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WSSA Committee Report

COMMITTEE: E3 Endangered Species Committee

Date: January 20, 2026

BOARD LIAISON: Greg Dahl

Include in Consent Agenda: Yes (no discussion needed, just informational update)
 No (items in report require discussion or action)

Committee Members, 2025

Name	Term Ending	Region/. Affiliation	Name	Term Ending	Region/. Affiliation
Chism, Bill*	2027	NE	Unglesbee, Emily	2027	S
Van Wychen, Lee	Ex-off	B18	Hager, Aaron	2027	NC
Anderson, Tom		Ent Soc Rep †	Culpepper, Stanley	2027	S
Hope, Amy		APS Rep †	Randell-Singleton, Taylor	2027	S
Kelly, Heather		APS Rep †	Clark, Shannon	2028	W
Paisley-Jones, Claire		USDA †	Cröse, Jodie	2028	W
Zinn, Nicole		EPA †	Douglass, Cameron	2027	NE
Peterson, Steven		EPA †	Hanson, Brad	2027	W
Rollins, Brigit		Univ Ark †	Moseley, Carroll	2028	S
Duzy, Leah	2027	W	Wong, Frank	2027	S
VanGessel, Mark	2027	NE	Greg Dahl,	Ex-off	

*Chair of Committee, † Not a WSSA member

Committee members rotating off and recommended replacements:

- Sarah Cho and Daewon Koo were the previous Graduate Student Organization representatives and a new term will start in March 2026.
- Steven Peterson, EPA, was added in 2025
- Nicole Zinn, EPA, was added in 2025
- Claire Paisley-Jones, USDA, was added in 2025 to replace Cameron Douglass who left the USDA
- Heather Kelly, American Phytopathological Society (APS), was added in 2025
- Brigit Rollins, University of Arkansas, Ag Law Center, was added in 2025

Reviewed MOP for updates: YES NO

Comments re: MOP: No comments regarding endangered species committee.

Committee Actions/Impacts/Activities:

Goals: The Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) Endangered Species Act (ESA) committee was created to foster the protection of threatened and endangered (T & E) species and their habitat while protecting critical weed management tools through developing partnerships which maximize the WSSA's ability to communicate science-based information to regulators. It was made a standing committee in 2024.

Actions:

- ESA Committee, Monthly Meetings
- Two ESA Presentations added to WSSA.net/endangered-species website
- Updated short presentation already on website
- Working with the ESA Collaboration Team to organize work with other societies, companies, and groups to avoid redundant work and talk about needed information.
- Brief description of EPA's Insecticide Strategy added to website. Written in collaboration with Entomological Society of America
- Actively looking for software programs that can help users figure out runoff/erosion and spray drift mitigation on individual fields. AcreBlitz.com shows promise in helping users.

Impacts:

- Educational materials for WSSA members
- Worked with American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) and Pesticide Safety Educator Program (PSEP) to develop and advertise free educational materials.
- Multiple sources have recognized our role in ESA education
- Contributed to Farm Journal article on ESA in early 2025
- National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants (NAICC) Service to Agriculture Award, Monterey CA
- Structured Label Format: A panel of our committee developed a format to help clarify and simply label information. The EPA, Herbicide Branch used this format with Adama on their Brevis Fruit Drop product (a.i. metamitron). Stanley Culpepper and Bill Chism have worked on a herbicide label, not yet registered, using our structured label format.

Activities:

- ESA Presentation @ NEWSS 2025 Meeting, Annapolis, MD
- ESA Symposium @ WSSA 2025 Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Farm Tour with NAICC and WSSA, NC and VA
- Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA)/Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology (CPDA): ESA Presentations on ESA along with Greg Dahl, Virtual Presentations
- ESA Presentation for DE and MD consultants and state lead agencies along with Mark VanGessel (University of Delaware), Kurt Vollmer (University of Maryland), and Niranjana Krishnan (University of Maryland), Annapolis, MD
- American Phytopathological Society Meeting: ESA Panel, Honolulu, HI
- CPDA Conference: ESA Panel with Stanley Culpepper (University of Georgia) and Leah Duzy (Compliance Services International), Cape Coral, FL
- Georgia Vegetation Management Association: ESA Presentation, Savannah GA
- National Roadside Vegetation Management Association: ESA Presentation, Cool Springs Tn
- WSSA Board Meeting, Raleigh, NC
- NorthEast IPM Toolbox presentation on ESA with Mark VanGessel (University of Delaware), Kurt Vollmer (University of Maryland), and Niranjana Krishnan (University of Maryland), Virtual Presentation
- Iowa Integrated Crop Management Conference: ESA Presentation, Virtual Presentation

Committee Meeting Schedule*: (Include all planned meeting dates and times):

- Second Thursday of each month. 1 to 2 pm eastern

*This will be visible to all members for engagement.

Budget needs:

- Estimated expenses for 2026 \$ 7,000.00
- Expenses in 2025 were \$ 5,971.09

Areas for improvement/concerns:

- The committee has not identified any improvements or concerns.

Opportunities for future (symposia, speakers, communication, general):

- Develop presentation on National Marine Fisheries Service ESA Mitigations. This primarily impacts coastal regions. Will be available on WSSA website for anyone to use.
- Coordinate our actions with external partners such as state regulators, retailers, extension, crop consultants, and other societies to communicate ESA to their members.
- Curate and organize our existing information to make it easier to find key information.
- Look into a poll of our members to see what information would be helpful.