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Program:

Who's Watching Out for Wildlife?

*"The Endangered Species Act: Interfacing with
Agricultural and Natural Ecosystems"*

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PROGRAM

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ABSTRACT

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) was enacted by Congress in 1973 for the purpose of protecting and recovering imperiled species and the ecosystems on which they depend. But significant polarity can occur in, and endure after, resolution of ESA-related disputes—especially as related to agricultural practices. To analyze these and related issues, CAST convened a Task Force of regulatory and environmental experts to draft a new CAST Commentary, *The Endangered Species Act: Interfacing with Agricultural and Natural Ecosystems*. Using pertinent examples of conflicts, litigation, and delays resulting from lack of procedural clarity and coordination, this Commentary (1) introduces the intersections between the ESA and management of agricultural and natural ecosystems within the United States and (2) explores ways those intersections might be addressed not only to restore a process to protect critically imperiled species but also to establish process and rebuild lost trust among all affected parties.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Bernalyn McGaughey provides corporate executive oversight to Compliance Services International, and has an extensive regulatory background that can be drawn upon to address issues associated with the EPA registration of FIFRA regulated compounds, emerging regulatory issues in the EU, and issues related to endangered species regulation. McGaughey chaired the Task Force that produced the CAST ESA commentary. She has over 30 years of data evaluation, chemical research, study monitoring, and project management experience in areas related to agriculture, pesticides, and endangered and invasive species. Her activities have included original and regulatory research, report design and study conduct, litigation support, and international technical assistance on toxicology investigations and risk assessments. She has authored peer-reviewed articles on pesticides, the environment, and endangered species; authored a book chapter on scientific evidence and the expert witness; and been appointed to various state and federal committees dealing with agricultural and environmental issues.