

XX Meeting of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and  
Ecosystem Conservation and Management  
San Diego, California  
April 13-17, 2015

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION**

**Work Table: Law Enforcement Working Group (NAWEG)**

**Date: April 13-17, 2015**

**AGENDA ITEM #1: APPROVAL OF WORKING AGENDA**

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, Director General, Division of Wildlife Enforcement Division, Environment Canada (EC WED); William Woody, Chief, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Office of Law Enforcement (OLE); Joel Gonzalez Moreno, Director General of Inspection and Monitoring of Wildlife, Marine Resources and Coastal Ecosystems (PROFEPA)

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Welcome and introduction of new participants to the working table.

**BACKGROUND:**

- Introduction of issues on the agenda and other general considerations for the meeting, including changes to the agenda.

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:** Approval and adoption of the meeting agenda, including last-minute changes and modifications.

**SUBMITTED BY:** FWS OLE

**AGENDA ITEM #2: ePermitting**

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody, FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Develop LEWT's position on CITES ePermitting
- Discussion on U.S.'s International Trade Data System

**BACKGROUND:**

- ePermitting was identified as a potential future border initiative at the Trilateral Committee meeting of 2014 as part of the Cross Border Trade discussion.

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:**

- Develop a LEWT's position on ePermitting
- Informational exchange on ePermitting and automated trade data information systems

**SUBMITTED BY:** EC WED/ FWS OLE

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**AGENDA ITEM #3:** Combatting wildlife trafficking implementation plan

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody, FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

**DESCRIPTION:**

- U.S. strategy and implementation plan to Combat Wildlife Trafficking
  - Discussion of U.S. international attaché positions

**BACKGROUND:**

- The U.S. recently released an implementation plan of a multi-departmental national strategy that had been developed to fight global wildlife trafficking.

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:** Discussion and education of strategy and implementation plan. Explore methods of collaboration for the NAWEG to participate and benefit from the current momentum in this area.

**SUBMITTED BY:** FWS OLE

**AGENDA ITEM # 4:** Implementation of Intelligence-Led Enforcement

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody, FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Environment Canada to provide an update on its Intelligence Renewal Project (IRP)
- Other countries' updates

**BACKGROUND:**

- Environment Canada's IRP was presented to the group last year. This year's presentation provides an update on the project's achievements since the last presentation.

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:** Information exchange

**SUBMITTED BY:** EC WED

**AGENDA ITEM #5:** Intelligence and information sharing

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody, FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

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**DESCRIPTION:**

- Environment Canada to present the results of its 2014 Risk Assessment
- Evaluate the quarterly intelligence calls (accomplishment)

**BACKGROUND:**

- Environment Canada presented the results of its last Risk Assessment at the 2013 Trilateral Committee Meeting
- Quarterly intelligence calls were a deliverable from the 2014 Trilateral Committee meeting
- Explore opportunities for joint intelligence work with the turtle and tortoise trade, other reptiles and species.

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:** Evaluation of results

**SUBMITTED BY:** EC WED

**AGENDA ITEM #6: Imports of salamanders into North America**

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody, FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Scope out the issue and enforcement responses

**BACKGROUND:**

- A fungal disease originating from Asia has been causing serious population-level effects on salamanders in Europe.
- Environment Canada is considering various regulatory options to reduce the risk of this fungus entering Canada by implementing import restrictions on amphibians.
- Environment Canada is commissioning a vulnerability assessment to better understand potential pathways of entry into Canada, sensitivity of Canadian amphibians to the disease and speculation on possible impacts to amphibian populations and resulting ecosystem effects in Canada. The pet trade may be identified as a disease pathway. There may also be a risk of infection through goldfish and exterior basin fish that are often carried over in the same systems with salamanders.

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:** Identify enforcement issues

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**AGENDA ITEM #7: Capacity Building**

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody, FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Identify areas of common need for capacity building

**BACKGROUND:**

- Past examples of trilateral enforcement capacity building have included Covert Computer Training and Intelligence Officer Training

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:** Capacity building opportunities discussed and identified

**SUBMITTED BY:** EC WED

**AGENDA ITEM #8: INTERPOL working group update**

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody, FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Provide an update on the INTERPOL Working Group activities

**BACKGROUND:** --

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:** Update provided

**SUBMITTED BY:** EC WED

**AGENDA ITEM #9: Wildlife Enforcement Networks (WEN)**

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody, FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Discuss a potential renewal of the NAWEG website, and whether this could be a useful tool for linking with other WENs and supporting inter-regional collaboration.

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**BACKGROUND:**

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:** Discussion on value, purpose and utility of  
NAWEG website

**SUBMITTED BY:** EC WED

**AGENDA ITEM #10: Operations**

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody,  
FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Assess cross border investigations of the past 3 years to identify common themes  
and challenges.

**BACKGROUND:** --

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:**

- Operational updates from each country
- Identification of areas for joint work

**SUBMITTED BY:** All

**AGENDA ITEM #11: Pre-clearance areas**

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody,  
FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Discuss Enforcement expectations for potential new pre-clearance areas

**BACKGROUND:**

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:** Enforcement plan forward

**SUBMITTED BY:** EC WED

**BREAK-OUT DISCUSSION**

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**AGENDA ITEM #12: Update the Trilateral enforcement Memorandum of Understanding**

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Sheldon Jordan, EC WED; William Woody, FWS OLE; Joel Gonzalez Moreno, PROFEPA

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Update the Trilateral enforcement MOU

**BACKGROUND:**

- At the Trilateral Committee Meeting in 2014, it was decided to hold a separate meeting for updating the enforcement MOU, and to plan joint intelligence and operational projects. Unfortunately, it was not possible to schedule this meeting.

**REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:** Updated MOU to formalize practices between the NAWEG countries

**SUBMITTED BY:** EC WED/FWS OLE