

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



Committee Member Overview

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



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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*



Subcommittees



***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 Cicolletti, 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



NABCI Strategic Plan

2017-2021

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.



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Accomplishments

- National Bird Conservation Priorities
- Relevancy Toolkit
- Human Dimensions Success Story Map
- 2018 NABCI Highlights
- 2019 State of the Birds Report (approved)

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



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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!



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