

**WORK TABLE: 2026 DRAFT EXECUTIVE
TABLE (ET) AGENDA**

Co-Chairs: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister – Biodiversity and Canadian Wildlife Service; Dr. Marina Robles, Undersecretary of Biodiversity and Environmental Restoration and Fernando Gual Sill, DVM, MSc, Director General of Wildlife – SEMARNAT; Janine Velasco, Acting Deputy Director – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Friday, May 15, 2026

<p><i>12:00-12:10pm EDT / 10:00- 10:10am CST (10 minutes)</i></p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome and Adoption of the Agenda</u></p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister – Biodiversity and Canadian Wildlife Service; Dr. Marina Robles, Undersecretary of Biodiversity and Environmental Restoration and Fernando Gual Sill, DVM, MSc, Director General of Wildlife – SEMARNAT; Janine Velasco, Acting Deputy Director – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The hosting Co-Chair - Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service - greets fellow Executive Table Co-Chairs and other table participants. The agenda is adopted and any modifications are noted.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Trilateral Coordination Committee (TCC)</p>
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<p>12:10-1:00pm EDT / 10:10-11:00am CST (50 minutes)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2: Country Updates (10 minutes each)</u></p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister – Biodiversity and Canadian Wildlife Service; Dr. Marina Robles, Undersecretary of Biodiversity and Environmental Restoration and Fernando Gual Sill, DVM, MSc, Director General of Wildlife – SEMARNAT; Janine Velasco, Acting Deputy Director – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Stewart Liley, Chief of Wildlife, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (for AFWA).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Heads of Delegation (MX, US, CA) + the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) / State Agencies (in this order) give a presentation (10 minutes each x 4 presentations + 10 minutes questions) on major developments which might be of interest to and/or have an impact at a tri-national level (i.e. legislation, policies, regulations, budgets, strategic priorities, agreements, conventions, programs, projects, etc.).</p> <p>BACKGROUND: The Executive Table Co-chairs use this opportunity to exchange information on wildlife and ecosystem conservation and management taking place in their countries that are of interest to their trilateral partners.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Exchange of information that helps understand challenges and/or opportunities in countries to promote a shared vision and common agenda.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: TCC</p>
<p>1:00-2:00pm EDT / 11:00am-12:00pm CST (1 hour)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 3: Discussion of Trilateral Committee Priorities 2026-2030</u></p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister – Biodiversity and Canadian Wildlife Service; Dr. Marina Robles, Undersecretary of Biodiversity and Environmental Restoration and Fernando Gual Sill, DVM, MSc, Director General of Wildlife – SEMARNAT; Janine Velasco, Acting Deputy Director – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The United States would like to hold a thoughtful and transparent conversation among the three countries on how best to update the Trilateral Committee’s “Climate Change and Biodiversity” strategic priority in a way that reflects the United States’ revised strategic direction, while remaining compatible with ongoing collaborative work. The proposed alternative priority offers a structured starting point for partners to consider how to move forward collectively, recognizing both the long-standing value of the Trilateral Committee and the evolving policy landscape in which it operates.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: In 2007, the Executive Table decided to issue overarching strategic priorities to guide the work of the tables to achieve a more effective approach. To implement this, both Working Table Agenda and Action Item Report formats require the tables to link each activity with a strategic priority.</p> <p>The Executive Table will review the Trilateral Committee's current priorities</p>

	<p>(2025-2030) which are (as agreed in 2024): 1) Climate Change and Biodiversity, 2) Community Engagement, 3) Integrating Human Dimensions, 4) Technology Innovation for Conservation, and 5) Zoonotic Diseases. The United States will propose amending the priorities for 2026-2030 by replacing "Climate Change and Biodiversity" as a standing priority with the following new outcome-based priority that is better aligned with the United States' current approach:</p> <p><u>Environmental Resilience and Biodiversity</u> Focus Trilateral cooperation on ensuring habitats are resilient to environmental stressors and other threats, and on biodiversity conservation and management. Promote resilience through habitat connectivity, including restoring habitat on working and private lands and addressing transboundary wildlife corridors.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: The United States's preferred outcome is for Canada and Mexico to adopt the U.S. proposal to replace the "Climate Change and Biodiversity" priority (agreed upon in 2024 for the period of 2025-2030) with a new priority on "Environmental Resilience and Biodiversity" for the period of 2026-2030. The United States' preference is for this agreement to be reached by consensus at the Executive Table.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: United States</p>
<p>2:00-2:15pm EDT / 12pm-12:15pm CST (15 minutes)</p>	<p><i>BREAK</i></p>
<p>2:15-3:15pm EDT / 12:15pm-1:15pm CST (1 hour)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 4: Tracker for Trilateral Committee Memoranda of Understanding and Letters of Intent</u></p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Canadian Wildlife Service, Canada</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: There have been several Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and Letters of Intent (LOIs) signed over the past 30 years of the Trilateral Committee. In line with the theme of recognizing 30 years of the Trilateral, there could be value in creating a tracker to serve as a resource and evergreen repository for collaboration relating to these agreements. This tracker could be maintained by the Trilateral Coordinating Committee (TCC), in consultation with the leads for the various issues. The document could reside on the Trilateral Committee website, thus enhancing the transparency and communications about the Trilateral Committee.</p> <p>An Executive Table discussion on the value and content of such a new tracker is proposed. There could also be opportunity for discussion on the enabling conditions for proceeding with MOU and LOI, in order to facilitate successful collaboration.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: While some information pertaining to the Trilateral MOU and LOI is available on the Trilateral website, there is no comprehensive</p>

	<p>repository. A new document (tracker) could consolidate the information – including the signed documents, key information and status about each agreement, and key accomplishments and milestones for each.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Concurrence to create and maintain a tracker for Trilateral Committee MOU and LOI.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Canada</p>
<p><i>3:15-3:30pm EDT / 1:15- 1:30pm CST (15 minutes)</i></p>	<p><i>BREAK</i></p>

3:30-4:45pm
EDT / 1:30-
2:45pm CST
(1 hour 15
minutes)

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Table meeting with Working Table Co-Chairs
**(15 min x 5 working tables = 1 hour 15 min total for SCCCWWT, MBWT,
LEWT, ECWT, CWT)**

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister – Biodiversity and Canadian Wildlife Service; Dr. Marina Robles, Undersecretary of Biodiversity and Environmental Restoration and Fernando Gual Sill, DVM, MSc, Director General of Wildlife – SEMARNAT; Janine Velasco, Acting Deputy Director – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

DESCRIPTION: The Executive Table meets with all Co-chairs and Facilitators to receive a report on each working table's progress and highlights as well as their input on technical / thematic priorities.

BACKGROUND: The meeting between the Executive Table and Co- chairs / Facilitators was incorporated as a permanent feature of the annual meeting in 2000 to provide a mechanism for the Executive Table to obtain direct input from the working table Co-chairs and Facilitators regarding technical issues as well as administrative issues to enhance the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Trilateral Committee. It also provides a mechanism for the tables to exchange information, coordinate activities and avoid working in silos.

	<p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: The Executive Table to listen to Co-chairs and Facilitators regarding progress, highlights, priorities, and suggestions</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: TCC</p>
<p><i>4:45-5pm EDT / 2:45-3pm CST (15 minutes)</i></p>	<p>2026 Trilateral Committee Meeting closing</p> <p>Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Biodiversity and Canadian Wildlife Service, followed by the closing statements of the U.S. and Mexico (5 min each country = 15 min)</p>