**Outcomes and Next Steps**

6-7 August 2013 US NABCI Committee

USFWS, Arlington, VA

*NABCI Committee Member Attendees:* **David Pashley**, American Bird Conservancy (ABC); **Gordon Myers**, Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (AFWA); **Geoff Walsh**, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); **Ken Rosenberg**, Cornell Lab of Ornithology (CLO); **David Hoge**, Farm Services Agency (FSA); **Glenn Olson**, National Audubon Society (NAS); **Cal DuBrock**, National Flyway Council and AFWA Resident Game Bird Working Group; **Ryan Monello**, National Park Service (NPS); **David Whitehurst**, Partners In Flight Initiative; **Greg Butcher**, US Forest Service; **Catherine Hickey**, US Shorebird Conservation Plan; **Steve Hilburger**, US Geological Survey; **Brad Bortner**, Waterbird Conservation for the Americas and US Fish & Wildlife Service; **Tammy VerCauteren**, Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory (RMBO); **Todd Fearer**, Association of Joint Venture Management Boards; **Dave Mehlman**, The Nature Conservancy; **Danielle Flynn**, NRCS

*Guest Attendees*: Dean Smith, AFWA; Cyndi Perry, FWS; Guy Foulks, FWS; Dave Gordon, FWS; Antoinette Condo, US State Department; Deb Hahn, AFWA; Bridget Collins, AFWA; Dave Gordon, USFWS; Alicia King, FWS; Jennifer Wheeler, FWS; Mike Kreger, FWS; Mark Humpert, AFWA; Vicki Arthur, USFS; Mark Dansker, CLO; Eric Kershner, USFWS; David Younkman, ABC; Kyle Brazil, NBCI; Sylvia Cabrera, USFWS; Matthew Fuller, USFWS; Jonathan Smith, USGS; Patrick Flanagan, NRCS; Kevin Gergely, USGS; Kevin Doherty, USFWS; Bill Wilen, USFWS.

[**Full Meeting Agenda**](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/NABCI%20Meeting%20Materials%20v2.pdf)

***All handouts, presentations, and supporting documents can be found at www.nabci-us.org***

**Agenda Item: Coordinator’s report**

**Outcomes:** Future All-Bird Bulletin themes and proposed changes to format were approved.

Committee approved continued development of the 2016 State of North America’s Birds report in conjunction with the Canadian and Mexican wildlife agencies. The committee will eventually need to identify a project coordinator for the 2016 report.

See [Coordinator’s report in Meeting Materials packet](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/NABCI%20Meeting%20Materials%20v2.pdf#page=7) for additional detail.

**Agenda Item: The Human Dimensions of Bird Conservation**

**Outcomes:** Allison will convene small group (Brad, Tammy, Gordon, Glenn) that will integrate with existing efforts within USFWS to celebrate 100th anniversary (in 2016) of the migratory bird treaty. These efforts should also tie to the 2016 State of North America’s Birds efforts. The group will report back during an agenda item at Winter 2014 NABCI meeting.

The NABCI committee will monitor and maintain close connections with the NAWMP-NFC human dimensions effort to ensure that there is benefit to all birds and all-bird conservation partners from what is learned in that effort. NABCI will request that the Shorebird, Waterbird, and Partners in Flight initiatives outline their human dimensions needs so that the Committee can track the relevance of the NAWMP HD working group to those initiatives. See the [NAWMP-NFC working group update](http://nabci-us.org/mtg-2013-08.htm) for more information.

The committee would like to build on the survey that [Natalie Sexton is administering within the USFWS](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/NABCI%20Meeting%20Materials%20v2.pdf#page=13) to assess human dimensions capacity by administering it within the other NABCI partner agencies. Allison will work with Natalie, and HD staff from NC and PA to move forward.

The summary report from the [Human Dimensions workshop held for the Canadian provincial wildlife directors](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/CWDC%20Human%20Dimensions%20Workshop%20Report%202013.pdf) and more information regarding the [Playa Lakes Joint Venture Management Board human dimensions workshop](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/PLJV%20Management%20Board%20HD%20Wksp%20Agenda.pdf) and [focus groups](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/PLJV%20HD%20Project%20Talking%20Points.pdf) are available for more information.

**Agenda Item: Checking in Human-Caused Mortality of Birds**

**Outcomes:** [A handout describing the ongoing work by the USFWS Division of Migratory Bird Management](http://nabci-us.org/mtg-2013-08.htm) on this topic, as reported by Eric Kershner during the meeting, is available.

**Agenda Item:** **Report from the Monitoring Subcommittee**

 **Outcomes:** The Committee approved theMonitoring Subcommittee’s recommendation to endorse the use of [MGRS and USNG standard reference grids in avian monitoring programs](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/NABCI%20Meeting%20Materials%20v2.pdf#page=16) and projects. The Committee would like to be kept informed about the Subcommittee’s progress in encouraging federal agencies and other key partners in avian monitoring to adopt the standard reference grid.

**Agenda Item**: **NABCI value proposition and priority setting**

 **Outcomes:** Committee members provided comments and edits on the [draft value proposition statement](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/NABCI%20Meeting%20Materials%20v2.pdf#page=31) presented by Allison. The committee is supportive of the general direction, tone, and content of the value proposition statement and anticipates approval at the winter meeting once the recommended changes have been incorporated.

 Committee members approved dedicating a half-day of the winter meeting to a facilitated session to prioritize and undertake goal-setting using the topic areas [identified during the informational interviews.](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/NABCI%20Meeting%20Materials%20v2.pdf#page=23) Allison will work with a facilitator and the executive council to prepare for that session.

 Allison will share [the informational interview summary](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/NABCI%20Meeting%20Materials%20v2.pdf#page=23) and revised value proposition with the partners who participated in the informational interviews who are not on the NABCI Committee.

**Agenda Item:** **Executive Council Recommendation to Guide NABCI Membership Decisions**

 **Outcomes:** The committee approved the [recommended changes to the NABCI charter and associated guidance documents](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/NABCI%20Meeting%20Materials%20v2.pdf#page=32) circulated as part of the pre-meeting materials.

 In advance of the winter meeting, Allison will assemble all NABCI governance documents so that Committee members can determine if there are any additional elements of the charter they would like the Executive Council to develop for the Committee’s consideration.

 At the winter NABCI meeting, the Committee will discuss funding for the NABCI Coordinator position and budget needs associated NABCI projects (website, State of the Birds report)

**Agenda Item: National Bobwhite conservation initiative *Natives First* campaign**

 **Outcomes:** NABCI partners expressed support for the intent of the initiative, which is to promote the use of native plants in publicly funded conservation practices, when and where appropriate. The National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative is coordinating the development of a broad stakeholder coalition to advance the initiative.

 The [FAQ](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/NativesFirst-FAQ_8.13.13.pdf) and [White Paper](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/NativesFirst-WhitePaper_8.19.13.pdf) that were distributed in hard copy is now available on the NABCI website with the meeting materials. Partners interested in learning more about the coalition are encouraged to contact Kyle for more information: Kyle Brazil, Agriculture Policy Coordinator, National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, (325) 215-9364, kbrazil\_NBCI@utk.edu, [www.bringbackbobwhites.org](http://www.bringbackbobwhites.org)

**Agenda Item: Q & A and Discussion of Policy, Legislative, and Funding Updates**

 **Outcomes:** Resources ,templates, and a spreadsheet of key Members of Congress that Bridget Collins has prepared to assist in outreach related to the Farm Bill have been circulated to non- Fed NABCI members. If you would like them resent, please contact Allison.

**Agenda Item: State of the Birds report on Private Lands: What’s Next?**

 **Outcomes:** The NABCI private lands subcommittee will prioritize and pursue many of the [ideas generated for advancing the messages in the report](http://nabci-us.org/mtg-2013-08.htm) for more and better private lands conservation for birds.The list of possible implementations strategies is posted on the NABCI website.

**Agenda Item: 2014 ‘WatchList’ and its role in the 2014 State of the Birds Report**

**Outcomes:** The [revised outline for the 2014 report](http://nabci-us.org/mtg-2013-08.htm)is available on the NABCI website. Allison is serving in a project coordination role for the report. The steering committee is composed of both science and communications experts and anticipates a September 2014 release. Anyone interested in him/herself or one of your colleagues joining the science or communications teams should contact Allison.

**Agenda Item: The National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation**

 **Outcomes:** [The presentation by Sylvia Cabrera and Matt Fuller](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/National%20Survey%20of%20Fishing%20Hunting%20and%20Wildlife%20Related%20Recreation.pdf) is available for your reference.

**Agenda Item: Tracking Land Use Change Panel and Roundtable Discussion**

**Outcomes:** The presentations from all panelists are posted to the NABCI website and hyperlinked to the presenter’s names below. The Committee agreed to several next steps to keep a conversation about how to best link these land cover/land use resources accessible and relevant to the bird conservation community, particularly the Joint Ventures. David Pashley, with coordination assistance from Allison, will lead a small group including Ken Rosenberg, Danielle Flynn, a USFWS rep familiar with the MBCC, Tammy VerCauteren, and Kevin Doherty. Allison will also at with Roxanne Bogart to develop an All-Bird Bulletin that provides descriptions of the resources presented during the panel.

**Panelists:**

* [Dr. Jonathan H. Smith,](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/Jonathan%20Smith%20Land%20Cover%20USGS.pdf) Program Coordinator for Land Change Science, USGS, (703) 648-4516, jhsmith@usgs.gov
* [Dr. Bill Wilen](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/Bill%20Wilen%20National%20Wetlands%20Inventory.pdf), Senior Wetlands Biologist, National Wetlands Inventory, USFWS, (703) 358-2278, Bill\_Wilen@fws.gov
* [Dr. Kevin Doherty](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/Kevin%20Doherty%20Importance%20of%20Land%20Use%20Change%20to%20Conservation%20Planning.pdf), Science Coordinator, Prairie Pothole Joint Venture, USFWS, (701) 355-8528, kevin\_doherty@fws.gov
* [Dr. Kevin Gergely](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/Kevin%20Gergely%20GAP%20Analysis%20Program.pdf), National Program Manager, National Gap Analysis Program, USGS, (208) 426-5219, gergely@usgs.gov, <https://www.gapanalysis.usgs.gov>
* [Dr. Patrick E. Flanagan](http://nabci-us.org/mtg_2013-08/Patrick%20Flanagan%20National%20Resources%20Inventory.pdf), National Statistician, Resource Inventory Division, NRCS, Patrick.Flanagan@wdc.usda.gov, http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/NRI

**Agenda Item: Parking lot items**

 **Outcomes:** As follow up to Todd Fearer’s mention (during the partner highlight roundtable) of an interest on the part of some Joint Venture Coordinators to explore the possibility of a NAWMP-like assessment, the Committee asked Todd to work with a group of JV coordinators and leaders from each of the 3 initiatives to pursue this line of discussion and bring a recommendation to the Committee at the winter NABCI meeting.