

North American Wildlife Enforcement Group (NAWEG)



Region and countries of the network:
Canada, United States, Mexico

Authorities involved

Agencies responsible for enforcement of federal wildlife laws in each country. (United States Fish and Wildlife Service; Environment and Climate Change Canada; Procuraduria Federal de Proteccion al Ambiente - México)

This is a semi-formal network characterized by an annual meeting involving the heads of law enforcement as well as key enforcement managers in operations and intelligence.

Brief description

This network brings together the main federal agencies in each country to work on identify and work on common operations, information sharing and joint training.

(Reporting) structure / decision-making process

The network is informal and consensus-driven. It comprises and reports to the three heads of law enforcement. Some training activities are funded by the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, which also hosts the NAWEG website.

Key activities

- Annual high level meeting to identify opportunities for joint collaboration.
- Intelligence sharing (formal meetings, formal networks)
- Joint capacity building (for example, computer investigations, species identification)
- Joint investigations

Key partners in the region

- North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation
- Fisheries enforcement agencies in each country
- INTERPOL National Central Bureaus
- State / provincial / territorial wildlife enforcement agencies

Website and other useful links

www.cec.org/NAWEG/about-naweg

Network focal points

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