

## NAFWS Research/Publication Ad-hoc Committee Compilation Of Meeting Notes (1/15, 2/15, 3/25)

### Meeting: January 25, 2022 2pm MT

Attendees - Serra H., Caleb H., Shailyn M. and Ashley C.

Purpose - Draft:

- Tribal fish and wildlife professionals that navigate and advise tribes on contemporary management issues related to wildlife research and professional growth.
- Aid fish and wildlife professionals in research that support management decisions
  - Weave in “application” - funding, bureaucracy, publications, applying for funding, involvement in academia

Notes:

- Background: *“We have been having a lot of discussions around research in Indian Country, including TEK, authorship, IRBs, data ownership/protection, etc. We are also seeing an increase in requests from members asking for assistance accessing scientific literature. There are several NAFWS members with expertise in each of these areas and a desire to work on each. Therefore, in accordance with Article VIII. Committees of the NAFWS Constitution and By-laws...”* (Julie T.) NAFWS BOD approved to formally establish an ad-hoc committee on Research/Publications in December 2021. This committee will be made up of volunteer NAFWS members with expertise in Research and publications.
- Questions
  - Do we need By-Laws? \*Ashley will check into this
  - Formality?
  - Structure? (Chair positions, regular meeting times, etc.)
- Ideas:
  - Establish and develop goals and/or objectives
  - Focus on research
  - Advocacy role
  - Help with publication fees for students, Tribal employees
  - Aid in navigating the research publication process
  - Provide frameworks, guidelines for: IRBs, conflict resolution, grants, case studies/projects
  - Assessing research
  - Email list for jobs, opportunities, publications
  - Work with university/college libraries to understand process of subscriptions to numerous and diverse research journals - an issue discussed at the National Conference
  - NAFWS has a new MOU with NCTC that includes access to journals, we’re working on “announcing” it and the details of how it will work - JT

- JT - NAFWS is working on a self-determination contract with FWS with one of the objectives: **Develop cooperative research standards for working with Tribal Nations.**

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### Meeting: February 15, 2022 2pm MT

Attendees: Julie T., Caleb H., Ashley C., Laurel J., Shailyn M., and Serra H.

#### Previous Meeting Items & Updates:

- Questions
  - Do we need By-Laws?
    - No, we can follow the NAFWS’ By-Laws that are already established
    - May adopt rules that are different or need to be added on
- Formality?
  - Approve Purpose & Goal
  - Committee make up is of NAFWS members
  - Voting - majority of committee will constitute as a quorum
- Article VIII, Committees
  - *Committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Society may be designated and established by the Board of Directors. Members of each such committee shall be members of the Society, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors shall appoint the members thereof. Any members thereof may be removed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors whenever, in the Chairman’s judgment, the best interests of the Society shall be served by such removal. Each such committee shall submit a written report of its activities at each meeting of the Board of Directors. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until he shall resign or be removed unless the committee shall be sooner terminated. One member of each committee shall be appointed chairman by the person or persons authorized to appoint the members thereof. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of all the members present at meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee. Each committee may*

*adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these by-laws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors. Each committee of Directors shall submit a written report of its activities at each meeting of the Board of Directors.*

#### Updates on Ideas:

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#### New Business

- Revisiting, Revising, and Selecting a Project(s) to Focus On
- Recruitment
- Committee Select ChairPerson
  - Responsibilities:
    - Develop report for the BOD, quarterly
    - Organize and run committee meetings

#### **Meeting: March 25, 2022**

#### **Updates from Last Meeting:**

MOU with NCTC - Sean with trainings, AC with Publications

Contract with FWS

National Conference

#### **New Business:**

#### Approval of Purpose:

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- Aid Tribal fish and wildlife professionals navigate, pursue and apply the different aspects of contemporary management issues including research, professional growth, funding, publications academia involvement - AC Brainstorm

#### National Conference Session

- Presentation
- Flier & Website Page set-Up
- Contact list - invite
- Report for the BOD Meeting

#### Project Dates & Goals