

## **Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Wild Sheep Working Group(s)**

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**Abstract:** In January 2007, the Directors of 23 fish and wildlife management agencies in the western U.S. and Canada, acting as the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA), unanimously voted to establish a Wild Sheep Working Group (WSWG). This WSWG was charged with completing a comprehensive, west-wide assessment of all facets of wild sheep management, with initial emphasis on addressing recommendations for the management of domestic sheep and goats in wild sheep habitat. To address both the immediate and the long-term facets of this WSWG, this WSWG effort was partitioned into two segments. The first step was establishment of WSWG #1, which produced and delivered a report to the WAFWA Directors by June 21, 2007; this report was presented to, and unanimously endorsed by, the WAFWA Director's Business Meeting in Flagstaff, AZ in July 2007. The WAFWA WSWG #2 was initiated in August 2007, and included representatives of all 19 jurisdictions (i.e., states, provinces, territories) in WAFWA that manage wild sheep. This presentation will inform NWSGC Symposium attendees as to progress and outputs of both WSWG #1 and #2.

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