

## **IWCC Committee meeting schedule June 20, 2018**

**\*\*So that the council will remain in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, we ask that council members only attend meetings of committees for which you are a member. Please do not join or sit in on committee meetings if you are not a member. There will be a break room and other meeting rooms available for use by those not participating in committee business.**

**June 19 5:30 p.m.**

### **Executive Committee –**

Bill Brewster, Jenifer Chatfield, Chris Hudson, Olivia Opre, Denise Welker, Greg Sheehan, Doug Hobbs

- Group discussed adding Council chair & vice chair as ex officio members to all committees.
- Group discussed establishing a Communications Committee.
  - Asked about the committee doing outreach to media & issuing a press release.
  - Hobbs suggested that individual organizations could issues releases. Also mentioned that he had never seen a federal advisory committee do its own news release. He suggested coordinating with DOI & FWS communications offices.
- Group discussed process for and need to make recommendations to the Secretary (see IWCC charter 4. i).
  - Hobbs explained process by which the committee makes recommendation to the Secretary, including the need for subcommittees and working groups to report through and have the parent council approve recommendations before being submitted to the Department/agency.
- Group discussed ideas for recommendations:
  - Appeals process for seized imported trophy.
  - If item doesn't clear in a reasonable amount of time, FWS should notify importer/hunter.
  - Legal presumption that absent demonstrable intent, there should be a presumption of innocence.

**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

### **Anti-poaching/Community Engagement Committee**

#### Committee members:

Ivan Carter, Chair*	Terry Maple
Bill Brewster	Keith Mark
Steven Chancellor*	Olivia Opre
Cameron Hanes*	Erica Rhoad
Peter Horn	Denise Welker
Mike Ingram*	

- Committee members reviewed information provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service related to International Affairs Program grant awards over a 10-year period.
  - Discussed whether funds should be made available to support broader community investment and anti-poaching (e.g., community infrastructure, ammunition for anti-poaching, etc.)
- Committee members discussed anti-poaching efforts and how to improve/support (counter-poaching presentation by Dr. Snitch and Lukas presentation).
- Group discussed possible recommendations that the committee could make:
  - FWS funds protection through grants
    - continue funding
    - funds for infrastructure in Congo Basin
  - DOI/FWS should release policy statement that they support anti-poaching.
  - Counter-poaching is supported and helped by both consumptive & non-consumptive guides and guided trips in animal ranges.

**9:00 - 9:20 a.m.**      BREAK

**9:20 - 10:20 a.m.**      **Conservation Committee**

Committee members:

Denise Welker, Chair	Chris Hudson
Paul Babaz	Mike Ingram*
Ivan Carter*	John Jackson
Steven Chancellor*	Terry Maple
Jenifer Chatfield	Olivia Opre
Peter Horn	

- Committee heard and discussed, at length, presentation from Luis Santiago (Special-Agent-in-Charge, Region 4, FWS) on the wildlife trade and imports into Region 4 of the FWS.
- Committee discussed possible recommendations:
  - Statement that the IWCC supports the FWS International Affairs strategic planning process.
  - Pursue an inquiry with the National Academy of Sciences for literature or other information that highlights that international hunting supports conservation.

**10:20 - 10:40 a.m.**      BREAK

**10:40 - 11:40 a.m. Policy Committee**

Committee members:

Chris Hudson, Chair	John Jackson
Paul Babaz	Gary Kania
Bill Brewster	Keith Mark
Jenifer Chatfield	Erica Rhoad

- Committee heard and discussed, at length, presentation from Luis Santiago (Special-Agent-in-Charge, Region 4, FWS) on the wildlife trade and imports into Region 4 of the FWS.
- There was a lot of discussion about FWS import/export policy and regulations. Group discussed a sense that policies & regulations are applied inconsistently.
- Committee discussed possible recommendation:
  - FWS should implement CITES recommendation that range nations be contacted when an item shipped from their country is seized.
  - Update FWS manual.
  - Achieve uniformity in policies, procedures for importation.
  - Enhancement/non-detriment findings: support range states by prioritizing enhancement findings.
  - FWS should publicly encourage sport hunting.
  - Establish an ombudsman to help address import/export problems for hunting public.

**Noon**

Lunch (delivered to meeting site)

**Communications Committee** members met informally during lunch

Committee members:

Olivia Opre, Chair	Keith Mark
Erica Rhoad	Paul Babaz

- Committee membership was established.

NOTE: Asterisk beside names indicates that the member was not in attendance.