

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPECIES, HABITAT, & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (SHOC)

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The SHOC Committee meets bi-monthly to discuss important issues related to species and/or their habitat that may impact operations in the Permian Basin. The SHOC submits the following Committee Report detailing significant issues that are being followed and worked by SHOC member companies.

DUNES SAGEBRUSH LIZARD (DSL)

- On February 12, 2018, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) held a conference call to review a draft revised CCAA for the DSL, which contains significant changes from the existing plan.
- On February 14, 2018, at the bi-monthly meeting, SHOC members discussed the need to form an ad-hoc work group to develop comments on the draft CCAA.
- On March 1, 2018, the ad-hoc work group met to discuss concerns and questions with the proposed CCAA. The consensus was that it was too soon to properly evaluate the proposed CCAA without having the new suitability map from Texas State, which is expected on/about May 1, 2018. PBPA will coordinate with TXOGA on messaging.

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN (LPC)

- On January 5, 2018, a small group of industry representatives met with DOI Deputy Sec. Bernhardt. The group discussed the LPC and requested a copy of the Species Status Assessment (SSA) report.
- During a follow-up conference call on February 6, 2018 with Greg Sheehan, Principal Deputy Director FWS, PBPA was told the SSA will be shared with State wildlife directors, and industry should work with those individual for SSA information and input. Although the SSA was sent to the State wildlife directors, they were not told that they could share the SSA.
- Timing for a 12-month finding decision is estimated by mid-2018 after the SSA is completed. Based on comments from Sec. Bernhardt and Sean Kyle with WAFWA, the SSA seems to support a positive finding to list the species.

TEXAS HORNSHELL MUSSEL (THM)

- On February 9, 2018, FWS announced final rule determination of endangered status for the THM, which became effective on March 12, 2018.
- PBPA submitted an extension request letter to DOI and FWS on February 16, 2018 requesting an additional 90 days for the effective date of listing to allow for additional enrollment under the CCA/As. The request was denied on March 27, 2018.
- THM maps were sent to SHOC member companies after the February 14th SHOC meeting.

FISH & WILDLIFE

- On November 6, 2017, FWS published a request or public comment on the existing Mitigation Policy and ESA Compensatory Mitigation Policy. PBPA developed comments and filed jointly with NMOGA and IPANM on January 5, 2018.
- On November 22, 2017, FWS posted two (2) notices to review/revise the CCAA regulations and policy. PBPA developed comments and filed jointly with NMOGA and IPANM on January 22, 2018.