

## **PROPOSED 2018 NABCI Work Plan – International Subcommittee**

### **Approved at 2 August 2018 NABCI Committee Meeting**

The Work Plan for the International Subcommittee strives to help achieve goals of the NABCI Strategic Plan.

#### **Charge:**

- Serve as the U.S. NABCI Committee's sounding board and expertise on international migratory bird conservation
- Help integrate North American bird conservation efforts among the U.S., Canadian, and Mexican NABCI Committees
- Advance bird conservation through supporting or developing international partnerships/projects with traditional and non-traditional bird conservation partners
- Develop synergy with resident bird conservation efforts in other countries

#### **Membership:**

This Subcommittee serves as the US NABCI Committee's primary interface with international partners. The membership of this Subcommittee is primarily from the U.S because it is a Subcommittee of the U.S. NABCI Committee. The Subcommittee facilitates international partnerships but is not necessarily itself an international partnership. However, strong communication and interaction with international partners related to specific actions will be critical.

#### Subcommittee members on July 2018 call:

Deb Hahn, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Vice Chair

Judith Scarl, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, NABCI Coordinator

Glenn Olson, National Audubon Society

Guy Foulks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Rosalind Renfrew, Vermont Center for Ecostudies

Steve Albert, Institute for Bird Populations

Matt Jeffery, National Audubon Society

Andrew Rothman, American Bird Conservancy

#### Additional subcommittee members in 2017:

Arvind Panjabi, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

Jennie Duberstein, Sonoran Joint Venture

Jesús Franco, Rio Grande Joint Venture

Jeff Gordon, American Birding Association  
Kristen Koyama, U.S. State Department  
Rob Clay, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences  
Scott Johnston, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Viviana Ruiz Gutierrez, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology  
Emily Jo Williams, American Bird Conservancy

People invited to join us in 2018:

Susan Bonfield, Environment for the Americas  
Ken Richkus, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Eric Kershner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Brad Andres, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Monika Thiele, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Susan Lieberman, Wildlife Conservation Society  
Stan Senner, National Audubon Society  
John Beavers, National Audubon Society

**NABCI Goal I:** Maintain a well-coordinated bird conservation community to achieve strategic conservation across the Western Hemisphere

**NABCI Subgoal 1.** Support, develop, integrate, and promote priorities of international bird conservation partnerships

**NABCI a.** Work collaboratively across countries to support partnership development that will advance full annual cycle conservation of migratory birds and their habitats

**International Subcommittee Actions:**

-- Work with Canadian and Mexican NABCI on the Hemispheric Vision and related activities

**Task:** Have some committee members attend the Americas Flyways Task Force meeting and Southern South American Migratory Grassland Birds MOU meeting (back to back, July 2018)

**Task:** Assess overlap of interests between Americas Flyways Action Plan and the NABCI Hemispheric Vision. **Who:** Draft report from U.S. meeting attendees to be reviewed by the entire subcommittee

**Task:** Follow up with representatives from Canadian and Mexican NABCI s to determine next steps after meeting of the Americas Flyways Partnership in late July. **Who:** Greg Butcher, Deb Hahn, Jude Scarl, anyone else who attended the Americas Flyways meeting

**Task:** Create two-year action plan based on evaluation of the meetings. **Who:** Entire subcommittee

-- Continue to work with the Birds Table of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for the Conservation and Management of Wildlife and Ecosystems ("Trilateral") and where appropriate help fulfill its action items

**Task:** Reach out to international partnerships that can help implement the Hemispheric Vision and determine joint efforts. **Who:** Greg Butcher, Deb Hahn, Jude Scarl, and interested others

-- Consider other venues for supporting hemispheric conservation

-- Meetings of the Neotropical Ornithological Congress

-- Asking BirdLife Americas to invite governmental representatives to one of their meetings

-- Consider other hemispheric meetings that are compatible with migratory bird conservation (Society for Conservation Biology, Ecological Society of America, Convention on Biological Diversity, IUCN, SMBC for Mesoamerica)

**Task:** When U.S. NABCI reps attend specific international meetings, they should promote the Hemispheric Vision and report back potential actions to this subcommittee and to NABCI. **Who:** Steve Albert; Greg Butcher will be doing this at the Vancouver Bird Fair and International Ornithological Congress

**NABCI b.** Facilitate and promote the development of novel partnerships between conservation and non-traditional organizations (e.g., industry, urban planning associations, etc.) that provide new resources and avenues for addressing bird conservation priorities

#### **International Subcommittee Actions:**

-- Convene a roundtable of bird conservation and sustainable development practitioners to address the question: "How can bird conservation contribute to sustainable development and vice versa?" or "How do the goals and objectives of bird conservation and sustainable development overlap?" We may want to include other practitioners in biodiversity conservation (CBD, jaguars) to see how bird conservation can work better with other biodiversity conservation practices. The goal is to demonstrate that "Clean air and water, human health, and economic benefits go hand-in-hand with bird conservation" (from the title of Steve Albert's relevancy document).

-- IUCN-US: Frank Hawkins, Tom Lovejoy

-- GEF: Claude Gascon

-- World Bank: George Ledec

- Interamerican Development Bank: Graham Watkins, Seth Factor
- UNEP, UNDP – Roz Renfrew has contacts
- USAID – Megan Hill
- CATIE – Andrew Rothman has contacts
- WRI 20x20 Initiative – Andrew Rothman and Deb Hahn have contacts
- Other sustainable development organizations?
- Biodiversity organizations?
- Other kinds of organizations?

**Task:** Create subgroup to begin planning roundtable. **Who:** Greg Butcher, Deb Hahn, Jude Scarl, Steve Albert and other subcommittee members who self-identify, especially if you have connections to one or more of these groups.

## **NABCI Subgoal 2.** Strengthen communication within the bird conservation community

### **International Subcommittee Actions:**

- Support World Migratory Bird Day throughout the Western Hemisphere

**Task:** Include Hemispheric Vision messaging in WMBD materials. **Who:** Sue Bonfield, other subcommittee members who self-identify

- After updating, add to NABCI web site links to existing western hemisphere bird conservation partnerships that have been prepared by Rob Clay

**Task:** Update partnership information. **Who:** Rob Clay

**Task:** Add hyperlinks and add documents to NABCI website. **Who:** Subcommittee volunteers in conjunction with Communications Subcommittee volunteer

**Task:** Advertise availability of partnership information on NABCI website. **Who:** Communications and International subcommittee members

## **NABCI Goal II:** Facilitate science-based conservation efforts that support healthy bird populations

**Subgoal 1.** Promote and advance the use of ecological and social science in design and evaluation of bird conservation practices

### **International Subcommittee Actions:**

- Support Western Hemisphere grassland initiatives where the US NABCI can add value, both trilaterally and hemisphere-wide

**Task:** Review conservation investment plan for the Chihuahuan Grasslands being prepared by Rio Grande Joint Venture and others (probably late in 2018). **Who:** Subcommittee volunteers

**Task:** Communicate with the trinational grassland team of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) to see if we can work together. **Who:** Subcommittee volunteers

**Task:** Work with National Wildlife Federation to make their next Grasslands Summit international (at least trinational). Volunteer to work with NWF on attendees and topics. **Who:** Greg Butcher, subcommittee volunteers, Aviva Glaser and Julie Sibbing of NWF

**Task:** Write short white paper about the value to Canada, USA, and Mexico of expanding the Southern South American Migratory Grassland Birds MOU to the hemisphere. **Who:** Greg Butcher, Rob Clay, subcommittee volunteers

-- Help Partners in Flight promote All-bird Species Assessment in the Caribbean

**Task:** Help identify funding sources. **Who:** Arvind Panjabi, Greg Butcher, Steve Albert, Roz Renfrew (grassland birds), BirdsCaribbean, subcommittee volunteers

**Task:** Caribbean Species Assessment (during 2018-2019). **Who:** Arvind Panjabi, BirdsCaribbean, other experts on Caribbean Island birds.

**Task:** When the Caribbean assessment is completed, propose a State of the Birds for North America from Panama north based on Species Assessment (2020 or 2021) to NABCI and the SOTB subcommittee. **Who:** Ken Rosenberg and the NABCI SOTB team.

**NABCI Goal III:** Inform and support effective policy to advance bird conservation

**NABCI Subgoal 1.** Facilitate coordinated communication with government leadership about highest priority programs, initiatives, and needs of bird conservation

**International Subcommittee Actions:**

-- Decide whether or not to promote formal participation in the Americas Flyways Partnership

**Task:** If yes, include Americas Flyways Partnership in the two-year work plan for this committee and the two-year action plan to promote the Hemispheric Vision for the Trilateral Committee. **Who:** Greg Butcher, Deb Hahn, Rob Clay, John Beavers, subcommittee volunteers; to be reviewed by entire subcommittee

**NABCI Subgoal 2.** Support partners in the creation and implementation of science-based policies that support bird conservation

Demonstrate bird conservation's strong ties to healthy land, water, and people in order to communicate relevance beyond birds

**International Subcommittee Actions:**

-- Expand Forest Service International Program's white paper on Sustainable Development and Conservation to include activities supported by USFWS's Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund

**Task:** Review a subset of Neotrop grants (perhaps in one country such as Mexico) and describe activities that promote sustainable development and other non-avian values. **Who:** Guy Foulks, Greg Butcher, Steve Albert, subcommittee volunteers