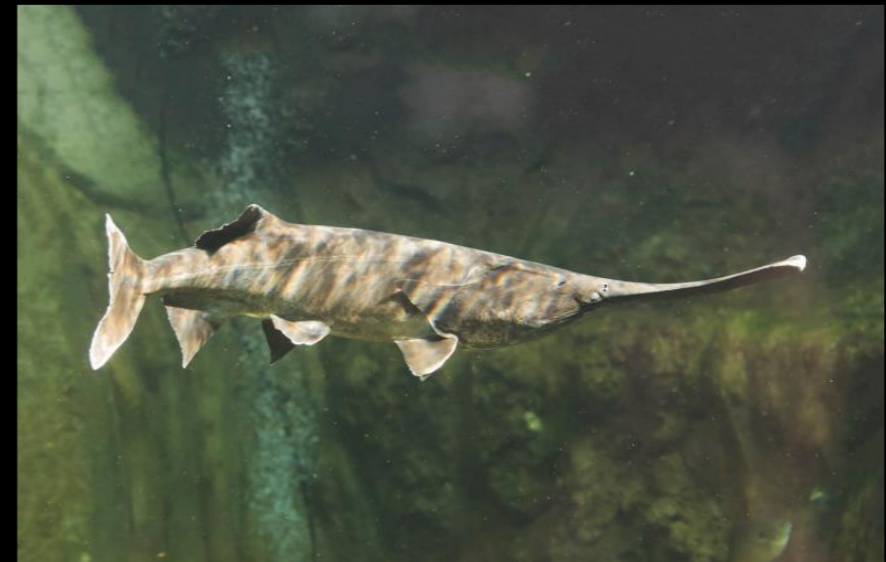


# CITES Technical Work Group

**Dedicated to sustaining state fish and wildlife agency authority and promoting their interests in the implementation of the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES)**





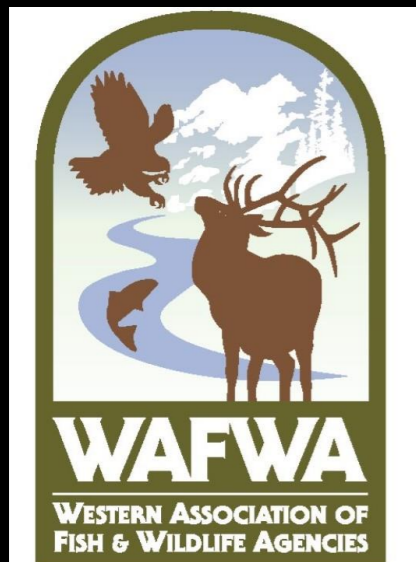
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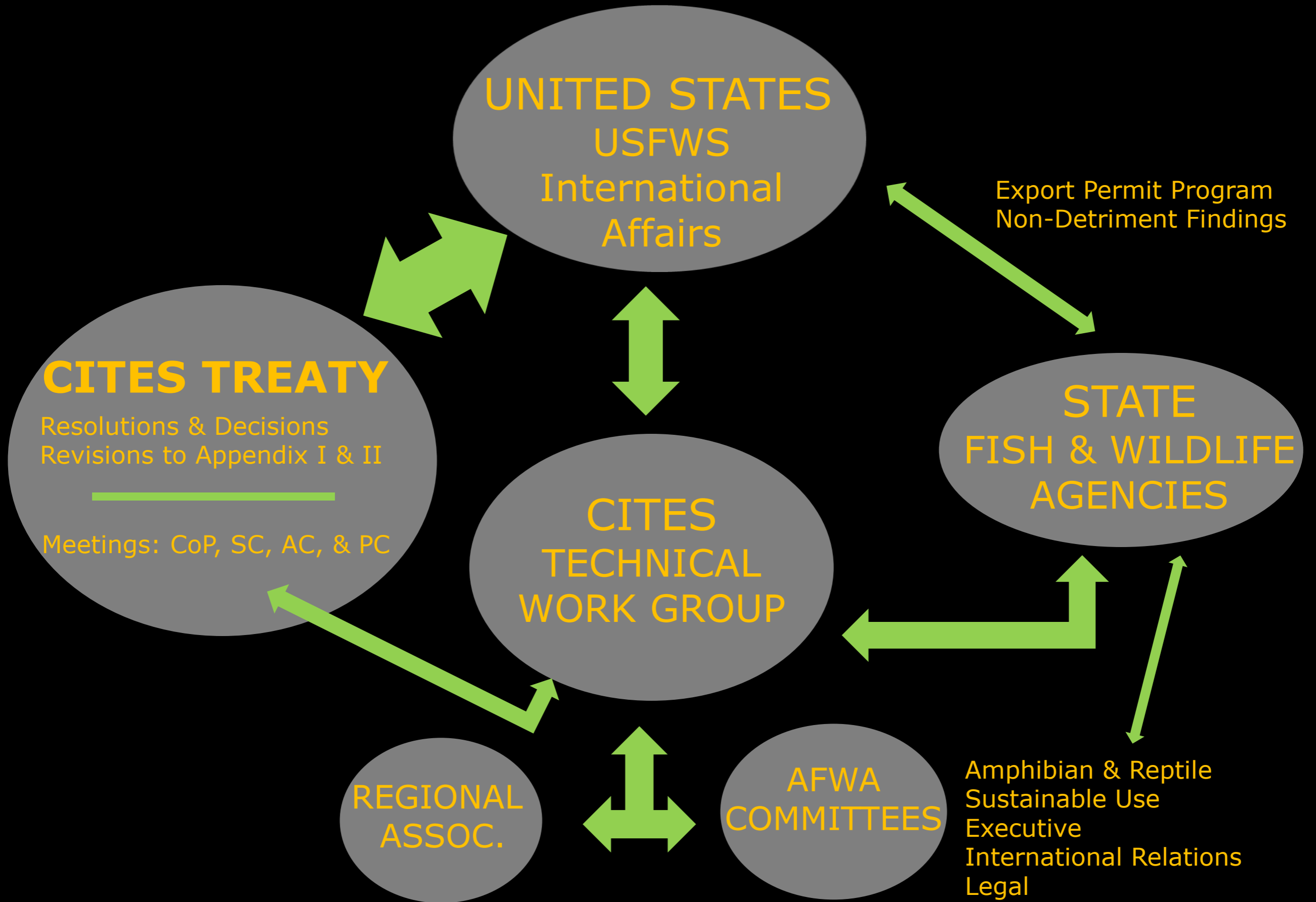
**Each Technical Work Group representative serves at the pleasure of the Directors of their Regional Association**

**Collectively the 4 regional representatives form the CITES Technical Work Group of AFWA's International Relations Committee**

**CITES Technical Work Group Represents all 50 State Fish & Wildlife Agencies.**

**Implemented in 1994, this approach has proven more efficient and cost effective than each State Fish & Wildlife Agency engaging independently in the CITES process.**





# **CITES Federal/State Coordination Procedure**

**Designed to provide meaningful and timely input by the States on USFWS regulatory proposals, policies, and administrative actions regarding CITES implementation (1997; updates in 2014 & 2024).**

- **State Fish & Wildlife Agencies are represented by the CITES Technical Work Group**
- **Regularly exchange information and discuss CITES administrative & policy issues with the USFWS/IA staff**
- **Full participate in the interagency CITES Coordination Committee (CCC)**
- **Member of the US delegation**
  - CoP: **AFWA International Relations Committee Chair**
  - SC: **if deemed beneficial by the States**

# **Work Group Responsibilities:**

**assure state fish and wildlife agencies are appraised of pending CITES issues and can respond.**

**provide a streamlined approach to requesting changes in federal and/or international policies to accommodate state fish and wildlife agency needs.**

**formulate and advocate for policy positions reflecting the interests of state fish and wildlife agencies in international forums.**



**minimize unnecessary oversight and restrictions to state fish and wildlife agency authority as a result of CITES' issues.**

**provide biological and administrative information to assist the federal government in executing its international responsibilities.**

**ensure the federal government understands and reacts positively to the needs and authority of state fish and wildlife agencies as it relates to CITES.**

**support sustainable use principles and the tenets of the North American Model internationally.**





## COMMITTEES



### CITES Technical Work Group

#### Work Group Charge

1. To inform State, Provincial, and Territorial fish and wildlife agency directors of policy developments affecting conservation at an international (i.e., through CITES) scale.
2. To formulate and advocate for policy positions reflecting the interests of State, Provincial and Territorial fish and wildlife agencies in international forums.
3. To formulate and advocate for federal policies (e.g., U.S. and Canadian) that reflect State, Provincial, and Territorial fish and wildlife agency interests.
4. To provide biological and administrative information to assist the federal governments in executing their international responsibilities.
5. To minimize unnecessary oversight and restrictions to State, Provincial and Territorial fish and wildlife agency authority as a result of policies adopted under international conventions (i.e., CITES).
6. To support sustainable use principles and the tenets of the North American Model internationally.

#### Reports

[CITES CoP19 Report](#)

[CITES Reptile Listing Webinar \(March 28, 2023\)](#)  
[Webinar Recording](#)

#### CITES Outreach and Education

[CITES Turtle Webinar Background Presentation \(February 2022\)](#)  
[CITES Turtle Webinar State Overview](#)

[Turtle Trade Case Study](#)

[Bobcat Case Study](#)

[Paddlefish Case Study](#)

[American Alligator Case Study](#)

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[Por Qué y Cómo Nos Involucramos en CITES?](#)

#### Resources

[Wild Fur Identification Manual](#)



## State Fish & Wildlife Agencies: Why and How We Engage in CITES?

Distributed to Country Delegates & Observers Attending Various CITES Meetings

# Questions?

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