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Post 2020 global biodiversity framework: scientific and technical information to support the review of the updated goals and targets, and related indicators and baselines

Chairs, co-chairs, and distinguished delegates,

The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Association) founded in 1902, is the professional organization that serves as the collective voice of North America's fish and wildlife agencies. Our mission is to support and advocate for state, provincial and territorial responsibility for science-based fish and wildlife conservation. As laid out in the Association's Resolution *2019-06-10 Reaffirming Support for Sustainable Use and Regulated Trade*, the sustainable use of biodiversity is at the foundation of natural resource conservation and management in the United States and Canada. We believe that well managed, regulated sustainable use supports and promotes biodiversity conservation, can affirm strong cultural ties, and is a heritage activity across eons. We support a clear integration and acknowledgement of the importance of and linkage between sustainable use and trade to biodiversity conservation into the Global Biodiversity Framework (Framework) and its targets. We also support the continued recognition of the role subnational governments plan in nature conservation and the importance of considering the work of subnational governments in meeting the 2050 vision. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.