

*Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
National Conservation Needs (NCN) Committee Report – 2010*

Meeting Time and Place – The NCN committee meets as necessary via teleconference and/or email. Committee members are: Rex Amack (NE), John Buhnerkempe (IL), and Dan Zekor (MO), Chair.

Executive Summary - The NCN Committee was created in January 2004 by then President Dean Hildebrand (ND). The charge to the committee was to become familiar with the NCN and Multi-state Conservation Grant Program (MSCGP) processes and annually advise our Association on a recommended course of action for submitting NCNs.

For the 2011 grant cycle, the MAFWA Executive Committee did not receive any NCN proposals for consideration. Moreover, the Committee was not asked to review any Letters of Intent (LOI) submitted for 2011 MSCGP cycle. This was probably due to the fact that past topics of interest have been previously accepted and are currently active; therefore, no new NCNs emerged.

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

Director Information Items – The MSCGP is very important and its success hinges on the willingness and ability of the members of AFWA committees and regional associations to directly participate. For this reason, the MAFWA NCN Committee will continue to vigorously pursue MAFWA membership understanding of and engagement in the process by: 1) regular communications to MAFWA members about the process and related deadlines for submittals, 2) assisting with development of draft NCNs according to AFWA guidelines, and 3) facilitating review of the LOI, if requested by the MAFWA President or Executive Committee.

This concludes the report of the MAFWA NCN Committee.
Respectfully submitted by Dan Zekor, Chair; May 24, 2010