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National Survey Technical Workgroup Coordination

## \* Project Abstract

The National Survey of Hunting, Fishing, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation is the premier survey for the collection of hunting and fishing participation data, which is integral to planning and communications at State Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and a myriad of groups involved in conservation. It also represents a significant funding investment by the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies through the MultiState Conservation Grant Program. Ensuring the statistical validity and rigor of the survey is of utmost importance and is the responsibility of the Association through the national survey technical workgroup, which consists of members of state fish and wildlife agencies and a technical consultant.

This Grant is intended to support the continued efforts of the NSTWG, currently being chaired by Director Curt Melcher (OR), who was also the co-chair of the AFWA President's Task Force charged with creating a vision for future National Survey efforts. The NSTWG is charged with overseeing the implementation of the 2022 survey being performed by NORC, ensuring that the survey meets all applicable statistical standards and to evaluate the effectiveness of this survey and incorporate lessons learned into new surveys.