

Organizational Guidelines of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
(WAFWA) Wild Turkey Technical Committee

Objectives: The WAFWA Wild Turkey Technical Committee was formed to:

1. Provide a forum for discussion of common management problems concerning the wild turkey in western habitats.
2. Provide an opportunity to define common management goals and formulate priorities for wild turkey investigations in order to minimize duplication of efforts among the member states.
3. Stimulate an exchange of information between states on survey techniques and results, harvest regulations and results, research projects, habitat management, disease, introduction and reintroduction methods for the various wild turkey subspecies.
4. Act as a source of detailed information on wild turkeys in the west for the public and other resource agencies.
5. Formulate long-range guidelines for wild turkey research and management in the west.

Organization: The WAFWA Wild Turkey Technical Committee shall consist of representatives from member agencies who, as wildlife biologists, are directly responsible for the management of wild turkeys. The committee shall abide by the bylaws of WAFWA.

Officers: Biologists from the state selected to host the next meeting shall fill the offices of chairman and secretary. Their term of office shall be from the time that the host state has been selected until completion of all responsibilities for the host state committee meeting. Officers will be selected by the host state with recommendations made by the committee. Their responsibilities will include organizing the meeting to be held in their state, selecting a meeting site and dates, arranging for lodging and meeting rooms, formulating an informal program, publicity and meeting announcement to member agencies, and publication of meeting records. The Chairman shall submit a written report of the actions of the committee to the next annual meeting of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Committee: The chairman will select subcommittees after reviewing requests for committee action submitted by the membership to investigate specific problem areas and make recommendations to the entire membership. Most work of the committee will be performed by assigned subcommittees.

Meeting: At each committee meeting, the time and host state for the next meeting will be decided. Committee meetings will be held annually. Workshops will be held as determined by the needs of the membership. Meeting sites will be rotated among member states on a volunteer basis. If no volunteer comes forward, the first member state (proceeding alphabetically) that has not yet hosted a meeting, or the member state with the longest elapsed time period since it last hosted a meeting will be chosen (if agreeable to that state). Meetings will generally be of 2-3 days in duration. A general theme shall be selected for each meeting, if possible, with a meeting site chosen to enhance the discussion of the selected topic. Notice of arrangements for the meeting shall be distributed to member agencies at least 3 months in advance to allow time for securing out-of-state travel authority and preparations of presentations.

Meeting Agenda: The program shall be as informal as possible with plenty of time allotted for discussion. One aspect of the program should be a report from each state on hunting regulations and harvest, population surveys, new research and management projects, university research, and any other topics the state may feel are important to the committee. Also, the Chairman may invite guest speakers to present reports on the selected theme of the meeting or other topics, which may be of interest to the committee. Short field trips may be utilized to point out areas of special interest to the committee.

Attendance: A short business meeting will be scheduled on the meeting agenda. Topics of discussion will include selection of the next host state, year of the next meeting, future topic(s) of interest, selection of officers, committee reports, and any other information pertinent to the operation of the committee.

Committee Report: The Chairman of the committee shall be responsible for publication and dispersal of a committee report immediately following each meeting to the President of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Director of

all member agencies, persons attending the meeting, and any other organization or agency making a request. This report shall contain a summary of information presented in the program, discussion, and items covered at the business meeting including committee reports. Any written reports submitted at the meeting shall be included as well as a list of persons attending the meeting and their addresses. Funds for distribution of the report and other materials will be furnished by the host state or obtained through the charge of a small registration fee.