



## North American Bird Conservation Initiative- US Committee

7-8 August 2019

US Forest Service International Programs Office, Fourth Floor, 1 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, DC

### COMPILED ACTION ITEMS, ASKS, AND TASKS REQUIRING FOLLOW UP

#### 7 August 2019

##### General

**Committee members and partners** are encouraged to think about what Subcommittee leadership roles they might fill; current and future anticipated vacancies include Communications Subcommittee (Chair and Co-Chair), Legislative and Policy Subcommittee Co-Chair, and Private and Working Lands Co-Chair.

##### National Bird Conservation Priorities Session

**Recommendation #1:** When a Priority Action is closely aligned with the goals of a NABCI Subcommittee, Subcommittee will evaluate feedback on barriers to Action Implementation and assess specific Subcommittee role in elevating Priority or reducing barriers.

**Who:** **Subcommittees**, especially **Private and Working Lands, Monitoring, and Legislative and Policy**

**Deadline:** By next NABCI meeting

**Recommendation #2:** Identify NABCI's role in overcoming barriers to successful implementation of most commonly selected "Gap" Priority Action; Develop strategy for how NABCI can best elevate this Action  
**Action/Follow Up:** Small team will use NABCI's brainstormed barriers and suggested solutions to make recommendations on 1-3 ways that NABCI can help remove specific barriers to implementation.

**Who:** Small team consisting of **Jessica Barnes, Geoff Walsh, Karen Waldrop, Brian Smith, Tom Moorman, someone from Audubon.**

**Deadline:** By next NABCI meeting

**Recommendation #3:** Evaluate what parts of NABCI's work plan serve to increase coordination and cooperation across federal agencies, and among federal and state agencies, to implement conservation policies and actions at broad scales, and use survey feedback develop recommendations for additional steps NABCI should prioritize to address this Priority Action.

**Who:** Small team consisting of **Tammy VerCauteren, Geoff Geupel**, a representative from **Jerome Ford's group**, a representative from **Gordon Myers' agency (perhaps from the Science Applications team)**

**Deadline:** By next NABCI meeting

##### 2020 Grassland Summit Asks

- Let Tammy know if you want to get involved and/or who should get an invite
- Need to raise \$100k; will any partners support this?
- **NABCI partners** will promote the Summit

##### Recovering America's Wildlife Act

- Groups encouraged to use #RecoverWildlife hashtag

- **Jude** will distribute links to [individual scientist sign-on letter](#) and [sign-on letter for private sector](#) (deadline: ASAP)

### State of the Birds Report

- Follow up on opportunities for release, promotion and distribution of report, including opportunities related to the AFWA meeting, TWS/AFS meeting, and legislative event opportunities
- **Nicole Michel** and **Karen Waldrop** will check on specific events

### Communicating the Bird Crisis

- Identify a contact person for each group that wants to participate (**all partners**)
- Distribute a link to the sign up document (**Jude**, ASAP, and put in notes)
- **Communications Subcommittee** will organize a call as soon as science paper is released; CommComm will help bridge NABCI community with bird crisis coalition
- **Jessica Barnes** will help with the social science elements of messaging/promotion/audience

### Legislative and Policy Update

#### Human Dimensions Subcommittee report and discussion

- Share abstracts from American Ornithological Society symposium
- Let Jessica know if you'd like to join their Subcommittee calls (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, 3pm Eastern time)

#### The Relevance of Bird Conservation: Uses, Successes, and Updates for Toolkit-

**Action:** Keep adding examples to the toolkit; in the meantime, think about the needs for media communications around the Bird Crisis campaign; as we build toolkit focus some of our efforts on what would support the media campaign.

- **Jude/Steve Albert** will put out a call for additional Relevancy examples (Soon-ish)
- **Committee** will send in examples from their jurisdictions and distribute the request
- **Ken Rosenberg** will provide Jude/Steve with names of media team members who can participate on relevancy toolkit team (ASAP)
- Let Greg B and Steve A know if you can recommend other audiences for their Relevancy webinar

#### Private and Working Lands Subcommittee report and discussion

- Let Geoff G/Todd F know if you'd like to see an agenda for their Private Lands Biologist forum
- **Tammy VerCauteren and EJ Williams** will review a stewardship ethic document for private lands conservation.

#### International Subcommittee report and discussion

- Send Andres and Amy names of contacts you have in different sectors internationally (**All partners**)

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#### Communications Subcommittee

- Think about who in your organization can help with leadership roles, including: Co-Chair, Webmaster, Blogmaster (**All partners**)
- **Committee members** asked to submit 1 blog per year, with a 2019 theme of National Bird Conservation Priority Actions

#### NABCI Key Messages

- **Communications Subcommittee** will develop one-pager handout based on NABCI Key Messages

#### **Monitoring Subcommittee Report and Discussion**

- **Melanie Steinkamp** will connect Gray and Ken with wetlands person in South America.
- **Melanie Steinkamp** will connect John Alexander with individuals that work on taking science and translating it for management
- **Waterbird community** encouraged to nominate/find representative to Monitoring Subcommittee

#### **US Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Strategic Plan/National Bird Conservation Priorities overlap**

- Put on next NABCI agenda: USGS presentation on challenges they are facing, and how NABCI can help address these voids.
- **Executive Committee** to follow up with leadership meeting with USFWS

#### **USFWS Staffing Updates/Waterbird Coordinator Team Report**

- Dave Gordon asks group to encourage potential member organizations to help revitalize Council (all partners)
- **Jude/Gordon** will find someone through AFWA to participate in process

#### **Partners in Flight 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- Geoff asks partners for materials to pass out to promote songbird conservation.
- Can any partners help with sponsorship?