

**WAFWA WORKSHOP ON  
INFLUENCING LISTING DETERMINATIONS  
With FWS REGIONS 2 & 6**

Purpose: For FWS and WAFWA/States to collaborate and inform FWS priorities for addressing the listing status of post-MDL species. To share and discuss as a group what we know, what we believe we need, and how we move forward in addressing the status of the species before us.

**Courtyard Marriot Denver Airport  
6901 Tower Road  
Denver CO 80249  
303-371-0300  
Room Rate \$139.00  
Reference WAFWA ESA/AZGFD meeting  
April 7-9, 2015**

**Tuesday, April 7:**

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome and Introductions	Keith Sexson, WAFWA
9:00 – 10:00	FWS Listing Workload Planning – Context and Planning for 2016-2021	Bridget Fahey, FWS
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:15	SEAFWA At-Risk Species Strategy: overview and advice	Todd Ewing, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
11:15 – 11:45	Intro to the Species Status Assessment (SSA) process	Justin Shoemaker, FWS
11:45 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:30	Introduction to the Species Status Assessment (SSA) process, cont...	Justin Shoemaker
1:30 – 2:30	The State of Utah Endangered Species Mitigation Fund: Background and Success Stories	Chris Keleher, UDNR Cassie Mellon, UDWR
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 3:45	Investing in Science to bear on Listing Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Sprague’s pipit LPN Change</li> <li>➤ Red Rocks Stonefly and Warton’s cave meshweaver</li> </ul>	Kevin Doherty, FWS Susan Jacobsen, FWS
3:45 – 5:00	Influencing Listing Decisions Through Conservation Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Arctic Grayling</li> <li>➤ Lesser Prairie Chicken</li> <li>➤ Graham’s and White River Penstemons</li> </ul>	Bruce Rich/Jody Bush Bill Van Pelt Larry Crist, UT FWS
5:00	Adjourn	

## Wednesday, April 8:

8:30 - 8:45	Discussion and Plan for the Day	Bill Van Pelt
8:45 – 9:15	Case Study: How Texas Prioritized Their Species at Risk	Michael Warriner - TPWD Meredith Longoria - TPWD Robert Gulley - CPA
9:15 – 11:15	Breakout Groups Round 1: First effort to categorize the species on the list by putting them into the following categories: U = Unknown. Little information on species and threats G = Status believed to be in good standing N = Need more information (surveys, research, analysis) L = Listing likely warranted, no conservation effort C = Conservation effort may influence listing	All
11:15 – 11:45	Report out from AM Breakout Groups	
11:45 -1:00	Lunch	
1:00 –1:30	Discussion on the AM Breakout Groups	All
1:30 – 2:30	Discussion of State Wildlife Action Plans – what work is prioritized for the upcoming year?	Bill Van Pelt
2:30 – 4:30	Breakout Groups Round 2: What species do the States have preliminary interest in taking on? ➤ Identify effort to be undertaken ➤ Identify information needs ➤ Identify key participants	All
4:30 - 5:00	Discussion on Breakout Group Results	
5:00	Adjourn	

## Thursday, April 9

8:30 – 9:30	Revisiting Breakout Group Discussions: Any changes or additions? Identification of outstanding issues	All
9:30 – 10:00	ESA Workplan Wrap-up	Bridget Fahey and Susan Jacobsen
10:00 – 11:00	Summary and Next Steps	All
11:00	Adjourn	