

Western Governors' Wildlife Council Stakeholder Advisory Group

Charge

The Western Governors' Wildlife Council agreed to form an ongoing stakeholder advisory group (SAG) for the purpose of acting as a sounding board for WGWC activities and products and to provide periodic briefings to the Council on issues of mutual interest. This group is viewed as a longer-term advisory group whose tasks will evolve over time. Upon request of the Council, particular tasks of the SAG could include:

- Support and provide input on Decision Support System development:
 - Provide feedback to enhance the Council's white paper on developing a regional decision support system framework;
 - Assist the Council and individual members with feedback including sharing relevant data and information, coordination and communications as the states develop and implement their pilot projects;
 - Help the Council identify opportunities for DSS implementation, including policies, letters or fundraising;
 - Provide input on WGWC development of standards/criteria for evaluating outside scientific data; and
 - Provide feedback to the Council on how to monitor and assess effectiveness of DSSs once they are completed.
- Highlight opportunities for Council engagement on wildlife issues of regional interest; and
- Assist the Council with communicating its work plan and products to SAG member colleagues and constituents, and with seeking feedback from those constituencies.

The SAG will attempt to achieve consensus, bringing advice and recommendations to the Council. At each Council meeting, the SAG will have an opportunity to brief the Council about their findings and recommendations for Council requested tasks. They will also have an opportunity to bring new issues to the Council's attention.

SAG members will be expected to impartially represent a class of stakeholder interests, to report Council activities to those stakeholders, and to share stakeholder concerns objectively with the Council. SAG members will actively recruit stakeholder participation in the WGWC activities and will be supported by WGA project staff in this effort. SAG members will not represent themselves as an official spokesperson of the Council or represent interests of a specific organization, unless they have been so designated by the Council.

WGA staff will ensure the necessary coordination and communications between the SAG and the State-Federal Implementation Group occurs.

Meetings

In 2010, the SAG will likely meet in person a maximum of three times. Typically, the SAG will be invited to meet in conjunction with WGWC meetings. Conference calls of the SAG will be scheduled to

reduce travel requirements, and will likely be scheduled for a maximum of one per month. The first meeting of the SAG could take place in the first quarter of 2010.

Refer to SAG ground rules for more detailed operating procedures for the group.

SAG Roster

Energy Industry

- Electrical Utilities
 - **Jack Sahl**, Director of Environment and Resource Sustainability, Southern California Edison and Freedom to Roam Business for Wildlife Coalition
- Oil & Gas
 - **David Brown**, Contract Regulatory Lead, BP
 - **Spencer Kimball**, Manager of Government Affairs, Western Energy Alliance
- Renewable Energy
 - **Katherine Gensler**, Government Relations, Solar Energy Industry Association
 - **Joe Grennan**, Permitting Director, Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. (for the American Wind Energy Association)

Conservation Community

- Science
 - **Keith Aune**, Wildlife Conservation Society
- Regional Policy/Advocacy
 - **Monique DiGiorgio**, Western Environmental Law Center
 - **Kirk Robinson**, Western Wildlife Conservancy
- Sportsmen
 - **Bob Model**, Boone & Crockett Club
 - **Brad Powell**, Sportsmen for Responsible Energy Development/TU
- National Policy/Advocacy
 - **Johanna Ward**, The Nature Conservancy

Agricultural Interests

- **Wally Butler**, Natural Resource Advisor, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation

Private Landowner Interests

- **Barbara Cooksley**, Cooksley Ranch, Anselmo, Nebraska

Local Government

- **Don “Bud” Hover**, Commissioner, Okanogan County, Washington

Tribal Interests – TBD