

Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA) National Conservation Needs (NCN) Committee Report – 2011

NCN Committee Status: This past year Dan Zekor resigned from the NCN committee. We would like to thank Dan for his service to this important committee. With Dan's departure, President Boddy appointed John Buhnerkempe (IL) to replace him as chair of the committee. Rodney Stokes (MI) was also appointed to the committee. Rex Amack (NE) is the third member of the NCN committee. The committee did not meet this year because the MAFWA Executive committee did not receive any NCN proposals from the members of MAFWA for the NCN committee to consider.

Committee Report: The NCN Committee was created in 2004 and charged to become familiar with the NCN and Multi-State Conservation Grant Program (MSCGP) processes and annually counsel the MAFWA on a recommended course of action for submitting NCNs.

For the 2012 grant cycle, the MAFWA Executive Committee did not receive any NCN proposals for our consideration. The committee was also not asked to review any Letters of Intent for the 2012 MSCGP grant cycle. As stated in last year's Committee report, the lack of participation in this program may be due to past topics of interest being previously accepted. However, the NCN committee needs to continue to actively work with the members of the MAFWA to encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity, to make them more familiar with the MSCGP process, and to keep them informed of deadlines for submittals. The committee also continues to stand ready to assist any MAFWA member with the development of draft NCNs.

Director Action Items: Reaffirm support to MAFWA members for direct participation and engagement in the NCN and MSCGP processes.

Respectfully submitted by John Buhnerkempe, Chair; May 31, 2011.