North American Bird Conservation Initiative

Summer 2019 US Committee Meeting

Coordinator Introduction

Judith Scarl, US NABCI Coordinator

Counterclockwise from top right: California Quail, Alexandra MacKenzie; American Avocet, Srikanth V.; Great Egret, Peter Massas; Meadowlark, John Carrel; Wood Duck, Rich L.
New NABCI Representatives

- Dr. Jill Deppe (National Audubon Society)
- Ryan Orndorff (Department of Defense)
- Dr. Brian Smith (US Shorebird Conservation Partnership)
- Melanie Steinkamp (US Geological Survey)
- Dr. Karen Waldrop (AFWA Resident Game Bird WG)
- Dr. Ruth Bennett (Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center- proxy)
Committee Member Overview

NABCI Vacancies
- The Nature Conservancy
- Waterbird Conservation for the Americas

Double Representation
- Jerome Ford represents both US Fish and Wildlife Service and the North American Waterfowl Management Plan
**Committee Member Overview**

**NABCI Executive Council**

Jerome Ford, Co-Chair, *ex officio*
Gordon Myers, Co-Chair, *ex officio*
Greg Butcher, Federal Representative
Gray Anderson, State Representative*
Tammy VerCauteren, NGO Representative
Vacant, Bird Plan Partnerships Representative*

Judith Scarl, Coordinator, *staff*

*Vacancy/End of term at August 2019 meeting*
*Communications*- EJ Williams, Chair
*Human Dimensions*- Tammy VerCauteren, Chair
   Jessica Barnes, Co-Chair
*International*- Greg Butcher, Chair
   Deb Hahn, Co-Chair
*Monitoring*- Gray Anderson, Chair
   Viviana Ruiz-Gutierrez, Co-Chair
*Legislative and Policy*- Jennifer Cipolletti, Chair
*Private and Working Lands*- Todd Fearer, Chair
*State of the Birds*- Ken Rosenberg, Chair
   Tom Moorman, Vice-Chair

*Has leadership vacancy (or will soon)*
National Bird Conservation Social Science Coordinator

Dr. Jessica Barnes
• Started October 2019
• Co-Chair of NABCI HD Subcommittee
Mission: The U.S. NABCI Committee facilitates collaborative partnerships that advance biological, social, and scientific priorities for North American bird conservation.

Goal 1: Maintain a well-coordinated bird conservation community to achieve strategic conservation.

Goal 2: Facilitate science-based conservation efforts that support healthy bird populations.

Goal 3: Inform and support effective policy to advance bird conservation.
Accomplishments

- National Bird Conservation Priorities
- Relevancy Toolkit
- Human Dimensions Success Story Map
- 2018 NABCI Highlights
Meeting Overview
(I promise it’s not all flamingos and pelicans)

1. Advancing the Priorities
2. State of the Birds/Rallying Around Bird Science
3. Subcommittees as NABCI drivers
4. Aligning Partners and Partnerships
Meeting Theme:
Improving Communication
August 2019 NABCI meeting:
Goals

• Recommitment to NABCI
• Recommitment to Subcommittees
• Approve 2019-2020 Work Plan
• Rally around State of the Birds report
• Hone strategy for advancing/promoting Priorities
Things to Ponder

“Business as Usual” vs “Game Changers” - are we promoting solutions that can make a big difference?

Are we pushing ourselves to think outside of the box?

How can we best align bird conservation outcomes with other positive human outcomes?
Thank you and

Let’s get started!