



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

8/11/2023

Agenda item:

7. Blue Sheet: North American Model of Wildlife Conservation

Presenter(s):

Dr. John Organ

Nate Pamplin, Director of External Affairs

Background summary:

The F&W Commission adopted a [blue sheet](#) on March 17, 2023 requesting a briefing on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation (NAMWC).

Commissioner Lehmkuhl suggested inviting Dr. John Organ, who is one of the three authors that originally described the NAMWC.

Dr. Organ will present an overview of the NAMWC and discuss its application and relevancy in the 21st Century.

Dr. Organ's biography:

Dr. John F. Organ serves as the professional wildlife biologist on the 7-person Fisheries and Wildlife Board for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, appointed by Governor Charles Baker, and Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Michigan State University, and Universidad Andres Bello in Santiago, Chile, where he also served under a Fulbright grant, and Professor of Practice at Virginia Tech University. He is the former Chief of the U.S. Geological Survey Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units, retiring in 2019 after 40 years of federal service. He is a Certified Wildlife Biologist and Past President, Fellow, and Honorary Member of The Wildlife Society. He earned a Ph.D. in wildlife and fisheries biology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is an Emeritus Member of the Boone and Crockett Club and is the Science and Education Editor for their magazine *Fair Chase*. From 2005 to 2014 he was Chief of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program for the Northeast Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and served in various other positions with the USFWS beginning in 1979. From 2012 to 2018 he was enlisted by the U.S. State Department to assist the Peruvian Forest and Wildlife Service in implementing a new forest and wildlife law, and train federal and regional biologists in development of wildlife habitat models in the Amazon basin. He also led a workshop sponsored by the State Department that brought Peruvian, Columbian, and United States scientists and policymakers together to develop best management practices for infrastructure

development in the Amazon. He was awarded the George Bird Grinnell Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement in Conservation from the Wildlife Management Institute in 2014, the Meritorious Service Award from the Department of the Interior in 2018, and the Aldo Leopold Memorial Medal from The Wildlife Society in 2020. He is the author and co-author of more than 100 journal articles and book chapters, and co-author and editor of 4 books.

Staff recommendation:

N/A

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

N/A

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

N/A

Draft motion language:

N/A

Post decision communications plan:

N/A
