



**Tri-National Conference on Wildlife Enforcement Activities:  
"In Search of Better Avenues for Public Participation"**

**AGENDA**

Washington D.C., United States of America  
28 February 28 and 1 March 2002  
Omni Shoreham Hotel  
2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC

**DAY 1**

8:30 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M.

**REGISTRATION**

9:00 A.M. TO 9:15 A.M.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND GOALS OF CONFERENCE**

**Goals and objectives:** The conference will explore existing and potential avenues, mechanisms, and partnerships for citizen participation in wildlife enforcement issues in Canada, Mexico and the United States. The conference's primary objectives are to identify various avenues for public participation, explore differences in wildlife enforcement in the three countries, build public support for enforcement, and develop recommendations for building partnerships between agencies and the public.

*Speakers:*

- Yvan Lafleur, Chair of the North American Wildlife Enforcement Group (NAWEG)
- Greg Block, Director of Programs, North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)

9:15 A.M. TO 10:45 A.M.

**COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW OF SYSTEMS FOR WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT**

This session will address domestic wildlife enforcement systems, including:

1. the basis for jurisdiction over wildlife
2. roles of the federal government and state/provinces
3. interagency cooperation on wildlife enforcement
4. how federal government agencies set enforcement priorities

*MODERATOR:* Don MacLauchlan, International Resource Director of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

*For Canada:* Steve Curtis, Canadian Program Director, Association for Biodiversity Information, Canadian Section (ABI-Canada)

*For Mexico:* José A. Gómez Rodríguez, General Director, Petitions and Complaints, Head Office of the *Procuraduría Federal de Protección al Ambiente* (Profepa)

*For U.S.:* Richard Marks, Deputy Assistant Director, Division of Law Enforcement, US Fish and Wildlife Service

10:45 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.

**COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

**COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MECHANISMS**

This session will address existing avenues for the public and others to participate in wildlife enforcement activities. It will also provide the opportunity for the public to outline barriers and opportunities for effective participation.

*MODERATOR:* Carroll Muffett, Director of International Programs, Defenders of Wildlife

*For Canada:* Randy Christensen, Senior Attorney, Sierra Legal Defence Fund

*For Mexico:* María Elena Sánchez Saldaña, President, Teyeliz, A.C.

*For U.S.:* Eric Glitzenstein, partner, Meyer & Glitzenstein

12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

**LUNCH**

1:30P.M. TO 2:15 P.M

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER – (to be confirmed)**

2:15 P.M. TO 3:45 P.M.

## **TRANSBOUNDARY ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION**

This session will focus on transboundary enforcement concerns. Among the topics discussed will be:

1. formal and informal trilateral and bilateral transboundary wildlife enforcement agreements and partnerships
2. transboundary enforcement priorities and
3. the role of citizens in transboundary enforcement

*MODERATOR:* Craig Hoover, Deputy Director, TRAFFIC North America

*For Canada:* Garry Bogdan, Chief, Wildlife Enforcement Prairie and Northern Region, Environment Canada

*For Mexico:* Karla Logan López, *Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas*

*For U.S.:* Benito Perez, Assistant Regional Director, Division of Law Enforcement, Region 1, US FWS

3:45 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

## **COFFEE BREAK**

4:00P.M. TO 5:15 P.M.

## **PARTNERSHIP MODELS**

In this session, participants will review models and opportunities for citizen participation in efforts to prevent poaching and trafficking of wildlife and examine opportunities for public involvement by looking at the Mexican model of Inspection and Surveillance Committees and the Quebec experience with the *Zones d'exploitation contrôlées* (controlled use zones—ZECs)

*MODERATOR:* Diana Ponce Nava, Deputy Attorney General for Natural Resources, Profepa

*For Quebec:* Daniel Nadeau, Biologist responsible for ZECs network, Abitibi-Temiscamingue Region, FAPAQ

*For Mexico:* Georgita Ruíz Michel, Oaxaca State Office Director, Profepa

*For British Columbia:* Paul Mitchell-Banks, Muskwa-Kechika Program Manager, Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management

5:15 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

## **WRAP-UP AND LOGISTICS ANNOUNCEMENT**

5:30 P.M.

## **ADJOURN**

6:00 P.M.

**RECEPTION:**  
**CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**  
1367 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Suite 300  
Tel: 202-785-8700

## **DAY 2**

8:30 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M

### **CASE STUDIES ON CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT CANADA, MEXICO, UNITED STATES**

This session will take a case study approach to citizen monitoring. The panel will include experts on citizen monitoring from each country and well as law enforcement personnel. The group will discuss methodologies for monitoring and how monitoring supports enforcement actions.

*MODERATOR:* Benito Perez, Assistant Regional Director, Division of Law Enforcement, Region 1, US FWS

*From Canada:* John Mombourquette, Director of Enforcement Division, Department of Natural resources, Nova Scotia.

*From Mexico:* Ing. Trinidad Benavides, Advisor, *Asociación Nacional de Ganaderos Diversificados Criadores de Fauna (ANGADI)*

*From the U.S.:* Richard McDonald, Special Agent in Charge, Training and Inspection, US FWS

10:00 A.M. TO 10:15 A.M.

### **COFFEE BREAK**

10:45 A.M. TO 12:00 A.M

### **BREAK OUT SESSION: BUILDING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ENFORCEMENT**

Participants will be divided into groups to discuss mechanisms their experience with public participation in wildlife enforcement, particularly the challenges and opportunities they have experienced. Included in the discussion will be building public support for wildlife enforcement, developing information sharing avenues, and the different roles citizens can play in enforcement activities. The participants will identify recommendations for enhancing cooperation, information sharing and public participation.

*Each group will have one facilitator and one reporter*

12:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

### **LUNCH**

1:00 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

### **CLOSING SESSION**

Representatives from the previous break-out sessions will present their group's recommendations. There will be time for questions/comments from the public after each presentation.

2:00 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Yvan Lafleur, Chief, Wildlife Enforcement, Environment Canada, chair of NAWEG  
Greg Block, Director of Programs, North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)