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**OPEN TO ALL NAFWS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES**

**Federal & State Relations Committee Agenda**

**5/12/25 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Wind River Hotel & Casino – Riverton, WY**

**Blue Sky 2**

**BACKGROUND:**

PURPOSE: Establish a Board of Directors committee to facilitate partnerships and communication with Federal and State partners.

DUTIES:

* Provide opportunity for discussion, deliberation, and action with respect to fish and wildlife conservation in the context of the three sovereign entities which have various jurisdictional authority over these resources: Tribal governments, the Federal Government and state fish and wildlife agencies.
* Coordinate effective delivery of stewardship and conservation of fish and wildlife resources.
* Seek the highest standards for conservation activities to ensure that actions and resources are effective and efficient.
* Assure the appropriate jurisdictional relationship between the three sovereign entities in legislative, executive and treaty initiatives.

MEMBERSHIP: The FSR will be composed of five (5) voting members and three (3) ex-officio members as follows:

* three (3) Board of Directors selected by the Regional Directors
	+ Michael LaVoie, Orville Huntington, Benjamin Simpson
* two (2) NAFWS members at large; Marc Ohm & Doug Craven
* one (1) ex-officio member representing the State Fish and Wildlife Agencies (e.g. AFWA) - PENDING
* two (2) ex-officio member representing the Federal Fish and Wildlife/Conservation Agencies
	+ Thomas Mendez, BIA
	+ Karen Cogswell, FWS

MEETINGS: The FSR Committee will meet at least quarterly with one meeting in person at the Annual NAFWS National Conference.

1. Call to Order – Julie Thorstenson, PhD
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Federal Updates (3-5 minutes each)
	1. BIA
	2. FWS
	3. USGS
	4. BLM
	5. USFS
	6. Other
4. State Updates (3-5 minutes each)
	1. AFWA
	2. Individual States present
5. General Discussion
6. Other
7. Adjournment