

Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies: Climate Change Technical Working Committee Report

June 2020

Meeting Time and Place

Committee met by conference call on March 16, 2020.

Attendance:

Six states were in attendance: IL: Leon Hinz; IN: Brad Feaster; MI: Chris Hoving, Amy Derosier; MO: Jacob Westoff; NE: Caroline Jezierski; SD: Eileen Dowd Stukel.

Executive Summary:

The committee had not met since 2018, so this first call was designed as a reconnect. Staff provided updates on what their states have been involved in related to climate adaptation and mitigation, much of which is also tied to the State Wildlife Action Plans.

Director Action Items:

None

Director Information Items:

1. AFWA has started leading the National Fish and Wildlife Plants Climate Strategy and plan to develop additional guidance to State Wildlife Action Plans.
2. Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center had a stakeholder advisory committee meeting March 23, 2020 and this MAFWA committee had a representative at the meeting. Regional research priorities were discussed, and it was announced that a new Midwest CASC would be created over the course of FY2020.
3. Coordination for the MAFWA Climate Change Technical Working Committee over the next year will be through Michigan's representatives.

Time and Place of Next Meeting:

In 2020-2021, the committee will meet quarterly by conference call.