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National Fish and Wildlife Health Issues-Director's Toolkit, Dave Schad, Minnesota

Dave is a member of the AFWA Fish and Wildlife Health Committee chaired by Becky Humphries, and is the MAFWA representative on the National Fish and Wildlife Health Steering Committee, also chaired by Becky. The National Fish and Wildlife Health Steering Committee was formed under the auspices of AFWA to support development of a cooperative, nationwide fish and wildlife health program and to oversee the implementation of a National Fish and Wildlife Health Action. To better support state agency efforts to address emerging fish and wildlife threats, the Committee developed a Director's Toolkit. The toolkit is intended to assist states in assessing their preparedness to deal with disease issues, and includes information on state and federal authorities and responsibilities, case histories of disease outbreaks and responses, examples of response plans, sample position descriptions for fish and wildlife health staff positions, and most recently, descriptions of "model" state fish and wildlife health programs.

The [National Fish and Wildlife Health Initiative Toolkit](#) is a collection of electronic resources to help in assessing fish and wildlife health preparedness in your agency.

The materials and documents include a copy of the National Fish and Wildlife Health Initiative along with a list of Steering Committee representatives. The toolkit contains information and sample language related to state and federal authorities to manage diseases in fish and wildlife, as well as the recently updated internal memo from USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services describing VS' animal health policy memo as it relates to wildlife.

Also included are sample disease response plans and case histories of wildlife disease detection and response. Position descriptions for fish and wildlife health professionals and for state fish and wildlife health programs are included to provide guidance to those of you who are developing or enhancing your state's programs.

National Fish and Wildlife Health Initiative Toolkit ([PDF](#))

- [Cover letter](#)

Fish and Wildlife Health Committee: [Chapter 1](#)

- [Fish and Wildlife Health Committee Description](#)
- [National Fish and Wildlife Health Steering Committee Description](#)
- [Steering Committee Member list](#)
- [National Fish and Wildlife Health Initiative & Steering Committee Charter](#)

Federal & State Authorities: [Chapter 2](#)

- [State's Authority to Manage Wildlife](#)
- [Sample Language - Minnesota Statute](#)

- [USDA APHIS Veterinary Services Authorities](#)
- [Veterinary Services Wildlife Policy and Stakeholder Letter](#)
- [USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Authorities](#)
- [State Wildlife Management Agency Responsibility for Managing Diseases in Free-ranging Wildlife](#)
- [Conflicts of Authority and Strategies to Address Wildlife Diseases](#)

Case Histories: [Chapter 3](#)

- [Bovine TB in Minnesota's Deer Herd](#)
- [CWD in West Virginia](#)

Response Plan Examples: [Chapter 4](#)

- [Michigan's Avian Influenza Response Plan](#)
- [Michigan's CWD Plan](#)
- [Great Lakes Fish Health Committee Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Recommendations](#)

Sample Position Descriptions: [Chapter 5](#)

- [State Wildlife Veterinarian](#)
- [State Wildlife Health Specialist](#)
- [Fish Health Specialist](#)
- [Model State Wildlife Health Programs](#) **NEW!**
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Additional Reference Materials: [Chapter 6](#)

- [Checklist of Important Contacts](#)
- [National Animal Health Emergency Management System Guidelines](#)
- [The World Organization for Animal Health \(OIE\)](#)

[National Fish and Wildlife Health Initiative Toolkit - All Chapters \(PDF\)](#)

Contact

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The toolkit can be found on the AFWA website at:

http://www.fishwildlife.org/about_comm_fwhealth_toolkit.html