

AGENDA
ISB ANIMAL LAW SECTION MEETING
February 14, 2017 12:00 Noon MST

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order**
- II. CLE Presentation:** Brian Ertz, Ertz Law, PLLC, presentation on the Endangered Species Act and the McKittrick Policy. Mr. Ertz will speak about how the Endangered Species Act makes it a crime to kill an endangered species regardless of whether a person was aware that the animal killed was listed or not when he pulled the trigger. However, despite the clear language of the statute and all judicial construction upholding strict liability, the Justice Department issued a policy abstaining from prosecuting those crimes except where they could prove the killing was "knowingly." Now, perpetrators have been able to get away with killing endangered animals by simple saying they thought it was something else.
- III. Review prior minutes**
- IV. Open meeting for comments**
- V. Adjourn**

THE NEXT SCHEDULED SECTION MEETING WILL BE APRIL 11, 2017