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Steve Williams, Director
Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C St. Room 3012
Washington D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am currently President of The Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA), a group of 13 midwestern Fish and Wildlife agencies dedicated to the conservation of fish and wildlife.

I am writing to you to request that you recognize MAFWA as a National NGO in order for them to be eligible to attend the 12th Conference of The Parties this November in Santiago, Chile. This is an important international meeting dealing with CITES issues that impact all the state Fish and Wildlife agencies.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Conley
President
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