



## **Animal Law Section Meeting Agenda**

**February 25, 2025 at 12 pm MT**

**Via Zoom**

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action Item**
- IV. Financial Update**
- V. New Business**
- VI. CLE: Advocating for Wolves** Please join a conversation with two prominent advocates (Carter Niemeyer and Garrick Dutcher) for the beleaguered Idaho wolf. Carter Neimeyer will share insights from decades of field experience, and Garrick Dutcher will share what it's like to build relationships and elicit support from decisionmakers on every level of the political spectrum. We'll do some myth-busting, share personal stories, and identify the very real perils faced by wolves in Idaho and beyond. You'll have a chance to ask questions about Carter's books — *Wolfer: A Memoir* and *Wolfland* — or any other related topic.
- VII. Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:** April 22, 2025 at 12 pm MT

Bios of CLE Speakers:

**Carter C. Niemeyer** (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, retired)

Carter Niemeyer has Bachelor of Science (1970) and Masters (1973) degrees in wildlife biology from Iowa State University. He has been a state trapper for the Montana Department of Livestock, and a district supervisor for USDA Wildlife Services in western Montana managing and controlling large predators. He was chosen as the wolf management specialist for USDA Wildlife Services covering the states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. In that position, he was responsible for livestock depredation investigation, as well as wolf capture and removal.

Niemeyer was a member of the wolf capture team in Canada during reintroduction in the mid-1990s. In 2001 he was recruited by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to run the agency's wolf recovery program in Idaho, and retired in 2006, coincidentally on the same day that wolf management was officially handed over to the state of Idaho. He also has worked on wolf issues in Washington, Oregon and California, as well as England, Scotland, France and Kyrgyzstan. He wrote his first memoir, *Wolfer*, in 2010. His second memoir, *Wolf Land* was published in 2016.

Most recently he served as an advisor on the Technical Working Group (TWG) in Colorado to develop a plan to restore and manage gray wolves.

**Garrick Dutcher** is an eloquent and tireless advocate for wolves. As the former research and program director for nonprofit Living with Wolves, Garrick speaks from decades of remarkable knowledge and experience, not only about the species but also about the powerful forces that define wolf management in Idaho and beyond.