

Project Abstract Summary

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* Applicant Name

ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

* Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project

Coordination of National Scale Conservation Efforts by State Fish & Wildlife Agencies

* Project Abstract

The proposal will focus on three priorities with the objective of enabling state fish and wildlife agencies to coordinate their conservation efforts across state borders on a regional and national scale:

-Participation by senior state and Association staff in regional and national level meetings where planning and coordination are performed with federal, NGO, and industry partners. The focus is on meetings of regional and national significance, including but not limited to regional association meetings, the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, the AFWA Annual meeting, NGO meetings, industry trade association meetings, and other events and meetings. State Directors and their designees and Association staff will attend major industry events to maintain open communications and coordinate on important and often sensitive issues that determine the success or failure of conservation and management initiatives important to the Association's members.

-Strategic communications. Association of Fish & Wildlife Staff will be responsible for implementing a communications plan and maintaining a communications infrastructure that allows state fish and wildlife agencies to effectively coordinate with each other and with their NGO and federal partners on regional and national importance issues.

-Regional Landscape Conservation Coordination: Provide planning, coordination, facilitation, and support to the AFWA/FWS Landscape Conservation Joint Task Force.