylewski, Kate	Animal Welfare Institute
Goergen, Joseph	Safari Club International Foundation
Greenwald, Noah	Center for Biological Diversity
Hahn, Deb	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Hofberg, Mark	International Fund for Animal Welfare
Kluck, Julie	Born Free USA
Kurose, Stephanie	Center for Biological Diversity
Lopes, Paulo	Center for Biological Diversity
Mathews, Rachel	PETA
Myers, Marshall	N. Marshall Meyers PLLC
Nowak, Katarzyna	The Safina Center
Olson, Steve	Association of Zoos and Aquiriums
Place, Jennifer	Pike Associates LLC
Rude, Amanda	Legal Atlas
Sala, Joseph	The ANN Group
Salamat, Lisa Ann	WildCat Legal Aid Foundation
Seminario, Alejandra	Defenders of Wildlife
Sheldon, Colin	Wildlife Conservation Society
Stratton, Carter	Animal Welfare Institute
Su, Jean	Center for Biological Diversity
Taylor, Katie	Defenders of Wildlife
Vitello, Frank	Zoological Association of America

Public Speaking	
Frostic, Anna	Humane Society Legislative Fund
Kalinina, Masha	Humane Society International
Kitchen, Bill	
LaFontaine, Peter	International Fund for Animal Welfare
Parsons, Rick	Safari Club International
Sedlacek, Keisha	Humane Society Legislative Fund
Seidman, Anna	Safari Club International

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Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>

From: Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 07:36:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

CC: Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

We need to add Mike Doyle, Greenwire.

Laury Marshall Parramore <https://www.fws.gov/external-affairs/contacts.html>

On Mar 13, 2018, at 7:04 AM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 09:18:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

Can you give me a call when you have a chance?

Thanks!

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Fwd: RSVP for IWCC meeting

"Vogt, Heidi" <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>

From: "Vogt, Heidi" <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 09:03:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: RSVP for IWCC meeting

Hey Joshua,

Sending this to your personal address as well, just to make sure you get it promptly

Heidi

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From: **Vogt, Heidi** <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 11:01 AM
Subject: RSVP for IWCC meeting
To: iwcc@fws.gov

Joshua,

Hey there. Hope this isn't too late, but I'd love to attend the IWCC meeting on Friday. I cover business and regulation for WSJ and am very interested in learning more about this issue. My deets:

Heidi Vogt
arrival: 9:15 am
email: heidi.vogt@wsj.com
[917-518-9384](tel:917-518-9384)

Thanks!

Heidi

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From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 09:09:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Laury Parramore <Laury_Parramore@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: RSVP for IWCC meeting

Laury,

Heidi (WSJ) called me up and requested to attend the meeting. I let her know that the deadline has passed and that the room was over capacity already. I told her I would pass along this email to our PA shop (lucky you!).

-Joshua

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Fwd: New Request; Fwd: Freedom of Information Request: Joshua Winchell - Elephants & Lions

"Donahoe, Jeffery" <jeffery_donahoe@fws.gov>

From: "Donahoe, Jeffery" <jeffery_donahoe@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 06:13:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>, "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: New Request; Fwd: Freedom of Information Request: Joshua Winchell - Elephants & Lions

Hi Linda, this FOIA is asking for documents in the possession of Josh Winchell, so I've copied Josh on this email. Please do an appropriate search and provide me with the results by March 23rd. If it is not possible to produce the documents by that date, please let me know and provide a new recommended date for production. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks. Jeff

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From: FOIA, FWHQ <fwhq_foia@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 3:41 PM
Subject: New Request; Fwd: Freedom of Information Request: Joshua Winchell - Elephants & Lions
To: 50306-86618037@requests.muckrock.com
Cc: Jeffery Donahoe <jeffery_donahoe@fws.gov>

Dear Alexander Rony,

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Headquarters FOIA Office received your FOIA request dated March 8, 2018. We have forwarded your request to our National Wildlife Refuge System office for processing.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Jeffery Donahoe (jeffery_donahoe@fws.gov) at 703-358-2401.

Respectfully,

United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Headquarters Freedom of Information Act Office
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From: <50306-86618037@requests.muckrock.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 1:28 AM
Subject: Freedom of Information Request: Joshua Winchell - Elephants & Lions
To: fwhq_foia@fws.gov

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FOIA Office
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March 8, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I. Requested Records

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act for emails between November 7, 2017 and March 7, 2018 mentioning "elephant" or "lion" that were sent to or from joshua_winchell@fws.gov or iwcc@fws.gov.

II. Record Delivery

I would prefer the request be filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. In the event that there are fees, please inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request.

Please produce the records on a rolling basis; at no point should the search for – or deliberation concerning – certain records delay the production of others that the agency has already retrieved and elected to produce.

Should you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption with regard to any of the requested records, please include in your response letter sufficient information for an appeal, including:

1. Basic factual material about each withheld item, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item.

2. Explanations and justifications for denial, including the identification of the category within the governing statutory provision under which the document (or portion thereof) was withheld and a full explanation of how each exemption fits the withheld material.

If you determine that portions of a requested record are exempt from disclosure, please redact the exempt portions and provide the remainder of the record.

III. Request for a Fee Waiver

I respectfully request that you waive all fees in connection with this request as provided by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). The Sierra Club

is a national environmental nonprofit with no commercial interest in obtaining the requested information. Our organization intends to analyze and disseminate the requested information free of charge so that the public can be better informed about safeguarding endangered species around the globe.

The subject matter of the requested records is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government by disclosing to what extent the International Wildlife Conservation Council ("Council") has influenced U.S. policies regarding hunting trophy imports of African elephants and lions (Joshua Winchell is the designated federal officer for the Council, and the alternate email address was set up to support the Council). This issue has received widespread attention in the media and from the president himself. Some members of the Council represent groups that have sought to loosen import restrictions.

The Sierra Club and its supporters have demonstrated interest and expertise in the subject area, as the organization has a well-established program to protect wild lands and wildlife. Our staff and volunteers regularly interact with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding endangered species, and hundreds of thousands of our supporters have written letters and submitted public comments on international endangered species protections, including on African elephants, African lions, and the Council itself.

IV. Media Requester Status

In addition to the public interest fee waiver, I ask to be properly categorized as a representative of the news media. The bulk of my professional duties at the Sierra Club entails planning and writing content about public policy, including composing mass communications to our followers, analyzing FOIA responses, and coordinating press outreach. Here are some examples that resulted from my work:

<https://sierraclub.org/planet/2017/04/hiring-freeze-prevented-epa-filling-hundreds-jobs>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2017/05/19/nearly-700-vacancies-at-cdc-because-of-trump-administration-hiring-freeze/>

<http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/press-releases/4480/over-700000-people-tell-government-to-block-seed-mergers>

The Sierra Club has the ability and intention to disseminate the information it receives through this request. The information may be shared through emails to an audience reaching into the millions, Facebook and Twitter posts reaching tens of thousands of followers, articles on our frequently-visited website, and analysis provided to the media.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Alexander Rony

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What we know is a drop, what we don't know is an ocean. - Newton

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March 16 International Wildlife Conservation Council Meeting

"Regina A. Lennox" <regina.lennox@conservationforce.org>

From: "Regina A. Lennox" <regina.lennox@conservationforce.org>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 15:52:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: March 16 International Wildlife Conservation Council Meeting

Dear Joshua,
I hope you had a nice weekend. Will there be a conference number to listed to the International Wildlife Conservation Council meeting on Friday?
Thanks,
Regina

Regina A. Lennox
Conservation Force
3240 S I-10 Service Road W, Suite 200
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IWCC comments

Attachments:

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/92. IWCC comments/1.3 IWCC comments + attachments (3.12.18).pdf

Anna Frostic <afrostic@humanesociety.org>

From: Anna Frostic <afrostic@humanesociety.org>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 14:37:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "iwcc@fws.gov" <iwcc@fws.gov>, "joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Keisha Sedlacek <ksedlacek@hslf.org>
Subject: IWCC comments
Attachments: image001.png image002.jpg IWCC comments + attachments (3.12.18).pdf

Mr. Winchell – please find attached comments regarding the International Wildlife Conservation Council’s first public meeting.
Thank you,

Anna Frostic
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Joshua, Do you have an updated IWCC agenda?

"Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>

From: "Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 14:17:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Thomas Irwin <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Subject: Joshua, Do you have an updated IWCC agenda?

Joshua, Do you have an updated IWCC agenda?

Roslyn Sellars
Executive Assistant | Office of the Director | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street NW | Room 3356 | Washington, DC | (202) 208-4545 | roslyn_sellars@fws.gov
Please copy Thomas Irwin (thomas_irwin@fws.gov) on future emails related to scheduling.

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 4:00 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

Greg,

Natalie Davis requested I bring a first draft of an IWCC agenda to discuss at our meeting tomorrow at MIB. Do you want me to bring copies of the draft agenda I worked up?

-Joshua

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On Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 4:20 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

Greg,

Attached is my first attempt at a IWCC inaugural meeting agenda, based on our conversation. Please comment, adjust, revise, edit, and/or discount as you see fit!

-Joshua

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Managing IWCC member entry into MIB on March 15th?

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 12:31:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Managing IWCC member entry into MIB on March 15th?

Natalie,

Are you arranging someone to meet and escort IWCC members into the building and up to the DepSec office for the 4pm reception on March 15th?

-Joshua

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 13:14:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Managing IWCC member entry into MIB on March 15th?

Yes- we are finalizing the details, but someone will be escorting up the members.

Also, in the past how has it worked for dinner? Did they just give the hostess your name, or were you or someone there at the dinner site before they arrived?

Thanks!
Natalie

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 13:35:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Managing IWCC member entry into MIB on March 15th?

We will have someone to do all of this. Thanks!

On Mon, Mar 12, 2018 at 3:14 PM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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VS Branch notes for mgmt team mtg

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 12:52:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Phil LePelch <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Subject: VS Branch notes for mgmt team mtg

For the VS Branch Section:

Joshua Winchell is coordinating DOI and FWS leadership/staff participation for the inaugural meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council at Main Interior this Friday (March 16). Public interest is high for this event and representatives from major media outlets will be attending.

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call from Ashley - Gray TV - inbound

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 12:38:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Laury Parramore <Laury_Parramore@fws.gov>
Subject: call from Ashley - Gray TV - inbound

Called me looking for a FWS press contact for trophy importation issues. I provided her your contact info.

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FYI - anticipated lunch rush at Bison Bistro - March 16th 12-1pm

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 10:00:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Phillip Workman <phillip.workman@sodexo.com>
Subject: FYI - anticipated lunch rush at Bison Bistro - March 16th 12-1pm

Phillip,

As I mentioned on the phone, I'm running a March 16th meeting in South Penthouse with approximately 60 participants. Lunch is scheduled for 12-1pm and I will be directing people down to the Bison Bistro to eat.

So, I wanted to give you a heads up that there will be a lunch-time surge!

-Joshua

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"Workman, Phillip" <Phillip.Workman@sodexo.com>

From: "Workman, Phillip" <Phillip.Workman@sodexo.com>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 10:59:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: FYI - anticipated lunch rush at Bison Bistro - March 16th 12-1pm

Beverly,

Concur profiles have been updated for the IWCC Council:
FF09R00000 WHHC Council

I also updated the authorizations that were already created/Approved, so they will route directly to for approval. You should have received notification that these need to be stamped "Authorization Approved" again.

Number	Invitational Travelers IWCC	Update Routing in Concur Profile	Update routing within TA	ACTION NEEDED	ACTION REQUIRED IF requesting travel reimbursement
1	Create Inv Traveler- Denise Welker	x	x	update reservations	
2	Create Inv Traveler- Jenifer A. Chatfield	x	x		
3	Create Inv Traveler- Keith M. Ingram	x	x		
4	Create Inv Traveler- Terry Maple	x	x		
5	Create Inv Traveler-James C Hudson	x	x		
6	Cameron Hanes				NOT IN CONCUR
7	Create Inv Traveler- Billy Brewster	x	x		
8	Create Inv Traveler- Peter Horn II	x	TA not done yet		
	Create Inv Traveler-John J Jackson III	x			

9			TA not done yet		
10	Paul Babaz				NOT IN CONCUR
11	Create Inv Traveler-Ivan Carter	x	TA not done yet		
12	Create Inv Traveler-Steven Chancellor	x	TA not done yet		
13	Gary Kania	x	TA not done yet	If asking for reimbursement	
14	Create Inv Traveler-Keith Mark	x	TA not done yet		
15	Olivia Opre	x	TA not done yet		
16	Erica Rhoad	NA			NOT IN CONCUR

I notified Nikki Randolph that all profiles would be updated today.

TGIF! Enjoy the weekend! I will see you next week.

Thank you,

Susan Humphrey, [CGMP](#)
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DOI leadership/staff expected to attend?

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 04:39:17 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: DOI leadership/staff expected to attend?

Natalie,

Who from DOI leadership and/or staff are planning to attend the meeting? I want to ensure enough total seating, and seats and name cards at the conference table for leadership, in South Penthouse.

Thanks,

Joshua

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 07:50:44 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: DOI leadership/staff expected to attend?

Todd Willens and Greg Sheehan are ex-officio members, plus one from State Dept. We will add an extra 8 chairs for others like external affairs/ state dept presenters/ etc. and others who may pop in and see how its going. These extra chairs can just be placed in the theater seating and labeled as DOI.

Thanks!
Natalie

On Fri, Mar 9, 2018 at 6:39 AM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:
Natalie,

Who from DOI leadership and/or staff are planning to attend the meeting? I want to ensure enough total seating, and seats and name cards at the conference table for leadership, in South Penthouse.

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Out of the Office Re: total seating in south penthouse?

"Gately, Mariane" <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Gately, Mariane" <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 04:27:19 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: Out of the Office Re: total seating in south penthouse?

I am out of the office, please contact Mike Hershfeld on 202-208-4572 for assistance.

If you have meeting requests, please send them to: ofas_meetings_events@ios.doi.gov

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 04:26:54 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Mariane Gately <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: total seating in south penthouse?

Mariane,

Can you reconfirm with me the max number of additional seats we can put into South Penthouse after a conference table for 20 is set-up?

-Joshua

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Mariane Gately <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>

From: Mariane Gately <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 14:01:20 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: Invitation: Meeting @ Fri Mar 16, 2018 8:30am - 10:30am (EDT) (joshua_winchell@fws.gov)
Attachments: invite.ics invite.ics

Meeting

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Josh Winchell, 7/358-2639

When Fri Mar 16, 2018 8:30am – 10:30am Eastern Time

Where [nph \(map\)](#)

Video call https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/mariane-m-gatel

Calendar joshua_winchell@fws.gov

Who

- mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov - creator
- joshua_winchell@fws.gov

Going? [Yes](#) - [Maybe](#) - [No](#) [more options »](#)

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room 1352 (or equivalent) available on March 16, 8:30-10:30am?

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 13:42:25 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Mariane Gately <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: room 1352 (or equivalent) available on March 16, 8:30-10:30am?

Mariane,

I'm in need of smaller meeting room (informal, conference table for 20, no additional seating required) for March 16 from 8:30-10:30am. I used 1352 a few years back and I think it fits the bill good enough. No a/v support required, just a sit and talk room.

Is 1352 available? If not, what are other options (North Penthouse?). This is all in addition to the existing south penthouse reservation.

Thanks!

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"Gately, Mariane" <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Gately, Mariane" <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 13:46:19 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: room 1352 (or equivalent) available on March 16, 8:30-10:30am?

1352 is no longer a conference room. You can use room 1548 or the North Penthouse on 3/16. On Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 3:42 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote: > Mariane, > > I'm in need of smaller meeting room (informal, conference table for 20, no > additional seating required) for March 16 from 8:30-10:30am. I used 1352 a > few years back and I think it fits the bill good enough. No a/v support > required, just a sit and talk room. > > Is 1352 available? If not, what are other options (North Penthouse?). This > is all in addition to the existing south penthouse reservation. > > Thanks! > > > Joshua Winchell, Designated Federal Officer and Coordinator > Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council > International Wildlife Conservation Council > > Office (703) 358-2639 > Cell (571) 329-1172 > > > U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service > National Wildlife Refuge System > Division of Visitor Services and Communications > 5275 Leesburg Pike > MS: NWRS > Falls Church, VA 22041 > -- Mariane Gately Chief, Branch of Conference and Special Events Office of Facilities and Administrative Services U.S. Department of the Interior Desk: (202) 208-7204 Moblie: (202) 437-8477 <http://www.doi.gov/ofas>

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 13:49:41 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Gately, Mariane" <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: room 1352 (or equivalent) available on March 16, 8:30-10:30am?

Okey-dokes. Let's go with North Penthouse, March 16 8:30-10:30am!

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Oppose plans for US council promoting trophy hunting

Diego Gavilanes (b) (6)

From: Diego Gavilanes (b) (6)
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 11:40:27 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Oppose plans for US council promoting trophy hunting

Dear Mr. Winchell:

I write in opposition to the use of US taxpayer funds to establish a proposed "*International Wildlife Conservation Council*" to promote and advise the federal government on the "benefits" of trophy hunting.

The US is the world's largest trophy importer, yet it has failed to protect species against the escalating threats to their survival. Indeed, many have suffered staggering decline over the last century. Killing is not conservation.

A 2016 US House report identified negative impacts of trophy hunting in sub-Saharan Africa, finding "*many troubling examples of funds either being diverted from their purpose or not being dedicated to conservation in the first place,*" "*no merit to claims that hunting deters poaching,*" and current permitting to be "*arbitrary, confusing, and not based on sound science.*" Shockingly, US taxpayers cover "*92% of all permit fees,*" "*subsidizing*" trophy hunting.

The claimed financial benefits of trophy hunting to local communities are largely exaggerated, and bear little actual connection to conservation, whereas eco-tourism generates substantial, ongoing economic benefit.

Trophy hunting provides avenues and cover for illicit trafficking; for example, lion bone trade is on the rise, as skeletons obtained via canned hunting operations have stirred market demand, with related spikes in poaching of both wild and captive lion populations.

Hunters comprise only 5% of the US population - down 1.5 million between 1996-2006 (when wildlife watching increased 13%) and another 2 million between 2011-2016 - and not all domestic hunters support international trophy hunting of threatened species. A 2016 USFWS survey (issued this year) found the "biggest increases in participation involved wildlife watching ... [which] surged 20 percent to 86 million participants. Money spent on these activities also rose sharply from \$59.1 billion to \$75.9 billion." To provide the small, but powerful and well-funded trophy hunting lobby a front row seat to national policymaking under the guise of "*conservation*" will only attract further criticism and endanger wildlife.

I urge you to withdraw consideration of this council, and to instead focus upon scientifically supported and sustainable conservation practices, to save wild species before it's too late.

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From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 12:14:17 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: FWHQ IWCC <iwcc@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Oppose plans for US council promoting trophy hunting

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From: Diego Gavilanes (b) (6) >

Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 1:40 PM
Subject: Oppose plans for US council promoting trophy hunting
To: "joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

Dear Mr. Winchell:

I write in opposition to the use of US taxpayer funds to establish a proposed "*International Wildlife Conservation Council*" to promote and advise the federal government on the "benefits" of trophy hunting.

The US is the world's largest trophy importer, yet it has failed to protect species against the escalating threats to their survival. Indeed, many have suffered staggering decline over the last century. Killing is not conservation.

A 2016 US House report identified negative impacts of trophy hunting in sub-Saharan Africa, finding "*many troubling examples of funds either being diverted from their purpose or not being dedicated to conservation in the first place,*" "*no merit to claims that hunting deters poaching,*" and current permitting to be "*arbitrary, confusing, and not based on sound science.*" Shockingly, US taxpayers cover "*92% of all permit fees,*" "*subsidizing*" trophy hunting.

The claimed financial benefits of trophy hunting to local communities are largely exaggerated, and bear little actual connection to conservation, whereas eco-tourism generates substantial, ongoing economic benefit.

Trophy hunting provides avenues and cover for illicit trafficking; for example, lion bone trade is on the rise, as skeletons obtained via canned hunting operations have stirred market demand, with related spikes in poaching of both wild and captive lion populations.

Hunters comprise only 5% of the US population - down 1.5 million between 1996-2006 (when wildlife watching increased 13%) and another 2 million between 2011-2016 - and not all domestic hunters support international trophy hunting of threatened species. A 2016 USFWS survey (issued this year) found the "biggest increases in participation involved wildlife watching ... [which] surged 20 percent to 86 million participants. Money spent on these activities also rose sharply from \$59.1 billion to \$75.9 billion." To provide the small, but powerful and well-funded trophy hunting lobby a front row seat to national policymaking under the guise of "*conservation*" will only attract further criticism and endanger wildlife.

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From: Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 09:17:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: FYI: media at IWCC

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 10:00:53 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: FYI: media at IWCC

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Thanks (I think...) :) keep 'em coming.

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On Mar 8, 2018, at 12:00 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 13:14:18 GMT-0700 (MST)
Bill Brewster <(b) (6)>, Cameron Hanes <(b) (6)>, Chris Hudson <(b) (6)>, Denise Welker <(b) (6)>, Erica Rhoad <(b) (6)>, Gary Steven Kania <(b) (6)>, Ivan Carter <(b) (6)>, Jenifer Chatfield <(b) (6)>, "John J. Jackson, III" <(b) (6)>, "K. Michael Ingram" <(b) (6)>, Keith Mark <(b) (6)>, Olivia Nalos Opre <(b) (6)>, Paul Babaz <(b) (6)>, Peter Lewis Horn II <(b) (6)>, Steve Chancellor <(b) (6)>, Terry Maple <(b) (6)>
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BCC: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
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Cameron Hanes <(b) (6)>

From: Cameron Hanes <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 13:21:38 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
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CC:
Subject: Re: March 15 IWCC member reception moved to 4pm

Thanks Joshua, looking forward to it. Cam

Cameron R. Hanes

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Nobody cares. Work harder!

Sent from my iPhone

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PAUL BABAZ (b) (6) >

From: PAUL BABAZ (b) (6) >
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 13:36:52 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: March 15 IWCC member reception moved to 4pm

Josh, I'm scheduled to get in at 3:19 but I'll try to to reschedule my flight as I'm in Brussels right now.

Sent from my iPhone

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Bill Brewster (b) (6) >

From: Bill Brewster (b) (6)
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 14:28:20 GMT-0700 (MST)

To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: March 15 IWCC member reception moved to 4pm

Thanks Joshua.
Please alert the lady that is getting
our airline tickets.
I talked with her last week, but have
not received anything as to which airline or what time.
Thanks again,
Bill Brewster

Sent from my iPhone

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Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6)

From: Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6)
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 15:34:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: March 15 IWCC member reception moved to 4pm

Thank you Josh!

On another note, I wanted to bring a small gift from home for secretary Zinke (chocolate covered huckleberries known to the valley that both he and I come from in Montana); first is that allowed? And if so, would it be an awkward or unusual thing to do?

~Olivia

Sent from my I-Phone

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From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 13:50:55 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: FYI - IWCC member dinner adjustment (March 15)

Natalie,

Based on the change of schedule for the March 15 reception, I switched the IWCC member dinner to 7pm at Carmine's Italian Restaurant (425 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20004). It's a much more flexible set-up and the table can fit up to 20.

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 14:37:07 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: FYI - IWCC member dinner adjustment (March 15)

Okay thanks for update.

On Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 3:50 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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To: Greg Sheehan <(b) (6)@fws.gov>, Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: IWCC meeting agenda for your review

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From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 07:45:20 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Greg Sheehan <(b) (6)@fws.gov>
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Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 07:48:09 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
CC: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC meeting agenda for your review

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CC: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC meeting agenda for your review

I met with our international folks on Monday to discuss this and believe that state has identified an appropriate person who can present at the meeting.

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To: Greg Sheehan (b) (6) @fws.gov>
CC: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC meeting agenda for your review

Greg,

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12-1pm: U.S. Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking Briefing
1-2pm: Lunch
2-3pm: Public Comment
3-3:30pm: Discussion
3:30pm: Adjourn

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Conversation Contents

Attending IWCC Meeting

Attachments:

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"Goergen, Joseph" <jgoergen@safariclub.org>

From: "Goergen, Joseph" <jgoergen@safariclub.org>
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 07:24:45 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "iwcc@fws.gov" <iwcc@fws.gov>, "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Attending IWCC Meeting
Attachments: image001.png

Dear Joshua,

I would like to submit this email as official registration for the IWCC meeting next Friday March 16. Please use my information below:

Name – Joseph Goergen
Time – 9:30 am
Email – jgoergen@safariclub.org
Phone – (202)-774-0440

I look forward to attending this important meeting.

Thank you,
Joe

Joseph Goergen
Acting Director of Conservation
Safari Club International Foundation
501 2nd St. NE
Washington, DC 20002
Office: [\(202\) 609-8171](tel:(202)609-8171)
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Conversation Contents

Budget for IWCC

Attachments:

/115. Budget for IWCC/2.1 IWCC Charter Signed and Filed (1).pdf

Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

From: Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 06 2018 09:03:48 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: Budget for IWCC

Hey Josh, House Natural Resources minority staff want to know what our budget is for the IWCC. I assume maybe only a portion of your salary, but do you know if it's spelled out anywhere? Also let me know if you want me to kick this to someone else. Maybe Division of Budget? I've reported the inquiry to the Dept. Thanks! Lisa ----- Lisa Hummon-Jones Congressional and Legislative Affairs Specialist U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 703-358-2536 (o) 202-365-7255 (c) Sent from my iPhone

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 06 2018 11:13:50 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Budget for IWCC
Attachments: IWCC Charter Signed and Filed (1).pdf

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Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

From: Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 06 2018 11:19:44 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Budget for IWCC

Thanks!

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Ethics clearance for International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC) Member Dinner

"Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>

From: "Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 01 2018 15:15:54 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <Joshua_Winchell@fws.gov>, Thomas Irwin <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Subject: Ethics clearance for International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC) Member Dinner

Joshuya

Who is sponsoring the International Wildlife Conservation Council reception and dinner on 3/16? We may need to get ethics clearance.

Roslyn Sellars
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1849 C Street NW | Room 3356 | Washington, DC| (202) 208-4545|roslyn_sellars@fws.gov

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 02 2018 09:10:17 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
CC: Thomas Irwin <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Ethics clearance for International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC) Member Dinner

Roslyn,

There is no sponsor, everyone will pay for their own meal. I've arranged a buffet-style dinner at Old Ebbitt Grill and cost will be approximately \$50 per person, I'll provide more details next week.

-Joshua

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On Thu, Mar 1, 2018 at 5:15 PM, Sellars, Roslyn <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov> wrote:

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"Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>

From: "Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 05 2018 13:10:10 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Thomas Irwin <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Ethics clearance for International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC) Member Dinner

Thanks

Roslyn

On Fri, Mar 2, 2018 at 11:10 AM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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International Wildlife Conservation Council Named: March News from Washington?

"Nudel, Martha" <martha_nudel@fws.gov>

From: "Nudel, Martha" <martha_nudel@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 05 2018 12:29:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Joshua Winchell <Joshua_Winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
Subject: International Wildlife Conservation Council Named: March News from Washington?

This council has been officially named:

<https://www.fws.gov/iwcc/>

It's not on the DOI website but it is on the FWS web site.

Do we want something in the March issue of News from Washington? I am trying to finalize the issue so we can distribute before March 14, Refuge System birthday.

thanks

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Updated invitation: IWCC Meeting Pre-Brief @ Tue Mar 6, 2018 2:30pm - 3pm (EST) (joshua_winchell@fws.gov)

Attachments:

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Azuredee Perkins <azuredee_perkins@fws.gov>

From: Azuredee Perkins <azuredee_perkins@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 05 2018 11:40:24 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov, shaun_sanchez@fws.gov, cynthia_martinez@fws.gov,
linda_d_walker@fws.gov
Subject: Updated invitation: IWCC Meeting Pre-Brief @ Tue Mar 6, 2018 2:30pm - 3pm (EST)
(joshua_winchell@fws.gov)
Attachments: invite.ics invite.ics

This event has been changed.

IWCC Meeting Pre-Brief

[more details »](#)

When **Changed:** Tue Mar 6, 2018 2:30pm – 3pm Eastern Time

Where 3N004C Blue-stem ([map](#))

Video call https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/cyn_hia-martine

Calendar joshua_winchell@fws.gov

Who

- cynthia_martinez@fws.gov - organizer
- azuredee_perkins@fws.gov - creator
- shaun_sanchez@fws.gov
- joshua_winchell@fws.gov
- linda_d_walker@fws.gov

Going? [Yes](#) - [Maybe](#) - [No](#) [more options »](#)

Invitation from [Google Calendar](#)

You are receiving this email at the account joshua_winchell@fws.gov because you are subscribed for updated invitations on calendar joshua_winchell@fws.gov.

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Weekly Mgmt Team Meeting Notes

"LePelch, Phil" <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>

From: "LePelch, Phil" <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 05 2018 06:39:54 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Angelina Yost <angelina_yost@fws.gov>, Eugene Marino <eugene_marino@fws.gov>, Michael Carlo <michael_carlo@fws.gov>, Sue M McDonald <Sue_McDonald@fws.gov>, "Moore, Deborah" <deborah_moore@fws.gov>, Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, Joanna Webb <joanna_webb@fws.gov>, Ashleyann Perez-Rivera <ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov>
Subject: Weekly Mgmt Team Meeting Notes

Hello Team,

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A friendly reminder to provide me with any relevant highlights for the Management Team Meeting by 8AM tomorrow morning.

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 05 2018 07:09:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "LePelch, Phil" <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Weekly Mgmt Team Meeting Notes

Phil, is there a google doc we upload highlights to, or do we just email them to you?

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To: Angelina Yost <angelina_yost@fws.gov>, Eugene Marino <eugene_marino@fws.gov>, Michael Carlo <michael_carlo@fws.gov>, Sue M McDonald <Sue_McDonald@fws.gov>, "Moore, Deborah" <deborah_moore@fws.gov>, Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, Joanna Webb <joanna_webb@fws.gov>, Ashleyann Perez-Rivera <ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov>
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Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 05 2018 07:45:00 GMT-0700 (MST)

To: "LePelch, Phil" <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Weekly Mgmt Team Meeting Notes

For the "Thank You" section:

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Fwd: sending letters

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/120. Fwd: sending letters/2.1 Bradford Thomas Black - CV and letters for awards with hunting 11-16-17.docx

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Mon Nov 20 2017 22:46:18 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: sending letters
Attachments: Bradford Thomas Black - CV and letters for awards with hunting 11-16-17.docx

Joshua. Did you receive this? Is it OK? Thanks Brad BLack

-----Original Message-----

From: jo tillman (b) (6)

To: Doc3girls (b) (6)

Sent: Mon, Nov 20, 2017 5:31 pm

Subject: re-sending letters

Do you want me to leave the signature line - I forgot to ask, just saw that when I was saving.

Call me if you want any changes

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) >
Sent: Mon Nov 20 2017 22:47:08 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: sending letters
Attachments: Bradford Thomas Black - CV and letters for awards with hunting 11-16-17.docx

Resent it.

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From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Nov 21 2017 06:21:25 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: sending letters

Brad,

I'm in receipt of your nomination to the International Wildlife Conservation Council. Please provide your current mailing address as well.

-Joshua

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To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: sending letters

Brad Black. 2777 Carrington St, NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Tue Nov 21 2017 21:31:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: sending letters

When will you make a decision? Thanks Brad Black

-----Original Message-----

From: Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

To: doc3girls <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tue, Nov 21, 2017 8:24 am
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Sent: Sun Mar 04 2018 21:34:59 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: sending letters

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New Interior panel loaded with safari and hunting advocates

Michael Doyle, E&E News reporter
Published: Friday, March 2, 2018



The 16 members of a new pro-hunting International Wildlife Conservation Council will have their first meeting on March 16. Pamela King/E&E News

Stocked with representatives from the National Rifle Association, Safari Club International and other like-minded groups, the Interior Department's newest advisory committee is about to start trekking.

In their first all-day meeting, scheduled to be held March 16 at the Main Interior Building, the 16 members of the International Wildlife Conservation Council will start off with an unambiguous agenda.

"The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting," the Fish and Wildlife Service [stated](#) in the *Federal Register* today.

Established last year by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, the council was explicitly designed through its membership criteria to have a pro-hunting perspective.

One member, for instance, was mandated to be a representative of the "firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry." Erica Rhoad, the NRA's director of hunting policy, was tapped for this seat.

Five members represent "wildlife habitat and conservation" organizations, according to the list posted on a Federal Advisory Committee Act [website](#). Interior has not issued a press release announcing the members, who were notified of their selection in late December, though Zinke did promote the panel when he announced the idea Nov. 8, 2017.

"This council will provide important insight into the ways that American sportsmen and women benefit international conservation from boosting economies and creating hundreds of jobs to enhancing wildlife conservation," Zinke said at the time ([Greenwire](#), Nov. 8, 2017).

These "wildlife habitat and conservation" representatives on the council include Safari Club International President Paul Babaz and John Jackson III, an attorney and past president of Safari Club International who is now president of a group called Conservation Force.

"There have been regional and national and international workshops on how to save the African lion," Jackson said on C-SPAN in a 2015 interview, "and in each case, hunting was found not to be the cause of the decline but the solution and a method of saving African lions."

Chris Hudson, who is a life member of both the NRA and the Dallas Safari Club, and Gary Kania, a former NRA and Nature Conservancy staffer who now serves as vice president for policy of the

Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, were also appointed to the "wildlife habitat and conservation" seats.

Six seats are occupied by members identified as "U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation." These include Texas resident Denise Weker, who last month was presented with the Safari Club International's Diana Award.

"Named for the huntress of Roman mythology, it recognizes the women of SCI who have excelled in international big game hunting," the organization's website explains, adding that "nominees will have shown exemplary ethics in the field ... and have personally given of their time and energies to enhance wildlife conservation and education."

Three members are identified with the "tourism, outfitting and/or guide industries." These include Kansas attorney Keith Mark, who also runs MacMillan River Adventures in Canada's Yukon Territory, which guides clients in hunting moose, black bears and other species.

"I have hunted all over the world, and I have seen the value of what hunting can do for a community," Mark said in an interview earlier this year.

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The new panel will examine issues from "recommending removal of barriers to the importation" of legally hunted wildlife to reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and streamlining import permits, according to Interior. It will meet twice a year.

Some observers remain skeptical, including 38 House Democrats who wrote Zinke in January urging him to abandon what they dismissed as a "misguided idea."

"Trophy hunting is unethical, unpopular and of questionable conservation value in many cases," the lawmakers wrote in the letter led by Rep. Don Beyer (D-Va.) and Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.). "Further, this council is a poor use of taxpayer dollars."

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From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Dec 04 2017 09:51:41 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: undisclosed-recipients:;
BCC: (b) (6) @chasa.co.za, emie@ecooper.ca, (b) (6) amanda@conservationvisions.com, jberger@wcs.org, soaz@mweb.co.zw, jmandima@awf.org, flyingleapfilms@mac.com
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Timothy Lamar (b) (6)

From: Timothy Lamar (b) (6)
Sent: Mon Dec 04 2017 17:23:18 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council: application material
Attachments: KLMBIO2017.docx

Hello Joshua,
I am attaching Keith Mark's resume to further support my recommendation of him for this position.

Please let me know if further materials are helpful or needed.

Sincerely,
Tim Lamar

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From: Jimmiel Mandima <jmandima@awf.org>
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To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: International Wildlife Conservation Council: application material
Attachments: Comments of WWF, WCS, AWF & IRF on Federal Register Notice Docket no. FW....pdf

Dear Mr. Winchell,

Thank you for the reminder which is most appreciated. Please note that the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) submitted a comment on November 24th (see attached) jointly co-signed by other conservation NGOs. In our comment document, we express our interest to engage with the Department of Interior on conservation issues through the proposed Council. We, however, expressed our reservations about the terms of reference of the Council and the proposed balance of constituencies. We respectfully requested the Secretary of Interior to address our concerns upon which we can plan consider nominating a candidate to be on the Council.

May you kindly advise on the status of responses to the comments submitted and hopefully we can then make an informed decision regarding nominating a representative to be on the Council.

I look forward to your feedback.

Regards,

Jimmiel

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The 16 members of a new pro-hunting International Wildlife Conservation Council will have their first meeting on March 16. Pamela King/E&E News

Stocked with representatives from the National Rifle Association, Safari Club International and other like-minded groups, the Interior Department's newest advisory committee is about to start trekking.

In their first all-day meeting, scheduled to be held March 16 at the Main Interior Building, the 16 members of the International Wildlife Conservation Council will start off with an unambiguous agenda.

"The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting," the Fish and Wildlife Service [stated](#) in the *Federal Register* today.

Established last year by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, the council was explicitly designed through its membership criteria to have a pro-hunting perspective.

One member, for instance, was mandated to be a representative of the "firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry." Erica Rhoad, the NRA's director of hunting policy, was tapped for this seat.

Five members represent "wildlife habitat and conservation" organizations, according to the list posted on a Federal Advisory Committee Act [website](#). Interior has not issued a press release announcing the members, who were notified of their selection in late December, though Zinke did promote the panel when he announced the idea Nov. 8, 2017.

"This council will provide important insight into the ways that American sportsmen and women benefit international conservation from boosting economies and creating hundreds of jobs to enhancing wildlife conservation," Zinke said at the time ([Greenwire](#), Nov. 8, 2017).

These "wildlife habitat and conservation" representatives on the council include Safari Club International President Paul Babaz and John Jackson III, an attorney and past president of Safari Club International who is now president of a group called Conservation Force.

"There have been regional and national and international workshops on how to save the African lion," Jackson said on C-SPAN in a 2015 interview, "and in each case, hunting was found not to be the cause of the decline but the solution and a method of saving African lions."

Chris Hudson, who is a life member of both the NRA and the Dallas Safari Club, and Gary Kania, a former NRA and Nature Conservancy staffer who now serves as vice president for policy of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, were also appointed to the "wildlife habitat and conservation" seats.

Six seats are occupied by members identified as "U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation." These include Texas resident Denise Welker, who last month was presented with the Safari Club International's Diana Award.

"Named for the huntress of Roman mythology, it recognizes the women of SCI who have excelled in international big game hunting," the organization's website explains, adding that "nominees will have shown exemplary ethics in the field ... and have personally given of their time and energies to enhance wildlife conservation and education."

Three members are identified with the "tourism, outfitting and/or guide industries." These include Kansas attorney Keith Mark, who also runs MacMillan River Adventures in Canada's Yukon Territory, which guides clients in hunting moose, black bears and other species.

"I have hunted all over the world, and I have seen the value of what hunting can do for a community," Mark said in an interview earlier this year.

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The new panel will examine issues from "recommending removal of barriers to the importation" of legally hunted wildlife to reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and streamlining import permits, according to Interior. It will meet twice a year.

Some observers remain skeptical, including 38 House Democrats who wrote Zinke in January urging him to abandon what they dismissed as a "misguided idea."

"Trophy hunting is unethical, unpopular and of questionable conservation value in many cases," the lawmakers wrote in the letter led by Rep. Don Beyer (D-Va.) and Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.). "Further, this council is a poor use of taxpayer dollars."

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New Interior panel loaded with safari and hunting advocates

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The 16 members of a new pro-hunting International Wildlife Conservation Council will have their first meeting on March 16. Pamela King/E&E News

Stocked with representatives from the National Rifle Association, Safari Club International and other like-minded groups, the Interior Department's newest advisory committee is about to start trekking.

In their first all-day meeting, scheduled to be held March 16 at the Main Interior Building, the 16 members of the International Wildlife Conservation Council will start off with an unambiguous agenda.

"The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting," the Fish and Wildlife Service **stated** in the *Federal Register* today.

Established last year by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, the council was explicitly designed through its membership criteria to have a pro-hunting perspective.

One member, for instance, was mandated to be a representative of the "firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry." Erica Rhoad, the NRA's director of hunting policy, was tapped for this seat.

Five members represent "wildlife habitat and conservation" organizations, according to the list posted on a Federal Advisory Committee Act **website**. Interior has not issued a press release

announcing the members, who were notified of their selection in late December, though Zinke did promote the panel when he announced the idea Nov. 8, 2017.

"This council will provide important insight into the ways that American sportsmen and women benefit international conservation from boosting economies and creating hundreds of jobs to enhancing wildlife conservation," Zinke said at the time ([Greenwire](#), Nov. 8, 2017).

These "wildlife habitat and conservation" representatives on the council include Safari Club International President Paul Babaz and John Jackson III, an attorney and past president of Safari Club International who is now president of a group called Conservation Force.

"There have been regional and national and international workshops on how to save the African lion," Jackson said on C-SPAN in a 2015 interview, "and in each case, hunting was found not to be the cause of the decline but the solution and a method of saving African lions."

Chris Hudson, who is a life member of both the NRA and the Dallas Safari Club, and Gary Kania, a former NRA and Nature Conservancy staffer who now serves as vice president for policy of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, were also appointed to the "wildlife habitat and conservation" seats.

Six seats are occupied by members identified as "U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation." These include Texas resident Denise Welker, who last month was presented with the Safari Club International's Diana Award.

"Named for the huntress of Roman mythology, it recognizes the women of SCI who have excelled in international big game hunting," the organization's website explains, adding that "nominees will have shown exemplary ethics in the field ... and have personally given of their time and energies to enhance wildlife conservation and education."

Three members are identified with the "tourism, outfitting and/or guide industries." These include Kansas attorney Keith Mark, who also runs MacMillan River Adventures in Canada's Yukon Territory, which guides clients in hunting moose, black bears and other species.

"I have hunted all over the world, and I have seen the value of what hunting can do for a community," Mark said in an interview earlier this year.

One member represents the "archery and/or hunting sports industry." For this seat, Interior tapped prominent hunter Cameron Hanes.

The new panel will examine issues from "recommending removal of barriers to the importation" of legally hunted wildlife to reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and streamlining import permits, according to Interior. It will meet twice a year.

Some observers remain skeptical, including 38 House Democrats who wrote Zinke in January urging him to abandon what they dismissed as a "misguided idea."

"Trophy hunting is unethical, unpopular and of questionable conservation value in many cases," the lawmakers wrote in the letter led by Rep. Don Beyer (D-Va.) and Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.). "Further, this council is a poor use of taxpayer dollars."

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U.S. Efforts to Combat Wildlife Trafficking





What is the Problem?

- Dramatic increases in the scope and scale of poaching to supply illegal trade;
- Landscape-scale losses of wildlife populations, both iconic and little known;
- Wildlife trafficking undermines security, weakens institutions and exacerbates official corruption;
- More than 1,000 rangers have died in the past decade;
- Responses were insufficient.



Wildlife trafficking is taking a devastating toll on some of the world's most treasured species.



*1,028 rhinos
poached in South
Africa in 2017*

*More than 30,000
elephants poached
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It's also impacting many lesser-known species that are important food sources for local communities, support healthy ecosystems, and supply clean air and water.



More than 1 million pangolins have been poached in the last decade

African grey parrots are poached to supply the pet trade





Internationally, wildlife trafficking has emerged as a crisis that imperils both conservation and global security. It can destabilize local communities and national governments by exacerbating corruption and poor governance and reducing ecotourism revenue, a major source of income for many nations.



A ranger is killed in the line of duty, on average, every three days.



Here in the U.S., wildlife trafficking can undercut legal trade and reduce populations of domestic species that are in demand around the globe. American ginseng, bobcat, alligators, and paddlefish are the foundation of significant economies that Americans depend on.



Declared values of U.S. exports of skins, 2013-2015:

American alligator:	\$355.9 million
Bobcat:	\$29.8 million
River otter:	\$4.4 million



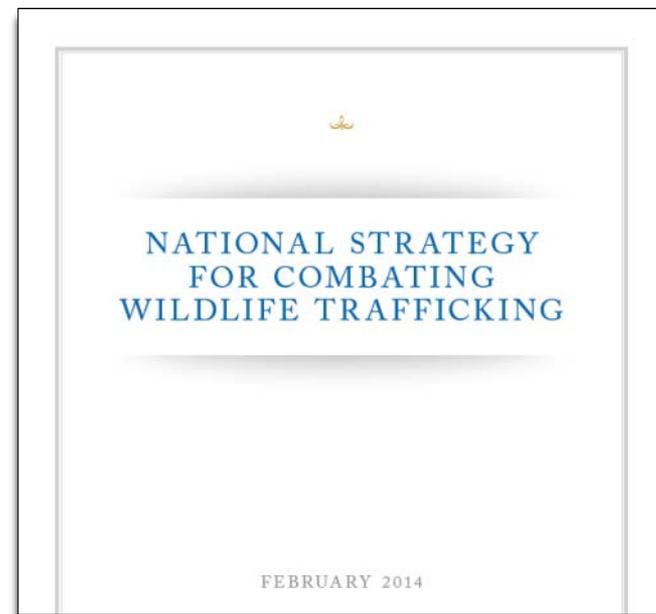
Executive Order: Wildlife Trafficking

- Executive Order announced July 1, 2013
- Established a Presidential Task Force
- Co-chaired by Departments of Interior, State and Justice (USAID is the unofficial fourth member)
- Called for the Task Force to develop a National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking



National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking

- National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking signed on February 11, 2014
- Lays out a whole-of-government approach across 17 federal departments and agencies
- Focuses on three areas of intervention:
 - Strengthening enforcement and prosecution
 - Reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife
 - Expanding international cooperation and commitment





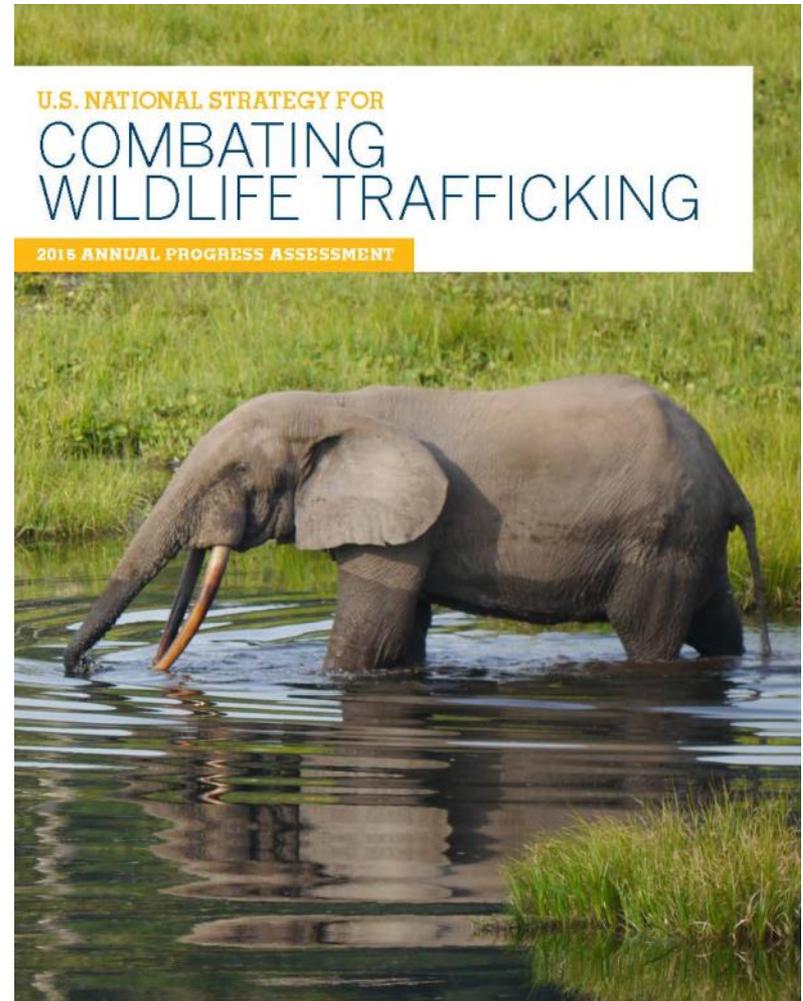
Implementation Plan

- Implementation Plan launched on February 11, 2015
- Outlines specific commitments delivering on each of the 24 objectives in the National Strategy
- Progress measures
- Lead and participating agencies identified



Annual Progress

- 2015 Annual Progress Assessment and Fact Sheets released on World Wildlife Day have documented major actions to date.





END Wildlife Trafficking Act

- Bipartisan Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act signed into law in October 2016
- Endorses and enshrines the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking and its National Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Makes wildlife trafficking a liable offense for money laundering prosecution
- Requires an annual report that identifies “focus countries” determined to be a major source, transit point, or consumer of wildlife trafficking products and makes a special designation for “countries of concern”
- Requires USG to prepare and implement strategic plans for combating wildlife trafficking for these countries



Executive Order: Wildlife Trafficking

Fish and Wildlife Service actions under the National Strategy include:

- A near total ban on elephant ivory trade;
- Domestic demand reduction campaign;
- Supporting on-the-ground efforts to protect species and habitats, strengthen enforcement, and reduce demand;
- Grants programs that are leveraging millions of dollars of action to combat wildlife trafficking;



Executive Order: Wildlife Trafficking

Fish and Wildlife Service actions under the National Strategy include:

- Stationing wildlife law enforcement attachés;
- Conducting long-term, covert investigations to address organized criminal enterprises;
- Strengthening the enforcement , forensic, and CITES-implementing capacity of governments in key supplier and consumer countries.



Conclusions and Next Steps

- In February 2017, President Trump signed the Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking, identifying wildlife trafficking as a focal area.
- A whole-of-government approach bringing all relevant tools to bear.
- Addressing all parts of the trade chain.
- Implementing the END Wildlife Trafficking Act.

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Member Details	Paul	Babaz	12/27/2017	12/27/2020	Representati	Wildlife and habitat conservation organization	President, Safari Club International	No	Agency	3 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
Member Details	Bill	Brewster	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	U.S. hunters actively engaged in int'l and/or domestic hunting conservation	U.S. hunters actively engaged in int'l and/or domestic hunting conservation	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
Member Details	Ivan	Carter	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	U.S. hunters actively engaged in int'l and/or domestic hunting conservation	Ivan Carter Wildlife Conservation Alliance	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch

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Member Details	Jenifer	Chatfield	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	Wildlife and habitat conservation organization	Wildlife and habitat conservation organization	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
Member Details	Cameron	Hanes	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	Archery and/or hunting sports industry	Archery and/or hunting sports industry	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
Member Details	Peter	Horn	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting	Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
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Member Details	Erica	Rhoad	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry	Director of Hunting Policy, National Rifle Association	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
Member Details	Denise	Welker	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	U.S. hunters actively engaged in int'l and/or domestic hunting conservation	U.S. hunters actively engaged in int'l and/or domestic hunting conservation	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch

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**International Wildlife Conservation Council
Charter**

1. **Official Designation.** International Wildlife Conservation Council (Council).
2. **Authority.** The Council is established in furtherance of 43 U.S.C. 1457, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j), and other Acts applicable to specific bureaus. This Council is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.
3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The Council will provide advice and recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), focused on increased public awareness domestically regarding the conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting. Additionally, the Council shall advise the Secretary on the benefits international hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas.
4. **Description of Duties.** The duties of the Council are solely advisory and include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting.
 - b) Reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as:
 1. An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival; and
 2. An effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching.
 - c) Recommending strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states.
 - d) Recommending removal of barriers to the importation into the United States of legally hunted wildlife.
 - e) Ongoing review of import suspension/bans and providing recommendations that seek to resume the legal trade of those items, where appropriate.

- f) Reviewing seizure and forfeiture actions/practices, and providing recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions.
- g) Reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications.
- h) Recommending methods for streamlining/expediting processing of import permits.
- i) At the conclusion of each meeting, or shortly thereafter, provide a detailed recommendation report, including meeting minutes, to the DFO.

- 5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports.** The Council reports to the Secretary through the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).
- 6. **Support.** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Council will be provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Council are estimated to be \$250,000 per year, including all direct and indirect expenses and .50 Federal staff years.
- 8. **Designated Federal Officer.** The DFO is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO approves or calls all Council and subcommittee meetings, prepares and approves all meeting agendas, attends all Council and subcommittee meetings, adjourns any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chairs meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary.
- 9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Council will meet approximately two times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.
- 10. **Duration.** Continuing.
- 11. **Termination.** The Council will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of the FACA. The Council will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.
- 12. **Membership and Designation.** The Council will consist of no more than 18 discretionary and 4 ex officio members.

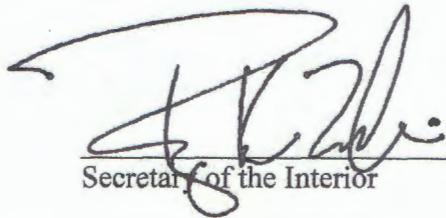
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- 1. Secretary of the Interior or designated Department of the Interior representatives;
and
- 2. Secretary of State or designated Department of State representatives.

- (b) The remaining discretionary members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the entities listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency.
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Member Details	Bill	Brewster	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	U.S. hunters actively engaged in int'l and/or domestic hunting conservation	U.S. hunters actively engaged in int'l and/or domestic hunting conservation	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
Member Details	Ivan	Carter	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	U.S. hunters actively engaged in int'l and/or domestic hunting conservation	Ivan Carter Wildlife Conservation Alliance	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch

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Member Details	Jenifer	Chatfield	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	Wildlife and habitat conservation organization	Wildlife and habitat conservation organization	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
Member Details	Cameron	Hanes	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	Archery and/or hunting sports industry	Archery and/or hunting sports industry	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
Member Details	Peter	Horn	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting	Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
Member Details	Chris	Hudson	12/27/2017	12/27/2020	Representati	Wildlife and habitat conservation organization	Wildlife and habitat conservation organization	No	Agency	3 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch

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Member Details	Gary	Kania	12/27/2017	12/27/2020	Representati	Wildlife and habitat conservation organization	Vice President, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation	No	Agency	3 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
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Member Details	Keith	Mark	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting	Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch

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Member Details	Erica	Rhoad	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry	Director of Hunting Policy, National Rifle Association	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch
Member Details	Denise	Welker	12/27/2017	12/27/2019	Representati	U.S. hunters actively engaged in int'l and/or domestic hunting conservation	U.S. hunters actively engaged in int'l and/or domestic hunting conservation	No	Agency	2 Years	Travel And Per Diem Only	Executive Branch

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Charter**

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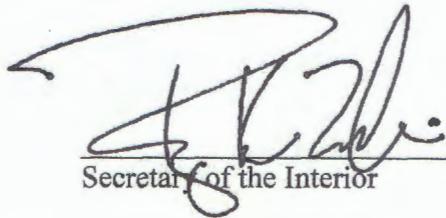
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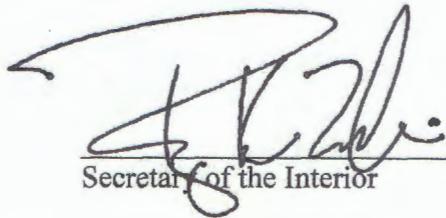
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Mr. Joshua Winchell
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Re: Input on for the International Wildlife Conservation Council to consider during its public meeting on March 16, 2018 (Docket No. FWS-HQ-R-2018-N030FXGO1664091HCC0-FF09D00000-189)

Dear Mr. Winchell,

On November 24, 2017, The Humane Society of the United States (“HSUS”), Humane Society International (“HSI”), Humane Society Legislative Fund (“HSLF”), Center for Biological Diversity (“CBD”), Natural Resources Defense Council (“NRDC”) and twenty additional concerned organizations submitted comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“Service”) (attached) strongly urging the agency not to establish the euphemistically-named International Wildlife Conservation Council (“IWCC”), as establishing the IWCC violates of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (“FACA”, 5 U.S.C. App. 2) because the IWCC is inherently biased, not essential, and contrary to the public interest. On December 8, 2017, HSUS, HSI, HSLF, CBD, and other organizations filed comments (attached) nominating a member of the conservation community (Deputy Chief Program Officer at NRDC, Andrew Wetzler) to the IWCC and emphasizing the need for the IWCC to be fairly balanced, as required by FACA.

Nonetheless, the Service established the IWCC by Charter on November 3, 2017,¹ appointing sixteen members with vested interests in promoting trophy hunting of threatened and endangered species. The IWCC is scheduled to hold its first meeting on March 16, 2018, and HSUS, HSI, HSLF, CBD, and NRDC hereby submit the following comments for consideration.

¹ <https://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/charters.aspx?cid=2636&aid=43>

The IWCC Charter Bars Members with a Conflict of Interest from Participating in IWCC Deliberations

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We therefore demand that the Service ensure that the multiple IWCC members that have pending permit applications or litigation against the Service, or a financial interest therein, are prohibited from participating in IWCC deliberations or actions pertaining to those matters.

According to the IWCC Charter, the objectives and scope of the council’s activities include

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Any member of the Council who hunts foreign species that are subject to import permits issued by the Service, or who represents an organization that promotes hunting of such species, or who guides hunts for such species, or who as a “celebrity hunter” promotes hunting of such species, has a financial interest in easing trophy imports because:

- Hunters must pay a fee for each import permit application, which they will lose if the permit is denied. They may apply for import permit applications after a hunt has occurred and, thus, will lose the money they spent on the hunt if they are not able to import the trophy because a permit is denied;
- Trophy hunting industry organizations have a financial interest in removing barriers to importing trophies, as it results in increased or continuing support from their members; Safari Club International, National Rifle Association, and Conservation Force are involved in ongoing litigation with the Service over permit issues;
- Foreign species trophy hunting guides or outfitters have a financial interest in decreasing barriers to importing such species because it allows them to sell more hunts; and,
- “Celebrity hunters,” who promote hunting of foreign species through the media, they a financial interest in decreasing barriers to importing trophies because their fans will lose interest in their shows if it is too difficult or impossible to import certain species.

Many of the Council’s duties relate to permit issues. For example:

- *Reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as: 1. An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival; and 2. An effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching.*
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⁴ Id., p. 1-2, paragraph 4.

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With one exception, each of the 16 IWCC discretionary members hunts foreign species that are subject to import permits issued by the Service, represents an organization that promotes hunting of such species, guides hunts for such species, or is a “celebrity hunter” who promotes hunting of such species (see table below). As such, with the one exception, these members all have a direct financial interest in permitting issues, as noted above.

Discretionary Members of the International Wildlife Conservation Council, 2018⁵			
First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Financial Interest in Permitting
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Bill	Brewster	Served on the board of Safari Club International ⁶	X
Ivan	Carter	Professional trophy hunter ⁷	X
Steven	Chancellor	Safari Club International member ⁸	X
Jenifer	Chatfield	Works/worked in the office of U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (R-Texas), ⁹ who receives support from the Safari Club International Political Action Committee (SCI-PAC), which considers him to be a pro-hunting candidate ¹⁰	X
Cameron	Hanes	Celebrity trophy hunter for <i>Under Armour</i> ¹¹	X
Peter	Horn	Leads trophy hunting expeditions for Beretta USA ¹²	X
Chris	Hudson	Life member of Safari Club International ¹³	X
Mike	Ingram	Safari Club International Foundation “Hunter Legacy 100 Fund Member” ¹⁴	X
John	Jackson	President, Conservation Force	X
Gary	Kania	Vice President, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation	X
Terry	Maple	Former CEO of Zoo Atlanta ¹⁵	
Keith	Mark	Celebrity trophy hunter for <i>Outdoor Channel</i> ¹⁶	X

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⁶ <https://www.americanhunter.org/articles/2014/12/30/hlf-member-spotlight-bill-suzie-brewster/>

⁷ <http://sportingclassicsdaily.com/ivory-hunters/>

⁸ <http://www.hsi.org/assets/pdfs/trophy-madness-report.pdf>

⁹ <https://atwork.avma.org/2017/01/30/avma-congressional-fellows-115th-congress/>

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¹⁴ <http://safariclubfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/AR16Final2B.pdf>

¹⁵ https://www.scheller.gatech.edu/centers-initiatives/ile/impact/2017/2017_spring_terry_maple.pdf

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First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Financial Interest in Permitting
Olivia	Opre	Celebrity trophy hunter known as the “Extreme Huntress” ¹⁷	X
Erica	Rhoad	Director of Hunting Policy, National Rifle Association	X
Denise	Welker	Safari Club International Member ¹⁸	X

Further, Safari Club International and the National Rifle Association have ongoing litigation against the Service regarding international trophy hunting (specifically as it pertains to imports of elephant trophies from Tanzania and Zimbabwe) and are intervenor defendants in litigation regarding the import of lions from Zimbabwe. It is wholly improper for individuals representing those organizations to participate in IWCC deliberations regarding that ongoing litigation.

The IWCC Membership is Unfairly Balanced in Violation of FACA

The membership of an advisory committee must “be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the advisory committee” (5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 5(b)(2)), and must “not be inappropriately influenced by... any special interest” (*id.* § 5(b)(3)). See also *Nat’l Anti-Hunger Coal. v. Exec. Comm. of President’s Private Sector Survey on Cost Control*, 566 F. Supp. 1515, 1517 (D.D.C. 1983); *Cargill, Inc. v. United States*, 173 F.3d 323, 335 (5th Cir. 1999).

Regarding Membership, the IWCC Charter states:

“discretionary members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the entities listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency.

1. *Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations;*
2. *U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation;*
3. *The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry;*
4. *Archery and/or hunting sports industry; and*
5. *Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting.*”¹⁹

As discussed above, the members selected for the IWCC all represent the trophy hunting industry. As such there is no balance in the points of view of the members, as required by law. Indeed, there is not a single member on the IWCC who represents the wildlife conservation community – therefore, the interests of HSUS, HSI, HSLF, CBD, and NRDC are harmed by the establishment of this biased council riddled with conflicts of interest.

¹⁷ <http://www.extremehuntress.com/main/olivia-nalos-opre/>

¹⁸ <https://www.johnrigbyandco.com/rigbys-sci-donation-rifle-sets-record/>

¹⁹ *Id.*, p. 3, paragraph 12(b).

Comments Regarding the Agenda for the March 16, 2018 IWCC Meeting

As of March 2, 2018, the agenda for the March 16, 2018, meeting of the IWCC will discuss issues “including

1. *International wildlife conservation programs conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;*
2. *U.S. Government efforts to combat wildlife trafficking; and*
3. *Other Council business.*”²⁰

The notice stated that the “final agenda will be posted on the internet at <http://www.fws.gov/iwcc>.” The final agenda posted today indicates that the IWCC will receive a briefing from the USFWS International Affairs Program and from the U.S. Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, followed by IWCC “Discussion” (without any identified structure). This overly broad and vague agenda frustrates public participation and emphasizes the non-essential nature of the IWCC. The goal of establishing FACA committees is to ensure the advice and recommendations they provide to the federal government see the light of day. By keeping the actual agenda for the meeting vague during the public comment period and requiring meeting attendees to register and request to speak at the meeting, the Service is violating the spirit and intent of FACA.

1. International Wildlife Conservation Programs Conducted by the Service

The Service’s international wildlife conservation programs are conducted through its International Affairs Program. According to the Service’s website, this Program:

“coordinates domestic and international efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the world’s diverse wildlife and their habitats with a focus on species of international concern. The Service has international responsibilities under some 40 treaties and U.S. laws and regulations. Located within International Affairs, the Wildlife Without Borders program and the International Wildlife Trade program promote conservation across the globe. The programs work with private citizens, local communities, other Federal and State agencies and foreign governments, as well as non-governmental organizations, scientific and conservation organizations, industry groups and other interested parties to ensure effective implementation of treaties and laws, and the global conservation of species.

Working with partners around the world to conserve species and their ecosystems, International Affairs:

- *Administers an extensive grant program supporting human and institutional capacity building and conservation research*
- *Provides technical assistance to wildlife managers in other countries*
- *Helps to conserve species at risk through the regulation of international trade*
- *Works closely with States and Native American tribes to help ensure conservation of U.S. species in international trade”*

²⁰ 83 Fed. Reg. 9021 (March 2, 2018).

As described in the Service’s *International Affairs Program Strategic Framework 2014-2019*,²¹ the program envisions “a world where all people value nature and conserve living resources for the well-being of life on Earth.” The Framework contains four goals: build capacity, values, and partnerships for species and habitat conservation, with a focus on innovation; conserve priority species and habitats across landscapes; conserve species and habitats through international treaties, agreements, protocols, and domestic laws; and motivate conservation actions by raising awareness of and support for species and habitats. We strongly support this Framework and believe that the Service has made significant strides in meeting these goals through its international wildlife conservation work.

However, we are deeply concerned about recent funding cuts to this work. For instance, the Program is tasked with administering funds in accordance with the Multinational Species Conservation Acts – a series of six acts aimed at conserving imperiled international species of African and Asian elephants, rhinos, tigers, chimps, gorillas, and sea turtles. The President’s Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) budget request for the Multinational Species Conservation Act is \$6.0 million, a decrease of almost \$5.0 million dollars from the 2018 Continuing Resolution amount. This severe cut is detrimental to the goals of these Acts and we urge the IWCC to recommend that funding be more robust in subsequent years.

We are further concerned that the establishment of the IWCC wastes the Service’s already limited resources and that the IWCC may recommend further diversion of funds from these important core strategic goals to instead promote and enable American trophy hunters to import trophies of imperiled species – an activity that the American public and the American President oppose.

A December 2017 survey²² showed that voters, by a more than a five to one margin, oppose allowing American trophy hunters to import into the U.S. the parts of elephants and lions they kill in Africa, with 78 percent opposing and 15 percent supporting the imports. Those trophy imports are opposed by 76 percent of Republicans, 84 percent of Democrats, and 75 percent of non-partisan voters. More broadly, 69 percent of Americans say they oppose trophy hunting, including 79 percent of Democrats, 61 percent of Republicans, and 67 percent of non-partisan voters.

These poll results show that most Americans agree with President Trump, who on November 19, 2017, called trophy hunting a “horror show” and said that he would be “hard pressed to change his mind” that it doesn’t help “conservation of Elephants or any other animal”.²³

We strongly urge the IWCC to not advise the Service to divert funds, staff, or other resources to programs that benefit themselves or their interests, while ignoring the interests of most

²¹ <https://www.fws.gov/international/strategic-plan.pdf>

²² http://www.humanesociety.org/news/press_releases/2017/12/trophy-hunting-poll-120517.html?credit=web_id98471502

²³

https://www.google.com/search?q=Trump+trophy+hunting+horror+show+tweet&rlz=1C1NDCM_enUS774US774&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjdhNeQp-DZAhWPk1kKHXW8CTYO_AUICygC&biw=1350&bih=645#imgrc=qDSguz7Nc_ZEtM:

Americans and the President, despite the financial interests of IWCC members and the appearance of and actual impropriety that creates.²⁴

Furthermore, given the IWCC's objectives and scope, as well as the current composition of the IWCC which is heavily biased toward those in the trophy hunting industry, we suspect that the Council will seek to influence the U.S. government's negotiating positions regarding restrictions on international trade in hunting trophies governed by the U.N. Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). It would be wholly inappropriate for the IWCC to recommend that the U.S. government propose weakening, or supporting other country's proposals to weaken, those restrictions. We strongly recommend that the IWCC agree not to discuss CITES issues, because these relate to permitting²⁵ which, as we have noted above, most members of the Council are prohibited from discussing because they have a direct financial interest.

2. U.S. Government Efforts to Combat Wildlife Trafficking

On February 9, 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order 13733 entitled "Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking." In the Executive Order, President Trump re-affirmed the Administration's commitment to combatting wildlife trafficking. The illegal wildlife trafficking trade has reached a level of global emergency, with impacts on national security, international human rights, and survival of protected wildlife species. It is imperative that the U.S. continues to be a leader in combatting wildlife trafficking and we are glad the Trump Administration has committed to doing so.

Within the Department of Interior, the two main offices that are tasked with addressing wildlife trafficking are the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) and the International Affairs Program. The President's FY19 Budget request asks for \$69.5 million, a decrease of around \$5.0 million from the 2018 Continuing Resolution level. OLE's funding is necessary to ensure continued collaboration between different U.S. agencies to enforce wildlife trafficking laws domestically and to work closely with foreign nations to stop illicit trade, reduce demand for illegally trafficked products, and provide assistance to nations developing their enforcement protocols.

With regards to the International Affairs Program, the President's FY19 budget requested \$14.5 million, a reduction of \$1 million from the 2018 Continuing Resolution level, is for combatting wildlife trafficking. The International Affairs Program is responsible for community outreach

²⁴ The Council itself is a drain on the already limited financial resources available to the Service. Committee members can seek both travel and per diem expenses, 82 Fed. Reg. 51,857, 51,858 (Nov. 8, 2017) ("Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Council and subcommittee members engaged in Council or subcommittee business that the DFO approves may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. § 5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service."). Paying to fly and provide per diem expenses to wealthy trophy hunters is an undeniable drain on the limited federal funds for foreign species conservation. Given the unfettered access trophy hunters already have to this administration, tax payers should not be footing the bill for travel and an all-day meeting between a very limited, special interest group and the federal government. It is outrageous that the IWCC Charter authorizes \$250,000 in annual operating costs to the IWCC.

²⁵ International trade in CITES-listed species requires the issuance of permits.

and engagement amongst diverse stakeholders on the international level to help support projects addressing wildlife poaching and trafficking. Since wildlife trafficking is a global problem; a global solution is needed and thus, International Affairs in the outreach and coordination is key to combatting wildlife trafficking.

The IWCC is charged with providing advice to the Secretary of Interior on the benefits of international wildlife conservation programs and wildlife trafficking programs. As laid out above, adequate funding for OLE and International Affairs program is necessary for the U.S. to continue play a pivotal role in combatting wildlife trafficking. We urge the Council to request continued support for these programs including funding in subsequent President Budgets.

Thank you for considering our comments.

We look forward to attending the IWCC meeting on March 16, 2018, and to providing an oral presentation.

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***Re: Comments Regarding the Composition of the Proposed International
Wildlife Conservation Council (Docket No. FWS-HQ-R-2017-N118)***

Dear Mr. Winchell and Chief Van Norman,

As detailed in our comments submitted last month, The Humane Society of the United States (“HSUS”), Humane Society International (“HSI”), Humane Society Legislative Fund (“HSLF”), Center for Biological Diversity (“CBD”), International Fund for Animal Welfare (“IFAW”), and Born Free USA (“BFUSA”) strongly urge the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“Service”) not to establish the euphemistically-named International Wildlife Conservation Council (“IWCC”), as establishing the IWCC would waste taxpayer resources and ignore the best available science to promote the interests of the trophy hunting industry. *See* 82 Fed. Reg. 51,857 (Nov. 8, 2017). Not only is the IWCC inessential and contrary to the public interest, the IWCC would violate the Federal Advisory Committee Act (“FACA”, 5 U.S.C. App. 2) because the proposed membership of the council is not fairly balanced and would be inappropriately influenced by commercial interests. Thus, it would be arbitrary and

capricious and not in accordance with law for the Service to rely on any recommendations submitted by this biased council. 5 U.S.C. § 706.

If the Service moves forward with establishing this duplicative and inherently biased advisory council, our proposals for the membership composition of the IWCC are discussed below.

Requirements for Establishing an Unbiased Federal Advisory Committee

The FACA provides that “new advisory committees should be established only when they are determined to be essential and their number should be kept to the minimum necessary.” 5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 2(b)(2). Further, “[n]o advisory committee shall be established unless such establishment is determined...to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on that agency by law.” *Id.* § 9(a)(2). Advisory committees can only be used “solely for advisory functions” (*id.* § 9(b)) and must serve a “clearly defined purpose” (*id.* § 5(b)(1)). The membership of an advisory committee must “be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the advisory committee” (*id.* § 5(b)(2)), and must “not be inappropriately influenced by... any special interest” (*id.* § 5(b)(3)).

While federal courts have held that “an advisory committee with a narrow, technical mandate does not have to include representatives of those who might be affected by the committee’s work” (*Cargill, Inc. v. United States*, 173 F.3d 323, 338 (5th Cir. 1999)), the IWCC does not have a narrow technical mandate. Instead, the IWCC is tasked with addressing “substantive legislative policy issues” pertaining to the management of threatened and endangered wildlife, and as such any recommendations by the IWCC are *ultra vires* if the council lacks fair balance in its membership. *See Nat’l Anti-Hunger Coal. v. Exec. Comm. of President’s Private Sector Survey on Cost Control*, 566 F. Supp. 1515, 1517 (D.D.C. 1983).

Agency actions contrary to the requirements of FACA are subject to judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. § 702). *See, e.g., Fertilizer Institute v. U.S. E.P.A.*, 938 F.Supp. 52, 54-55 (D.D.C., 1996); *Cargill, Inc. v. United States*, 173 F.3d 323, 335 (5th Cir. 1999) (“courts may enforce FACA’s ‘point-of-view balance’ requirement—a ‘balance’ requirement that is even more subjective than is the functional balance requirement”); *Food Chem. News, Inc. v. Davis*, 378 F. Supp. 1048, 1049 (D.D.C. 1974) (enjoining agency from convening advisory committee meetings unless conducted in full compliance with FACA).

According to the Service, the IWCC will have up to 18 discretionary members and 4 ex officio members:

- Ex officio members will include:
 - Secretary of the Interior or designated DOI representatives; and
 - Secretary of State or designated Department of State representatives.
- The remaining members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the entities listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency.
 - Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations;

- U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation;
- The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry;
- Archery and/or hunting sports industry; and
- Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting.

82 Fed. Reg. at 51,858.

We are greatly concerned that the proposed membership of the IWCC is inherently unfairly balanced and would cause the council to be inappropriately influenced by special interest groups in violation of FACA. 5 U.S.C. App § 5(b). Four of the five categories of proposed membership are entities that have a clear financial interest in weakening the Service's regulations pertaining to the import of hunting trophies. Further, while many wildlife conservation organizations do not support trophy hunting as a wildlife management tool, there are some organizations that self-identify as conservationists that are aligned with the trophy hunting industry, meaning that the proposed composition of the IWCC could very well consist entirely of one viewpoint on this controversial issue, in violation of FACA.

Even if the Service adds representation from conservation and wildlife management groups that recognize that the best available science shows that trophy hunting fails to enhance the survival of threatened and endangered species, the IWCC may nevertheless be unfairly balanced. For example, if the IWCC were to have four members that are trophy hunters, four members that are from the firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry, four members that are from the archery and/or hunting sports industry, and four members from the tourism/outfitter/guide industries related to international hunting, but only two members from the wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations, such a committee would not be fairly balanced.

Therefore, we strongly urge the Service, if it moves forward with establishing the IWCC, to not only adjust the purpose of the council (e.g., to evaluate whether the best available science actually supports promotion of trophy hunting), but to also ensure that individuals with knowledge and training in humane and sustainable wildlife management practices have a majority representation on the IWCC. If conservationists only have minority representation, then it would be essential that any recommendations sent from the IWCC to the Service also include dissenting views.

Because the proposed purpose of the council is contrary to our organizational missions, none of the undersigned groups are nominating themselves as formal members of the IWCC, though we plan to robustly participate in public meetings of the IWCC. In order to ensure that there is at least one member of the conservation community on the IWCC, **we hereby submit the nomination of Andrew Wetzler, Deputy Chief Program Officer at the Natural Resources Defense Council**, who is an expert in Endangered Species Act implementation (resume attached).

As detailed herein and our prior comment letters, the IWCC is unnecessary, duplicative, not in the public interest, and designed to be inappropriately influenced by the trophy hunting industry in a manner that undermines the Service's statutory duties under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*) and FACA. While we provide a nomination for IWCC membership, it remains our strong recommendation that the IWCC not be established at all.

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Co-Director, Land & Wildlife Program (2010 - 2015)

Directs NRDC's program to protect endangered wildlife and wild places, supervises a staff of twenty and a budget of \$3.5 million, including development, planning, and coordination of wildlife campaigns.

Previous Positions:

Director, Wildlife Conservation Project (2004 - 2008)

Senior Attorney, Marine Mammal Protection Project (2003 - 2004)

Senior Project Attorney, Marine Mammal Protection Project (2000 - 2003)

Project Attorney, Southern California Ecosystem Project (1998 - 2000)

- *International experience* includes work on marine mammal issues and wildlife trade, including NRDC's campaigns on ocean noise pollution, polar bear trade, elephant ivory trade, and beluga sturgeon. Experience with a wide variety of international institutions, including CITES, OSPAR, ACCOBAMS, UNEP and IUCN.
- *Lobbying experience* includes extensive lobbying in the United States, including before Congress and numerous federal agencies such as the State Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; providing testimony before Congressional Committees and State legislatures.
- *Media experience* includes numerous television and radio appearances, extensive experience with print reporters; authoring press releases and op-eds; managing social media networks; and strategic communications planning. Experience with polling and focus groups as well as message development and branding.
- *Development experience* includes foundations relations; major donor prospect identification, cultivation, and asks; and working with NRDC's Membership Department, including editing and helping to plan direct mail.



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Re: Comments Opposing the Establishment of an International Wildlife Conservation Council (Docket No. FWS-HQ-R-2017-N118)

Dear Mr. Winchell and Chief Van Norman,

The Humane Society of the United States (“HSUS”), Humane Society International (“HSI”), Humane Society Legislative Fund (“HSLF”), and the twenty-two undersigned organizations strongly urge the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“Service”) not to establish the euphemistically-named International Wildlife Conservation Council (“IWCC”), as establishing the IWCC as proposed would violate the Federal Advisory Committee Act (“FACA”, 5 U.S.C. App. 2) and would be arbitrary and capricious and not in accordance with law. *See* 82 Fed. Reg. 51,857 (Nov. 8, 2017).

The Service Proposes to Create a Duplicative and Biased Advisory Council

The Service is proposing to establish the IWCC for the purpose of “**increasing public awareness** domestically regarding the **conservation**, wildlife law enforcement, and **economic benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting**. Additionally, the Council shall **advise the Secretary on the benefits international hunting** has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas.” *Id.* (emphasis added).

The duties of the IWCC would include:

- developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting;
- reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as: (a) An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival, and (b) an effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching;
- recommending strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states;
- recommending removal of barriers to the importation into the United States of legally hunted wildlife;
- ongoing review of import suspension/bans and providing recommendations that seek to resume the legal trade of those items, where appropriate;
- reviewing seizure and forfeiture actions/practices, and providing recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions;
- reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna [*sic*], with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications; and
- recommending methods for streamlining/expediting the process of import permits.

Id.

As detailed herein, the IWCC is unnecessary, duplicative, not in the public interest, and designed to be inappropriately influenced by the trophy hunting industry in a manner that undermines the Service's statutory duties under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*) and FACA. Therefore, the IWCC cannot lawfully be established.

Requirements for Establishing a Federal Advisory Committee

The FACA provides that “new advisory committees should be established only when they are determined to be essential and their number should be kept to the minimum necessary.” 5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 2(b)(2). Further, “[n]o advisory committee shall be established unless such establishment is determined...to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on that agency by law.” *Id.* § 9(a)(2). Advisory committees can only be used “solely for advisory functions” (*id.* § 9(b)) and must serve a “clearly defined purpose” (*id.* § 5(b)(1)). The membership of an advisory committee must “be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the advisory committee” (*id.* § 5(b)(2)), and must “not be inappropriately influenced by... any special interest” (*id.* § 5(b)(3)). Agency actions contrary to the requirements of FACA are subject to judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). *See, e.g., Fertilizer Institute v. U.S. E.P.A.*, 938 F.Supp. 52, 54-55 (D.D.C., 1996); 5 U.S.C. § 702. *See also Food Chem. News, Inc. v. Davis*, 378 F. Supp. 1048, 1049 (D.D.C. 1974) (enjoining agency from convening advisory committee meetings unless conducted in full compliance with FACA).

Establishing the IWCC Would Violate FACA

A. The IWCC Is Duplicative and Not Essential

The purpose of FACA is “to enhance the public accountability of advisory committees established by the Executive Branch and to reduce wasteful expenditures” that result only in “worthless committee meetings and biased proposals.” *Pub. Citizen v. U.S. Dep’t of Justice*, 491 U.S. 440, 453, 459 (1989). To this end, it is unlawful for FWS to establish an advisory committee that exceeds the minimum number of committees necessary or to establish a committee that is not needed to advance an agency’s statutory duties and regulatory agenda. *See* 5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 2(b)(2). The IWCC wholly fails to meet these standards – indeed, the IWCC raises the precise concerns that FACA was designed to guard against.

Notably, there already exists an advisory council entitled the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (“WHHCC”), which has the authority to address the matters included in the IWCC’s proposed purview. *See* 75 Fed. Reg. 6,056 (Feb. 5, 2010); <https://www.fws.gov/whhcc/>. Like the IWCC, the WHHCC’s mission explicitly includes providing “advice on wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that (1) **benefit recreational hunting**; (2) benefit wildlife resources; and (3) encourage partnerships among the public, the sporting conservation community, wildlife conservation groups, the States, Native American Tribes, and the Federal government.” 75 Fed. Reg. 6,056 (Feb. 5, 2010) (emphasis added). To achieve that goal of promoting recreational hunting, the WHHCC focuses in part on “Providing appropriate access to hunting and recreational shooting on Federal lands” and “Providing recommendations to improve implementation of Federal conservation programs that benefit wildlife, hunting and outdoor recreation on private lands.” *Id.* Consistent with these broad purposes, the WHHCC has multiple times discussed and formed recommendations on international trophy hunting issues.

For example, in July 2012, the WHHCC sent a letter to the Service on behalf of “millions of hunters and anglers nationwide, including many who hunt internationally and seek to import and export their trophies into and out of the United States.” (Attached). That letter included criticism of the process the Service uses to interpret and apply restrictions on the import and seizure of hunting trophies, and provided eight particular recommendations relating to “1) amendments to CITES resolutions and/or decision documents; 2) modifications to FWS manuals, policies, Directors’ Orders, guidance documents and/or practices; and 3) coordinating efforts with representative organizations of the international hunting community.” *Id.* Similarly, in July 2014, the WHHCC sent another letter to the Service, this time urging the Service to reverse its decision to suspend the import of elephant hunting trophies from Tanzania and Zimbabwe, noting the WHHCC’s “efforts on behalf of the hunting community.” (Attached). That latter letter followed a June 2014 meeting of the WHHCC where Safari Club International (“SCI”) presented “updates on African Lion and Elephant” trophy hunting.¹ At its March 2016 meeting, WHHCC again discussed the topic of international trophy hunting, specifically focusing on African lion import issues and including a presentation from SCI.² These are the precise tasks identified

¹<https://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/historymeeting.aspx?mid=123631&cid=2299&fy=2014>.

²<https://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/historymeetingdocuments.aspx?flr=135324&cid=2299&fy=2016>.

in the IWCC notice, demonstrating that there already exists a forum for trophy hunters to attempt to influence FWS policy on these matters.

Indeed, the WHCC currently includes members that represent international trophy hunting interests, such as the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation.³ The WHCC also currently includes representatives from the Boone & Crockett Club, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Ducks Unlimited de Mexico, and Urban American Outdoors, many of whose members trophy hunt in the U.S.—and likely abroad. Further, the IWCC seeks representation from “the firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry,” but a representative from the National Shooting Sports Foundation – a national trade association for the firearms industry – already serves as a member of the WHCC. The incredibly slight differences in the membership these councils maintain/are seeking, demonstrate the duplicative nature of the IWCC.

Therefore, it would be wholly duplicative for the Service to establish the IWCC, whose proposed purpose and tasks are matters that can and are already being carried out by another advisory group.

Similarly, the Service has failed to demonstrate that establishing the IWCC is *essential*. For example, in 2013 the Service established a Wildlife Trafficking Advisory Council to combat issues of illicit wildlife trade and to improve enforcement of wildlife trade laws. 78 Fed. Reg. 45,555 (Jul. 29, 2013). That committee discussed issues of international trophy hunting as a type of wildlife trade.⁴ However, that advisory council was deemed inessential and discontinued pursuant to Executive Order No. 13811 (September 29, 2017).⁵ It is arbitrary and capricious for the Service to now establish the IWCC to take on activities that were previously covered by the Wildlife Trafficking Advisory Council, which was deemed unnecessary by this Administration. Further, the duplicative nature of the IWCC is further demonstrated by the fact that the IWCC would include a representative from the U.S. Department of State – the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking established pursuant to Executive Order No. 13,648 (July 1, 2013) already provides a forum for the Service and the State Department to discuss issues of international wildlife trade, including trade in hunting trophies.

Thus, there are already multiple fora for detailed discussion of the issues the IWCC is tasked with providing advice to the Service on, meaning that establishing the IWCC is not essential, as required by law. This is especially true given the broader statutory context, as discussed further below – the Endangered Species Act already provides the opportunity for the trophy hunting industry to submit applications for import permits that demonstrate the alleged benefit of trophy hunting and to submit comments on other permit applications and foreign species listing petitions. *See* 16 U.S.C. § 1539(c). Thus, there is no functional need

³ *See, e.g.*, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. Press Release. Aug. 7, 2013. *Sportsmen's Priorities Moving in Congress* (supporting bill allowing import of polar bear trophies hunted in Canada), <http://sportsmenslink.org/the-media-room/news/sportsmens-priorities-moving-in-congress>.

⁴ *See* <https://www.fws.gov/International/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/pdf/acwt-meeting-minutes-march-20.pdf>.

⁵ *See* <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/09/29/presidential-executive-order-continuance-certain-federal-advisory>.

for an advisory committee dedicated to promoting propaganda of the trophy hunting industry.

Because the IWCC is per se inessential and duplicative, chartering the IWCC would violate FACA.

B. The IWCC Is Not in the Public Interest

Chartering the IWCC would further violate FACA because its purpose is inconsistent with the public interest and the “performance of duties imposed on [the Service] by law.” 5 U.S.C. App. § 9(a)(2).

The primary stated purpose of the IWCC is to *promote* trophy hunting of foreign species and to relax the legal restrictions for importing trophies of threatened and endangered species, accepting as incontrovertible fact the notion that trophy hunting promotes the conservation of wildlife species. However, this is a highly controversial and hotly debated topic, with ample scientific evidence to the contrary, and the notice of IWCC creation patently reveals the biased and unsupported positions that the council would advance.

The FACA was specifically adopted to avoid such a circumstance. *See, e.g., Moss v. C.A.B.*, 430 F.2d 891, 893 (1970) (when the “subject matter of” a FACA council’s “involve[s] serious and much-debated...issues...[t]he Government’s consideration of such sensitive issues must not be unduly weighted by input from the private commercial sector, lest the Government fall victim to the devastating harm of being regulated by those whom the Government is supposed to regulate in the public interest.”); H.R. REP. 92-1017, 1972 U.S.C.C.A.N. 3491, 3496 (“One of the great dangers in th[e] unregulated use of advisory committees is that special interest groups may use their membership on such bodies to promote their private concerns. Testimony received [on the passage of the FACA] pointed out the danger of allowing special interest groups to exercise undue influence upon the Government through the dominance of advisory committees which deal with matters in which they have vested interests.”).

Thus, forming the IWCC as proposed would be unlawful.

1. Trophy hunting undermines conservation efforts

As detailed in numerous documents in the Service’s possession (*e.g.*, petitions to list African lions, elephants, and leopards as endangered under the ESA; letters submitted with respect to the import of lions and elephants from Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and South Africa, as well as the expert declarations in support thereof; and comments opposing the import of endangered bontebok, cape mountain zebra, and black rhinoceros trophies, attached), there is ample scientific evidence that trophy hunting of threatened and endangered species does not in fact enhance the survival of the species in the wild. With respect to three of the so-called “Big Five” species targeted by trophy hunters, a summary of that evidence is as follows.

Trophy Hunting of African Lions

With the world's preeminent lion scientist as the lead author, Packer et al. (2009)⁶ and Packer et al. (2010)⁷ identify trophy hunting as the likely cause of multiple lion population declines in Africa.⁸ In addition to direct population reduction through lethal take, trophy hunting poses a threat to lions because it can weaken a population's genetic constitution (e.g. Allendorf et al. 2008⁹). Because hunters target the biggest and strongest males, trophy hunting removes these animals from the breeding pool and unnaturally selects for smaller or weaker animals (Allendorf and Hard, 2009¹⁰). In this way, trophy hunting can decrease genetic variation, shift the population structure, and cause unnatural evolutionary impacts. This effect has already been documented in other species. For example, selective hunting likely increased the occurrence of mature female African elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) lacking tusks from 10% to 38% in parts of Zambia over 20 years (Jachmann et al. 1995¹¹), and recent studies of bighorn sheep suggest that horn size and body weight decreased over time as a result of trophy hunting (e.g. Coltman et al., 2003¹²; Festa-Bianchet et al., 2013¹³). Further, when trophy hunting is sanctioned, poaching activity increases, likely due to the perception that species authorized for hunting are of diminished value and the perception that legal killing increases the acceptability of poaching.¹⁴ Moreover, trophy hunting of lions has cascading lethal impacts on lion populations, as the social instability created by removing dominant males leads to infanticide of cubs sired by the male killed for a trophy (Packer et al. 2009).

⁶ Packer, C., Kosmala, M., Cooley, H.S., Brink, H., Pintea, L., Garshelis, D., Purchase, G., Strauss, M., Swanson, A., Balme, G., Hunter, L., and Nowell, K. (2009). Sport Hunting, Predator Control and Conservation of Large Carnivores. *PLoS ONE*, 4(6): e5941. DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0005941

⁷ Packer, C., Brink, H., Kissui, B.M., Maliti, H., Kushnir, H., and Caro, T. (2010) Effects of trophy hunting on lion and leopard populations in Tanzania. *Conservation Biology*, 25, 142–153.

⁸ See also Bauer H, Henschel P, Packer C, Sillero-Zubiri C, Chardonnet B, Sogbohossou EA, et al. (2017) Lion trophy hunting in West Africa: A response to Bouché et al. *PLoS ONE*12(3): e0173691. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0173691>.

⁹ Allendorf, F.W., England, P.R., Luikart, G., Ritchie, P.A., and Ryman, N. (2008). Genetic effects of harvest on wild animal populations. *Trends in Ecology and Evolution*, 23, 327-337. doi:10.1016/j.tree.2008.02.008

¹⁰ Allendorf, F.W. and Hard, J.J. (2009). Human-induced evolution caused by unnatural selection through harvest of wild animals. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 106, 9987-9994. See also Coltman, D. W., et al. (2003). Undesirable evolutionary consequences of trophy hunting. *Nature* 426(6967): 655-658.; Palazy, L., et al. (2012). Rarity, trophy hunting and ungulates. *Animal Conservation* 15(1): 4-11.; Darimont, C. T., et al. (2015). The unique ecology of human predators. *Science* 349(6250): 858-860.

¹¹ Jachmann, H., Berry, P.S.M., and Imae, H. (1995). Tuskslessness in African Elephants: a future trend. *African Journal of Ecology*, 33, 230-235. DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2028.1995.tb00800.x

¹² Coltman, D.W., O'Donoghue, P., Jorgenson, J.T., Hogg, J.T., Strobeck, C., and Festa-Bianchet, M. (2003). Undesirable evolutionary consequences of trophy hunting. *Nature*, 426, 655-658. doi:10.1038/nature02177

¹³ Festa-Bianchet, M., Pelletier, F., Jorgenson, J.T., Feder, C., and Hubbs, A. (2013). Decrease in Horn Size and Increase in Age of Trophy Sheep in Alberta Over 37 Years. *Journal of Wildlife Management*, 78, 133-141.

¹⁴ Chapron, G. and Treves, A., *Blood does not buy goodwill: allowing culling increases poaching of a large carnivore*, *Proc. R. Soc. B* 283 (2016), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2015.2939>.

Lion scientists have produced a steady drumbeat of warnings that trophy hunting across African range states is unsustainable and is a threat to survival of the species:

African Continent:

- Rosenblatt (2014)¹⁵: “...overharvesting of lions has been well-documented throughout Africa”, recognize trophy hunting as one of the reasons for the decline of the lion throughout its range.
- Hunter et al. (2014)¹⁶: “there is considerable scientific evidence of negative population impacts associated with poorly-managed trophy hunting of lions.” The authors state “there have been documented negative impact on lion populations resulting from trophy hunting” and call for lion trophy hunting reform.
- Lindsey et al. (2013)¹⁷ stated that, regarding the recent decline of lion populations, “Most of the factors that contribute to this decline are now well understood, although evidence of the impacts of trophy hunting on lions has only emerged relatively recently.” The authors also state, “lion quotas remain higher than the 0.5/1,000 km² recommended by [Packer et al. (2011)] in all countries except Mozambique” and “in all countries where data are available, harvests appear too high in a proportion of hunting blocks.”

Zambia:

- Rosenblatt et al. (2014): found a declining lion population in South Luangwa National Park with low recruitment, low sub-adult and adult survivorship, depletion of adult males and an aging adult female population and attributed this to the “severe male depletion” caused by trophy hunting.
- Lindsey et al. (2014)¹⁸: numerous problems identified with trophy hunting in Zambia including that the Zambia Wildlife Authority establishes trophy quotas arbitrarily and “quotas of lions have been particularly excessive”.
- Lindsey et al. (2013): “Excessive offtake from trophy hunting also lowered population density of lions and altered sex-ratios of lions in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe, South Luangwa, Kafue and Lower Zambezi national parks in Zambia, and the Bénoué Complex in Cameroon.” The authors also said that mean lion harvests are higher than Packer et al. (2011) 0.5/1,000 km² threshold in Zambia.

Tanzania:

- Dolrenry et al. (2014)¹⁹: populations in Tanzania are declining in part due to “overexploitation due to poor management of trophy hunting”.

¹⁵ Rosenblatt, E., Becker, M. S., Creel, S., Droge, E., Mweetwa, T., Schuette, P. A., & Mwape, H. (2014). Detecting declines of apex carnivores and evaluating their causes: An example with Zambian lions. *Biological Conservation*, 180, 176-186.

¹⁶ Hunter, L., Lindsey, P., Balme, G., Becker, M., Begg, C., Brink, H. ...White, P., Whitman-Gelatt, K. (2014). Urgent and comprehensive reform of trophy hunting of lions is a better option than an endangered listing; a science-based consensus [sic]. Unpublished.

¹⁷ Lindsey, P. A., Balme, G. A., Funston, P., Henschel, P., Hunter, L., Madzikanda, H., ... & Nyirenda, V. (2013). The trophy hunting of African lions: Scale, current management practices and factors undermining sustainability. *PloS one*, 8(9), e73808.

¹⁸ Lindsey, P. A., Nyirenda, V. R., Barnes, J. I., Becker, M. S., McRobb, R., Tambling, C. J., ... & t'Sas-Rolfes, M. (2014). Underperformance of African Protected Area Networks and the Case for New Conservation Models: Insights from Zambia. *PloS one*, 9(5), e94109.

- Lindsey et al. (2013): “Trophy hunting has contributed to population declines outside (and inside some) protected areas in Tanzania, a country that holds between 30-50% of Africa’s lion.”

Zimbabwe:

- Groom et al. (2014)²⁰: the low densities of lion populations in Gonarezhou National Park and trophy hunting concessions in Tuli are due to the collapse of these populations in the past due to “unsustainably high trophy hunting within Tuli and in the concessions around Gonarezhou ...” The authors concluded, “hunting has probably had a strong negative effect on lion abundance in both reserves.”
- Lindsey et al. (2013): “Excessive offtake from trophy hunting also lowered population density of lions and altered sex-ratios of lions in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe, South Luangwa, Kafue and Lower Zambezi national parks in Zambia, and the Bénoué Complex in Cameroon.”
- Lindsey et al. (2013): mean lion harvests are higher than Packer et al. (2011) 0.5/1,000 km² threshold in Zimbabwe.

Namibia:

- Lindsey et al. (2013): mean lion harvests are higher than Packer et al. (2011) 0.5/1,000 km² threshold in Namibia.

Cameroon:

- Lindsey et al. (2013): “Excessive offtake from trophy hunting also lowered population density of lions and altered sex-ratios of lions in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe, South Luangwa, Kafue and Lower Zambezi national parks in Zambia, and the Bénoué Complex in Cameroon.”

Burkina Faso:

- Lindsey et al. (2013): mean lion harvests are higher than Packer et al. (2011) 0.5/1,000 km² threshold in Burkina Faso.

Benin:

- Sogbohossou et al. (2014)²¹: the low lion density and small group size found in Pendjari Biosphere Reserve in Benin is due to human disturbance and mortality through trophy hunting, the Pendjari lion hunting quota is three times higher than recommended by Packer et al. (2011), and the existing age limit for ‘old males’ is not enforced.

Trophy Hunting of African Elephants

Similarly, trophy hunting is documented to undermine the conservation of African elephants. As explained in a recent scientific study, range states from which the Service

¹⁹ S. Dolrenry, J. Stenglein, L. Hazzah, R.S. Lutz, and L. Frank (2014). A metapopulation approach to African lion (*Panthera leo*) conservation. Plos One 9 (2), e88081.

²⁰ R.J. Groom, P.J. Funston and R. Mandisodza (2014). Surveys of lions *Panthera leo* in protected areas in Zimbabwe yield disturbing results: what is driving the population collapse? Oryx 2014: 1-9.

²¹ Sogbohossou, E. A., Bauer, H., Loveridge, A., Funston, P. J., De Snoo, G. R., Sinsin, B., & De Iongh, H. H. (2014). Social Structure of Lions (*Panthera leo*) Is Affected by Management in Pendjari Biosphere Reserve, Benin. *PloS one*, 9(1), e84674.

currently allows trophy imports (such as South Africa) may be setting unsustainably high hunting quotas: in the Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area scientists found that, in contrast to current hunting allowances, “only a small number of bulls (<10/year) could be hunted sustainably. At current rates of hunting, under average ecological conditions, trophy bulls will disappear from the population in less than 10 years.”²²

Researchers have found that the selective nature of trophy hunting causes changes in desirable phenotypic traits in harvested species. In particular, trophy sizes for wild herbivores experienced temporal decline in South Africa and Tanzania. “Declines in trophy size over time due to selective harvesting could be attributed to phenotypic plasticity that may result due to a decline in abundance of big tuskers and individuals with big horns or tusks as these are mostly selected by hunters.”²³ Again, because hunters target the biggest and strongest male elephants, trophy hunting removes these animals from the breeding pool and unnaturally selects for smaller or weaker animals.²⁴ In this way, trophy hunting can decrease genetic variation, shift the population structure, and cause unnatural evolutionary impacts. For example, selective hunting likely increased the occurrence of mature female African elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) lacking tusks from 10% to 38% in parts of Zambia over 20 years.²⁵ Additionally, trophy hunting has been shown to disrupt family groups and social stability, negatively impacting elephant survival.²⁶

Another study reviewed the functioning of Zambia’s protected areas and game management areas (GMAs), where trophy hunting occurs.²⁷ The authors found numerous problems that pertain to management of trophy hunting in GMAs including: uncontrolled human immigration and open access to wildlife; the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) retains most of income derived from trophy hunting, little of this income goes to people living in GMAs with affluent community members benefiting most, and there are frequent financial

²² S. Selier et al. (2014), Sustainability of elephant hunting across international borders in southern Africa: A case study of the greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area. *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, 78: 122–132.

http://www.researchgate.net/publication/259539652_Sustainability_of_elephant_hunting_across_international_borders_in_southern_Africa_A_case_study_of_the_greater_Mapungubwe_Transfrontier_Conservation_Area.

²³ Muposhi VK, Gandiwa E, Bartels P, Makuza SM, Madiri TH, *Trophy Hunting and Sustainability: Temporal Dynamics in Trophy Quality and Harvesting Patterns of Wild Herbivores in a Tropical Semi-Arid Savanna Ecosystem*, *PLoS ONE* 11(10) (2016), <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0164429>.

²⁴ Allendorf, F.W. and Hard, J.J. (2009). Human-induced evolution caused by unnatural selection through harvest of wild animals. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 106, 9987-9994.

²⁵ Jachmann, H., Berry, P.S.M., and Imae, H. (1995). Tuskllessness in African Elephants: a future trend. *African Journal of Ecology*, 33, 230-235. DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2028.1995.tb00800.x

²⁶ Milner J.M., Nielsen E.B., Andreassen HP, *Demographic side effects of selective hunting in ungulates and carnivores*, *Conservation Biology* Vol. 21:36-47 (2007), doi: 10.1111/j.1523-1739.2006.00591.x (“Such selective harvesting can destabilize social structures and the dominance hierarchy and may cause loss of social knowledge, sexually selected infanticide, habitat changes among reproductive females, and changes in offspring sex ratio.”)

²⁷ Lindsey, P. A., Nyirenda, V. R., Barnes, J. I., Becker, M. S., McRobb, R., Tambling, C. J., ... & t’Sas-Rolfes, M. (2014). Underperformance of African Protected Area Networks and the Case for New Conservation Models: Insights from Zambia. *PLoS one*, 9(5), e94109.

irregularities associated with the distribution of this income; scouts employed in anti-poaching in GMAs are poorly and irregularly paid, insufficiently trained and equipped, and inadequate in number; ZAWA is poorly funded, has an inadequate number of staff to protect elephants against poaching, has increased hunting quotas to unsustainable levels in GMAs in order to raise money (the authors state that ZAWA ‘are sometimes forced to make decisions to achieve financial survival at the expense of the wildlife they are mandated to conserve’), establishes trophy quotas arbitrarily, and does not monitor wildlife populations or trophies; and hunting concession agreements are not effectively enforced and unscrupulous concession operators are not adequately punished. The authors blame these many failures for the low numbers and diversity of wildlife, including elephants.

Thus, it is not surprising that elephant densities are lower in trophy hunting areas compared to a national park where trophy hunting is not permitted.²⁸ The Service itself acknowledged such impacts in 2014 when it suspended the issuance of elephant trophy imports from Tanzania and Zimbabwe.²⁹

The Service has previously rejected attempts to import trophies from Zambia due to similar concerns of mismanagement including inconsistencies in reported elephant population estimates, failure to comply with monitoring requirements, absence of government funding for elephant protection, and lack of effective anti-poaching measures.³⁰ Further, the Service has not made enhancement findings for elephant trophy imports from either Mozambique or Cameroon even though elephant trophy hunting is allowed there.³¹

Trophy Hunting of African Leopards

Balme et al. (2010)³² demonstrated the impact of trophy hunting on infanticide in a population of leopards in South Africa; high trophy hunting offtake resulted in particularly high male leopard mortality and high levels of male turnover; females cannot successfully raise cubs because of immigration into the population of new males; the consequences were low cub survival rates, delayed age at first parturition, reduced conception rates, and low annual litter production; the combined impact of high mortality and low reproductive

²⁸ Crosmary, W. G., S. D. Cote, and H. Fritz. (2015). Does trophy hunting matter to long-term population trends in African herbivores of different dietary guilds?. *Animal Conservation*, 18, 117-130.

²⁹ See 80 Fed. Reg. 42524 (July 17, 2015); 79 Fed. Reg. 44459 (July 31, 2014) (“Without management plans with specific goals and actions that are measurable and reports on the progress of meeting these goals, the Service cannot determine if..Zimbabwe is implementing, on a national scale, appropriate management measures for its elephant populations.”). Note that the Service’s November 2017 decision to reverse this suspension was put “on hold” by President Trump and Secretary Zinke on November 17, 2017.

³⁰ See *Marcum v. Salazar*, 810 F.Supp.2d 56, 63 (D.D.C. 2011); *Marcum v. Salazar*, 694 F.3d 123 (D.C.Cir. 2012). Note that the Service’s November 2017 decision to allow elephant trophy imports from Zambia was put “on hold” by President Trump and Secretary Zinke on November 17, 2017.

³¹ See <https://www.fws.gov/international/permits/by-activity/sport-hunted-trophies-elephants.html>.

³² Balme, G.A., Hunter, L.T., Goodman, P., Ferguson, H., Craigie, J. and Slotow, R., 2010. An adaptive management approach to trophy hunting of leopards *Panthera pardus*: a case study from KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. *Biology and conservation of wild felids*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, pp.341-352. See also Brackowski, A. R., et al. (2015). Who Bites the Bullet First? The Susceptibility of Leopards *Panthera pardus* to Trophy Hunting. *PLOS ONE* 10(4).

output led to a negative population growth rate. Further, the 2016 IUCN assessment for *Panthera pardus* specifically notes that “concern about unsustainable trophy hunting has lately increased” and cites studies concretely demonstrating that “trophy hunting was a key driver of Leopard population decline” (Stein et al. 2016).³³

Moreover, few of the potential benefits from hunting are consistently realized by local communities that live amongst lions, elephants, leopards, and other species targeted by trophy hunters. According to an IUCN analysis from 2009, big-game hunting only provided one job for every 10,000 inhabitants in the area studied,³⁴ and many of these jobs were temporary seasonal positions like opening the trails at the start of the hunting season (IUCN 2009³⁵). Trophy hunting fails to create a significant number of permanent jobs (and those that it does create do not automatically benefit conservation), but ecotourism offers a possible solution. Consider the Okavango in Botswana where, as of 2009, a safari ecotourism tourism park provided 39 times the number of jobs than would big-game hunting on an area of equal size (IUCN 2009). Another example is the Luangwa National Park in Zambia, which produced twice the number of jobs provided by Benin and Burkina Faso’s trophy hunting sector combined in 2007 (IUCN 2009).

The IUCN also found that Africa’s 11 main big-game hunting countries only contributed an average of 0.6% to the national GDP as of 2009 (IUCN 2009). Of this marginal profit, studies suggest that as little as 3-5% of trophy hunting revenues are actually shared with local communities (Economists at Large 2013³⁶; IUCN 2009; Sachedina 2008³⁷). Perhaps because of this, locals do not always view trophy hunting as the positive economic driver that hunting advocates portray it as. For example, villagers in Emboreet village in Tanzania characterized hunting as “destructive, exploitative, and disempowering,” and blame hunting for jeopardizing village revenues (Sachedina 2008). The same study presents an interview with the Village Executive Officer, who explained that villagers feel more closely partnered with photographic tour operators than with hunters because hunters “are finishing off the wildlife before we’ve had a chance to realize a profit from it,” and because villagers never see the 5% of revenue they are supposed to receive from trophy hunting (Sachedina 2008).

A 2017 report from Economists at Large³⁸ found that in Botswana (where trophy hunting is now prohibited since 2014), Ethiopia, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania,

³³ Stein, A.B., Athreya, V., Gerngross, P., Balme, G., Henschel, P., Karanth, U., Miquelle, D., Rostro, S., Kamler, J.F. and Laguardia, A. 2016. *Panthera pardus*. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2016: e.T15954A50659089. Downloaded on 11 July 2016. <http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/full/15954/0>

³⁴ South Africa, Namibia, Tanzania, Botswana, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Burkina, and Benin.

³⁵ IUCN. (2009). Programme Afrique Centrale et Occidentale. Big Game Hunting in West Africa. What is its contribution to conservation?

³⁶ Economists at Large. (2013). The \$200 million question: How much does trophy hunting really contribute to African communities? A report for the African Lion Coalition, prepared by Economists at Large, Melbourne, Australia.

³⁷ Sachedina, H.T. 2008. “Wildlife Is Our Oil: Conservation, Livelihoods and NGOs in the Tarangire Ecosystem, Tanzania.” University of Oxford. PhD. Thesis.

³⁸ Economists at Large. (2017). The Lion’s Share? On The Economic Benefits Of Trophy Hunting. A report for the Humane Society International, prepared by Economists at Large, Melbourne,

Zambia and Zimbabwe, trophy hunting brings in less than \$132 million in tourism spending to the eight study countries out of \$17 billion annual tourism spending, or just 0.78 percent. And trophy hunting has only a marginal impact on employment in these eight countries, contributing only between 7,500-15,500 jobs or 0.76 percent or less of nearly 2.6 million overall tourism jobs.

On average, American trophy hunters import more than 126,000 trophies every year.³⁹ While not all of these species are protected under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, it is an unfounded and sweeping generalization to assert that trophy hunting always provides a biological or economic benefit to the conservation of the species, as asserted in the IWCC notice. Therefore, an advisory council designed solely to *educate* the public on the *benefits* of trophy hunting is not in the public interest, as those alleged benefits are not supported by the best available science. Nor is that conclusion supported by the American public – indeed, in the last week alone, over 435,121 members of the public have voiced their opposition to American trophy hunters killing African lions and elephants threatened with extinction, and nearly 2 million people worldwide have taken action in opposition to elephant trophy hunting in another call to action.⁴⁰

2. Using taxpayer dollars to promote the commercial interests of trophy hunting industry is not in the public interest

The purpose of the FACA is “to eliminate useless advisory committees, strengthen independence of remaining advisory committees, and prevent advisory groups from becoming self-serving.” *Consumers Union of U.S., Inc. v. Department of Health, Ed. and Welfare*, 409 F.Supp. 473, affirmed 551 F.2d 466 (D.D.C.1976). Establishing the IWCC would require the Service to expend resources on convening and participating in the council, unnecessarily diverting resources from an already strapped agency. Indeed, the Fiscal Year 2018 budget proposes to decrease funds spent on foreign species protection by \$1,000,000.⁴¹ To use precious agency resources to create a self-serving platform for trophy hunters to amplify their voice, especially while funds are already provided for other FACA advisory committees addressing these same topics, does not meet the FACA requirements for actions in the public interest.

Therefore, the IWCC is not in the public interest and cannot be lawfully chartered.

C. The IWCC Is Designed to Undermine the Implementation of the ESA and the Service’s Other Legal Obligations

The IWCC represents an effort by a commercial industry to undermine the statutory duties of an agency, and as such the establishment of the IWCC would be patently *ultra vires*.

Australia.

³⁹ http://www.hsi.org/assets/pdfs/report_trophy_hunting_by_the.pdf;
<http://www.hsi.org/assets/pdfs/trophy-madness-report.pdf>;
http://www.ifaw.org/sites/default/files/IFAW_TrophyHuntingReport_UK_v2.pdf.

⁴⁰ <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/721/417/558/>;
https://secure.avaaz.org/campaign/fr/trump_vs_elephants/.

⁴¹ <https://www.fws.gov/budget/2018/FY2018-FWS-Greenbook.pdf>

As an initial matter (and to be discussed further in comments submitted on or before December 8, 2017), the proposed makeup of the IWCC is inherently biased – it would include up to eighteen members who represent “Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations; U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation; The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry; Archery and/or hunting sports industry; and Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to international hunting.” There is no suggestion that objective conservation biologists will be invited to have a roll on this committee that would make recommendations on the management of threatened and endangered species. Indeed, even the reference to participation by conservation and management organizations is so vague that it could even include biased groups like Safari Club International/Safari Club International Foundation or the National Rifle Association, groups that have filed lawsuits against the Service to assert the interests they now seek to address via the IWCC.

The IWCC is inherently designed to allow the trophy hunting industry to have an amplified voice, with an air of formality, on the question of whether killing threatened and endangered species enhances the survival of the species as required under the Endangered Species Act. 16 U.S.C. § 1539(a)(1)(A); 50 C.F.R. § 17.40. Specifically, the IWCC would be charged with:

- recommending removal of barriers to the importation into the United States of legally hunted wildlife;
- ongoing review of import suspension/bans and providing recommendations that seek to resume the legal trade of those items, where appropriate;
- reviewing seizure and forfeiture actions/practices, and providing recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions;
- reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna [*sic*], with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications; and
- recommending methods for streamlining/expediting the process of import permits.”

The ESA mandates that the Service itself make enhancement findings and determine whether listing a species is warranted, and these are not tasks that can be delegated to the regulated industry. 16 U.S.C. §§ 1533, 1539. Indeed, even without the creation of the IWCC the trophy hunting industry has had undue influence on such decisions of the Service, as evidenced by the fact that Safari Club International announced the recent decisions to allow elephant trophy imports from Zimbabwe and Zambia before such findings were even announced by the Service⁴² (and before such announcements were called into question by the President).⁴³

The IWCC would also apparently take on “recommending strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states.” But it would be inappropriate

⁴² <https://www.safariclub.org/detail/news/2017/11/14/u.s.-now-allows-elephants-from-zimbabwe-zambia-to-be-imported?from=groupmessage&isappinstalled=0>

⁴³ Statement of President Trump, Nov. 17, 2017 at 8:47 pm, <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/931685146415255552>; Statement of President Trump, Nov. 19, 2017 at 6:57 pm, <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/932397369655808001>.

for such bilateral governmental discussions to be mediated by a third party with a financial stake in affecting the outcome of those communications. It is clear that the trophy hunting industry is aiming to minimize the impact of the ESA (indeed, they are currently arguing both in federal court⁴⁴ and before Congress that the ESA should add no more protections than what exists under CITES, even though that treaty explicitly calls for member countries to adopt national measures⁴⁵). The IWCC would give the regulated industry a special seat at the table, to the disadvantage of conservation and animal protection groups seeking to prevent species extinction in furtherance of the statutory mandate of the ESA.

With the establishment of the ESA, Congress created “a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species” and mandated federal agencies to “utilize their authorities in furtherance of the purposes of” the ESA by committing “to conserve to the extent practicable the various species of fish or wildlife and plants facing extinction . . .” 16 U.S.C. § 1531(a)(4), (b), (c)(1). The ESA defines the term “conserve” to mean “to use all methods and procedures which are necessary to bring any endangered species or threatened species to the point at which the measures provided pursuant to [the Act] are no longer necessary.” 16 U.S.C. § 1532(3). It is critical that any decisions to list species or allow imports of listed species are made based on the best available science, not pursuant to the commercial interests of the trophy hunting industry as envisioned by the IWCC.

Likewise, the IWCC would be charged with reviewing ESA listed and CITES listed species. Again, the criteria for listing species (or delisting them as the case may be) in either arena are specifically inscribed. Under the ESA, species listings/delisting are reviewed using five factors and decisions are made “solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data,” 16 U.S.C. § 1533(b)(1)(A), and CITES uses the best information available and specific biological criteria and reliance upon the precautionary principle that the Parties to CITES act in “best interest of the conservation of the species.” Res. Conf. 9.24 (Rev'd CoP17). Consideration of species listing proposals is done through a public process and by the agency, a FACA committee is unnecessary and risks abdicating the Service's responsibilities.

Equally concerning, is the IWCC delineated duty to “review[] seizure and forfeiture actions/practices.” 82 Fed. Reg. at 51,858. Seizure and forfeiture actions are entirely within the Service's prosecutorial discretion – an arena in which courts generally do not tread. See *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985) (finding agencies have unreviewable prosecutorial discretion unless a statute or agency policy says otherwise). It is difficult to imagine how a FACA committee could “review” what a federal court may not.

⁴⁴ *SCI et al. v. Zinke*, Case No. 1:14-cv-00670-RCL (D.D.C. 2017).

⁴⁵ This international law sets the floor, expressly providing that parties may adopt “stricter domestic measures” for species covered by CITES (as well as those that are not). CITES, Art. XIV, para. 1. See also FWS, *Ensuring the Future of the Black Rhino* (Nov. 25, 2014), at <http://www.fws.gov/news/blog/index.cfm/2014/11/25/Ensuring-the-Future-of-the-Black-Rhino> (acknowledging that the ESA enhancement standard is in addition to the CITES non-detriment standard and that trophy import permits should only be issued if the Service finds “that the [animal] is taken as part of a well-managed conservation program that contributes to the long-term survival of the species”).

Therefore, the establishment of the IWCC is not in accordance with either the FACA or the ESA and must not be finalized. If the IWCC is finalized, HSUS, HSI, and one or more of the undersigned organizations will consider seeking legal review of this unlawful agency action. We will submit separate comments on the composition of the IWCC on or before December 8, 2017.

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EMS Foundation
Environmental Investigation Agency
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FOUR PAWS International
Japan Tiger and Elephant Fund
Lilongwe Wildlife Trust
Natural Resources Defense Council
One More Generation
Pegasus Foundation
Pettus Crowe Foundation
Pro Wildlife
Rainbow Eco-Farm and Training Center (South Africa)
Shark Research Institute
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EDUCATION

Washington High School – Kansas City, Kansas Valedictorian	1978
Kansas State University - Manhattan, Kansas Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	1982
Washburn University of Topeka School of Law - Topeka, Kansas Juris Doctor - Magna Cum Laude	1986

PROFESSIONAL

McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips, Partner	1986 - 1992
Mark & Burkhead, Senior Partner	1993 – present

Admitted to the Bar:

Kansas - 1986 Missouri - 1993 Illinois - 2016 Iowa - 2016

Member of:

Kansas Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Wyandotte County Bar Association, Johnson County Bar Association

Martindale-Hubbell - AV Preeminent Lawyer Rating

America's Top 100 Attorneys – Lifetime Achievement

Kansas and Missouri Super Lawyers

KC Magazine Top Attorneys

The National Trial Lawyers – Top 100 Trial Lawyers

Cambridge's Who's Who

Inductee into Kansas City, KS Public Schools *Reasons to Believe* Hall of Fame

Union Affiliations:

International Brotherhood of Teamsters; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers;
International Union of Painters; United Association of Plumbing and Pipefitting;
Communication Workers of America; Gas Workers and Metal Trades;
United Brotherhood of Carpenters

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Host/Producer - MacMillan River Adventures TV Show - Outdoor Channel – 2006 to present

Produced “Heartland 4 Trump” Video - 2016

Golden Moose Award Winner for Best Conservation Show - 2012

Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Award - 2014

Lifetime member of NRA and SCI



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TO:
Joshua Winchell
U.S. fish and Wildlife Service
National Wildlife Refuge System

RE:
Nominations, Membership
International Wildlife Conservation Council

Mr. Winchell,

In response to the USFWS call for nominations, I would like to submit my name for consideration.

I represent, "U.S. hunters actively engaged in international/or domestic hunting conservation."

It has been my privilege to enjoy America's unique hunting opportunities since I was a young boy; handed down from my grandfathers and my father. For nearly 50 years, I have seen the success of the North American Model of wildlife management. In fact, I regularly hunt on the first Pittman-Robertson funded waterfowl project in the country—80 yr-old Ogden Bay. I have watched wildlife populations and hunting opportunities grow through the unique partnerships created between Federal and State agencies—perhaps the most successful example of effective government in the country.

My support and advocacy for hunting lead me to participate with local waterfowlers in the formation of a conservation group; Wasatch Wigeons. Over the past four years, Wasatch Wigeons has restored habitat, battled invasive species, installed mallard hen houses and wood duck nest boxes, educated new hunters and introduced them to the sport, and, recently, been granted stewardship by local county government of a ten-acre wetland to restore its productivity. All funds are raised locally and used locally.

These experiences have cultivated a desire to increase my involvement in hunting advocacy. I have seen the impact of the North American Model and how a few dedicated hunters/conservationists working within that model, can have far reaching impact.

Relative to the expressed duties of the IWCC:

Developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting

I bring to the table 20 years of media and messaging experience. I have worked on campaigns from presidential to county commission. I have executed advertising for networks and motion picture studios. I have produced content for ABC's Good Morning America and World News as well as CBS, the Travel Channel and others. I have interviewed presidential candidates, congressman, senators, and movie stars.

Noteworthy productions include:

ABSOLUTELY UNCERTAIN (Writer/Director) An 18-minute mini-documentary produced during the 2012 Presidential election that garnered 2 million views in 2 weeks.

LOS ABANDONADOS (Writer/Producer) A documentary about the mysterious murder of Argentinian Federal Prosecutor, Alberto Nisman and the 1994 terrorist bombing of a Buenos Aires Jewish Center. Released immediately prior to the 2015 Argentina Presidential Election. Experts indicate the production aided in the defeat of incumbent, Cristina Fernandez De Kirchner.

HILLARY THE MOVIE (Writer/Producer/Director) Documentary that formed the basis for the Supreme Court Case, "Citizens United v. FEC." What started out as free speech case, later became the most significant campaign finance case in 100 years.

This background has allowed me to develop relationships with well-known influencers in every communication medium.

Hunting faces a huge public relations challenge. The media, politicians, and famous personalities, all rage against hunting and hunters. They tweet, they post, they comment and rarely are hunters given a chance to tell their story. Particularly savage are attacks on hunters who go abroad and hunt in Africa. Any action taken by USFWS in these areas will create a firestorm as seen with the Namibian Black Rhino auction in 2015 and the recent changes related to import of lion and elephant trophies. Coordinated messaging will only become increasingly important as will the relationships with traditional media and emerging technologies.

Reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as: (a) An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival, and (b) an effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching

The science is clear: US hunters going abroad support, encourage, and sustain communities and conservation. They also provide irreplaceable support for anti-poaching efforts. Out-dated or onerous regulation stymies the growth necessary to insure hunting's future. Without hunters and their money, time, and energy, many foreign species and local economies are doomed.

I have worked with NGOs and foreign governments in supporting a non-profit dedicated to Nepali orphans for many years (serving as its US president for several years). I understand the necessity of cooperative international relationships and have learned to nurture those relationships. I have also seen excess regulation destroy life giving programs. Though it is often difficult to change foreign regulations, US regulation must be nimble, fluid, and current.

Recommending strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states

Film and video production across international borders has prepared me to understand and work with various agencies in compliance and demonstrated the ineffectiveness of bureaucracy and burdensome regulation. It is critical to remove barriers that inhibit the providing of US expertise and experience relative to application of the North American Model in foreign ecosystems and habitats.

Recommending removal of barriers to the importation into the United States of legally hunted wildlife

Ongoing review of import suspension/bans and providing recommendations that seek to resume the legal trade of those items, where appropriate

Reviewing seizure and forfeiture actions/practices, and providing recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions

All these actions are critical to increasing the flow of US hunters abroad. Increasing that flow increases the flow of US dollars into local conservation, economic development, and education efforts. Legal, scientifically supported, importation and trade can only be supported on an extended and large scale by US hunters--no other countries provide the numbers of hunters. Policies that discourage importation and legal trade negatively impact foreign communities, economies, and species. The evidence is clear: US hunters going abroad support, encourage, and sustain communities and conservation. They also provide irreplaceable support for anti-poaching efforts.

Having worked with local legislative efforts, I understand cooperation and mutually beneficial negotiations. Having lived and worked overseas, I understand the importance of locally sourced solutions (such as CAMPFIRE in Zimbabwe). Communicating the success of such endeavors is critical to making the case for decreased regulation and increased legal trade.

Reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications

In researching various pro-hunting projects, I have seen the impact that application of the North American Model has had in various international locations like Africa. I have conferred with Members of CITIES, including Secretary General John Scanlon. I have also initiated discussions with professional hunting associations and understand the science and story supporting the maintenance and growth of hunting in developing economies.

Recommending methods for streamlining/expediting the process of import permits.

Expediting import permits is as easy as the stroke of a pen. As previously stated, however, the recent attempt to change policy relative to lions and elephants, demonstrates the fact that changing policy is much easier than "selling" policy. The public must be told why it is in their best interest and in the species best interest. Hunters and the importation of hunting "memories" must be "sold" to the public prior to any policy changes. It's all in the public

relations. Images and stories must be crafted to tell the hunters' story. The media and the anti-hunters cannot be allowed to craft the message and manage the information flow. An ongoing, coordinated campaign must be initiated and sustained.

CONCLUSION:

Hunting has provided for me many of life's most important lessons, hardest challenges and greatest joys. Its legacy is critical to our national heritage. More importantly, its legacy is crucial to the survival of habitat and species across the globe. Only the United States can provide the leadership necessary to help other nations preserve their wildlife heritage. It would be an honor to assist in that process.

Respectfully,

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House Intelligence Committee Appropriations Committee
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Frank Minitzer, New York Times Best Selling Author
Politically Incorrect Guide to Hunting and Future of the Gun
Former Senior Editor, Outdoor Life and Executive Editor, American Hunter

CV Stewart Poultney Dorrington

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Qualifications:

Matriculated 1977. St Andrews College, Grahamstown, South Africa,

University: Rhodes University, completed a B.Comm degree 1981

1981-1983. Completed Military Service PD School Pretoria

1984. Joined family farm and started converting cattle farm to game farm.

Qualified as professional hunter in 1988 and started Melorani Safaris, conducting hunting safaris with foreign clients, predominantly from America.

Annually attended USA shows at Houston Safari Club, Dallas Safari Club, Safari Club International in both Reno and Las Vegas.

In 1990 turned to specialising in bow hunting safaris with USA clients on own privately owned game ranch.

Joined the Professional Hunters Association of SA (PHASA) in 1988 and served on the executive committee for 8 years. Was president of PHASA 2005-2007. Took a strong stand against the captive bred lion industry,

During this period as president of PHASA, he was appointed by the Minister of Environmental Affairs of South Africa to serve on a "Panel of Experts" to recommend changes to hunting regulations in South Africa with particular reference to captive bred lions.

Addressed the SCI general meeting in Tucson 2005, attended 2 CIC's General Assemblies in Cyprus and Belgrade.(2006 and 2007)

Attended and contributed to the CIC workshop in Brussels on Sport Hunting Tourism in Africa.

He is a founding member of the PHASA Conservation and Empowerment Fund.

He was a founding member of the PHASA Wildlife Heritage Gala Dinner and auction, endorsed by Ian Player, which raised considerable funds for training field staff in Southern African countries.

He participated in a documentary with the BBC on the "History of Safari" which appeared on international BBC TV programs. This is now housed in the BBC archives.

After the "Cecil the lion" incident he was interviewed by numerous media houses and further to that, entertained the chief editor of the NY Times in Africa and his cameraman on a safari and reversed much of the propaganda issued around this incident. Articles followed in the NYTimes.

Also took the chief editor of Associated Press and his camera man on a similar educational hunt which also resulted in positive press coverage.

He has maintained contact with the media and has an open and trusting relationship with most.

He is still an active outfitter and opinion former in SA, respected by many non hunting conservation NGO`s.

On the 6th of December he was voted first chairman of a new professional hunting association "Custodians of Professional Hunting and Conservation South Africa". He was voted to this position by a collection of past PHASA presidents and senior members, who represented PHASA when it was still a conservation organization promoting conservation through ethical hunting. All resigned as a principled decision not to associate with an organization when its only aim was to hunt as an end in itself, rather as a means to an end, namely conservation.

He has built up a respected track record by taking PHASA to the heights it reached under his leadership (2005 -2007) by introducing conservation through ethical hunting the cornerstone of the association, and now he again has shown his shown his colors, by being prepared to swim against the tide to establish a new organization as PHASA has been taken over by the captive bred lion hunters and supporters.