



NOTES

March 19: 1500 - 1700 (Eastern Time)

| <i>Attendees</i> | |
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| <p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Kaage – NWCG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas MacDonald – I-Chiefs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glenn Gaines – DHS/USFA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Erickson – ITC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Karels – NASF <input type="checkbox"/> Roy Johnson – DOI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jacobs – NLC <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Yates – NACo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Harbour – USFS <p>Alternates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Olsen – USFS <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Smith – NASF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Litzenburt – I-Chiefs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Douglas – DOI <input type="checkbox"/> John Segar - NWCG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Blankenship – DHS/USFA | <p>Support Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shari Eckhoff – DFO. – DOI/OWF <p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Quan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Walker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Roper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Simpkins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Daley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danny Lee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Darboven <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Davidson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Sloan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Stutler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judith Downing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Lighthall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Zupko <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Shafer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Quigley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vince Mazzier |
| <i>Agenda Items</i> | |
| <p>Welcome/Introductions – Tom Harbour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair brought the meeting to order at 1500 (EST) • Reviewed the agenda and expected outcomes of this meeting • Reminded folks why we are here and that this is a business meeting that we need to manage according to FACA requirements | |
| <p>Governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom highlighted the recommendations from the WFEC Governance Task Group • The four recommendations should be the focus of the WFEC discussion <p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Erickson presented the material from the WFEC Governance Task Group • The focus on the WFLC, WFEC and NWCG • Jim Erickson reviewed some of the background and considerations documented within the proposal • Jim indicated that there was real value in the WFEC Governance Task Group discussions related to understanding the structure, purpose, drivers, etc. • Proposal from the task group is that WFLC should have a vice-chair, 2 year term chosen from the entire membership • WFEC charter has been renewed for 2 years – in place until 3/4/2015 • There were some questions related to the WFEC Charter that need to be addressed within a bigger group discussion. One of those issues is potential broader membership. These discussions will be scheduled for a future WFEC meeting. • NWCG charter – MOU expired in October and was extended for 1 year knowing that there are some expected changes – Executive board looked at membership and thought that adding IAFC was appropriate. Need to look at delegation of authority to ensure they are representing local governments. Others are looking at NACo and NLC for inclusion. No issues with NACo or having dialogue with NLC. Expect to have a letter of support. Awareness that NWCG does not pay for travel at all. Will have a revised MOU for October, 2013. | |

Clarifying Questions/Comments from WFEC members:

- Tom – This March 19 proposal and set of handouts are a result of the original tasking by WFLC from a year ago. Have you gone back to look at the original tasking? Tom wants to know about the complexity that you saw – why did the task take so long – everyone came from a different perception – defining the boundaries was really important – there is work to be done in documenting the implications of change which needs to be developed based on WFEC comments along with the formal proposal to WFLC.
- Need to modify the proposal to match the charter – co-chair versus vice-chair
- The questions on the table are the WFLC charter and the Intergovernmental Diagram. The issues associated with the WFEC charter are yet to be discussed. The last two bullets relate to NWCG.
- May need to add FMB to the federal side of the diagram.

Public Comment:

- Ann Walker: Worked with CSSC related to creating the original governance document and looking at the draft WFLC charter and proposal – pleased to see the consideration of a non-federal co-chair. Don't see that in the draft charter – would hope to make a modification to the charter to reflect that. In the original document from CSSC it was stated to move forward as a nation to deal with the fire problem. Concerned that there is another layer – concerned about the transition from the original document of March 12 – concerned about the tracking of the issues through the July 6 tasking. Also questions/concerns about how you dealt with the many levels of government. Concerned about the addition of another body in between – WFEC needs to discuss the levels of the governance. Tom explained how the discussion on federal governance occurs. Ann is concerned that there is so much federal centric governance. Concern is between the feds and non-feds.

Decisions from WFEC deliberations:

- 1 WFLC Draft Charter
Unanimous agreement of those members present to accept the draft WFLC charter
- 2 Address Potential Issues with WFEC Charter
WFEC members agree to include in discussions at future WFEC meeting
- 3 Discuss incorporation of IAFC into NWCG's Executive Board
Will request that the fire executives from the federal, NASF and ITC discuss inclusion of IAFC and other potential representation
- 4 Intergovernmental diagram
Accepted the diagram with a modification that shows Federal Governance and Non-Federal Governance without further detail

WFLC

The decision on when and what to present will be based on the readiness of briefing material.

WFEC Meeting Schedule

Jim will take the draft schedule that Shari developed and modify to better schedule the order of topics to achieve the results that WFEC wants.

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| 1650 – 1700 | 5 | | Closeout | |
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