

Endangered Species Act Sections 7 and 10 Symposium:

- February 22-23, 2016: Monday, 1-5:30pm and concludes Tuesday, 8:30am -5:30pm
- Requires Extra Fee
- A one and a half day symposium on the ESA, immediately before the 2016 Annual Meeting of The Western Section of The Wildlife Society

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (subject to minor changes)

Monday

- 1:00 PM: Welcome and Announcements/Logistics
- 1:05 PM - 1:30 PM:
 - ESA Basics, History and Amendments
 - Section 9 (since that is really the basis for the rest of the ESA session)
- 1:30 PM - 5:10 PM: Section 7
 - (Break 3:05-3:30 PM)
- 5:10 PM – 5:30 PM: Discussion, Wrap-Up for the day

Tuesday

- 8:00 AM: Coffee/Tea
- 8:30 AM: Reconvene, Announcements
- 8:35 AM - 8:50 AM: Section 4(d), Safe Harbor and a few other miscellaneous topics
- 8:50 AM - 9:00 AM: Section 10 Intro
- 9:00 AM - 10:05 AM: Begin Section 10(a)(2)
 - (Break 10:05-10:30 AM)
- 10:30 AM – 12:15 PM: Continue Section 10(a)(2)
 - (Lunch 12:15-1:15 PM)
- 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM: Conclude Section 10(a)(2)
- 2:30 PM – 4:15 PM: Section 10(a)(1)
 - (Break 3:05 - 3:30 PM)
- 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM: Discussion, Wrap-Up, Evaluation

The objectives of this symposium are to introduce the fundamental principles and practices involved in the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation and permitting processes. Specifically, section 7(a)(1) of the ESA charges Federal agencies to utilize their resources and authorities to further the conservation of listed species, and section 7(a)(2) requires the agencies, through consultation with the Services, to ensure that their activities are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or adversely modify designated Critical Habitat. Section 10(a)(1) authorizes issuance of permits for recovery, scientific research and related actions, whereas 10(a)(2) can authorize otherwise-prohibited take of listed species under certain circumstances by issuance of

incidental take permits. Applicants for incidental take permits are required to submit documents, commonly known as Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs), which typically must include detailed minimization and mitigation measures, as well as an alternatives analysis.

This symposium will focus on “pieces” of the sections 7(a) and 10(a) processes and will emphasize examples that are relevant to Sections 7 and 10 practitioners in the western U.S. Brief discussions of other relevant developments (such as “Safe Harbor” and the recent section 4(d) rules) will be included.

Time breakdown (as of 15 December)

ESA Basics: 25 mins

Section 7: 3.25 hours 95+100 minutes (with 30 minute break)

Section 10(a)(1): 1 hr 20 35+45 mins (with 30 minute break)

Section 10(a)(2): 4 hrs 5 min 65 + 105 + 75 mins (with 30 minute break and 1 hour lunch break)

Discussion: 1 hr 20 minutes (20 mins MON, 1 hr TUE)

TWS Certification, Recertification and Professional Development: This Symposium contains 11 hours of content, or 0.9 equivalent semester hours. For initial certification as a Certified Wildlife Biologist or Associate Wildlife Biologist, request 0.9 hours under section 6 (Policy, Administration and Law). For CWB Recertification or in support of obtaining a Professional Development Certificate, list this event as 11 hours under category 1 (Organized Activities).