18 August 2020

11:00 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, and Ground Rules - Gordon Myers, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission/Jerome Ford, US Fish and Wildlife Service

11:10 a.m. NABCI Coordinator Overview
Judith Scarl, NABCI
Purpose: Provide high-level overview of NABCI accomplishments, future directions, meeting themes, and meeting goals
Proposed Outcomes: Set the stage for the meeting; participants understand the flow of the meeting and know how to find information about projects that will not be discussed at meeting

11:20 Bringing Back 3 Billion Birds: 5 Game Changing Paradigms
Todd Fearer, Appalachian Mountain Joint Venture/Tammy VerCauteren, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies
NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 1, Subgoal 1: Support, develop, integrate, and promote priorities of regional, national, and international bird conservation partnerships;
NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 3, Subgoal 1: Facilitate coordinated communication with government leadership about highest priority programs, initiatives, and needs of bird conservation.
Purpose: A NABCI team has developed “5 Game Changing Paradigms,” a call to action to focus and improve how we do bird conservation. This session will provide an overview of each paradigm, detail how our community’s grassland work is a case study for employing these paradigms, and provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss recommendations for how NABCI partners can address each call to action.
Structure: 1) Overview of 5 Game Changing Paradigms and Calls to Action (Fearer); 2) Grassland Case Study linked to the Paradigms (VerCauteren); 3) BREAK; 4) Breakout Groups to discuss Calls to Action and make recommendations (all); 5) Groups report back to all attendees
Proposed Outcomes: NABCI Committee members finalize and endorse the “Bringing Back 3 Billion Birds” white paper and commit to Call to Action to employ 5 Game Changing Paradigms; identify strengths/weaknesses/needs for achieving grassland conservation; community continues to rally around increased momentum for bird conservation
Associated Materials: Bringing Back 3 Billion Birds White Paper

1:00 p.m. Break

3:00 pm Partnerships and Relevancy: NABCI’s Field Guide to Developing Partnerships
Judith Scarl, NABCI
NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 1, Subgoal 1: Support, develop, integrate, and promote priorities of regional, national, and international bird conservation partnerships.
NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 3, Subgoal 2b: Demonstrate bird conservation’s strong ties to healthy land, water, and people in order to communicate relevance beyond birds; Subgoal 2b2: Develop
initial talking points supporting bird conservation relevancy for meetings with agency leadership, funding organizations, and non-traditional partners

**Purpose**: This session will focus on NABCI’s “Field Guide to Developing Partnerships,” which provides tips and guidance on how to identify common goals, reach out to new partners, and build relationships and develop trust. This guide will help to remove barriers to leveraging government dollars with private dollars to multiply conservation impacts through partnerships, one of the National Bird Conservation Priority Actions, and it will help bird conservation professionals form unprecedented coalitions, as recommended in the 5 Game Changing Paradigms.

**Structure**: 1) Presentation on “Field Guide to Developing Partnerships”; 2) Question and answer about Field Guide; 3) Small group discussions on how Committee members and partners will use this Guide and feedback on how the Guide can be most effective;

**Proposed Outcomes**: NABCI provides direction on how to finalize Field Guide; NABCI partners follow up to use Guide’s content to strengthen partnerships

**Associated Materials**: Draft “Field Guide to Developing Partnerships”

**4:30 p.m. Happy Hour (TBD)**

**19 August 2020**

**11:00 a.m. Partnerships, Relevancy, and Racial Justice: The Benefits of Diversity, and NABCI’s Niche**

*Judith Scarl, NABCI; Jerome Ford, USFWS; additional leaders TBD*

**NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 1, Subgoal 1**: Support, develop, integrate, and promote priorities of regional, national, and international bird conservation partnerships. **NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 3, Subgoal 2b**: Demonstrate bird conservation’s strong ties to healthy land, water, and people in order to communicate relevance beyond birds;

**Purpose**: This session will expand on ideas of relevancy and partnership development through a conversation about NABCI’s role in addressing issues of racial justice. After a quick overview of ways that NABCI’s strategic plan aligns with racial justice issues, small groups will discuss next steps for NABCI in helping the bird conservation community promote diversity and support communities that are typically underrepresented in bird conservation.

**Structure**: 1) Brief overview on NABCI’s relevancy initiative and links between NABCI’s mission, vision, goals, and racial justice (Judith Scarl); 2) Overview from 2 Committee members on why this topic is important to our community (Jerome Ford and others) 3) Small discussion groups to answer specific questions and evaluate next steps forward, and report-outs; 4) Closing conversation- next steps

**Proposed Outcomes**: NABCI partners think critically about how supporting racial and environmental justice also supports bird conservation goals; NABCI commits to exploring its role in racial justice and engaging long-term to promote diversity and inclusion.

**1:00 p.m. Break**

**3:00 p.m. Recovering America’s Wildlife Act**

*Sean Saville, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Tentative)*

**NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 2, Subgoal 1d1**: Produce State of the Birds reports that synthesize science and align with key policy programs or initiatives to provide an effective communication tool to encourage science-based conservation policy

**NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 3, Subgoal 1b**: NABCI non-federal partners will develop or compile messaging that communicates how emerging legislation or funding could impact bird conservation.
**Purpose:** NABCi's 2019 State of the Birds report highlighted the important role state agencies play in bird conservation and served as a communication tool for the Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA). RAWA is part of the bold, new legislative agenda needed to support bird conservation. This session will provide an overview of the status of RAWA legislation and give partners the opportunity to ask questions.

**Preferred Outcomes:** Partners understand the status and progression of RAWA, and partners that are able to communicate about proposed legislation are equipped with the tools and strategies to communicate more effectively.

**3:45 Award Presentation and Transition**

*Gordon Myers, NC Wildlife Resources Commission/Jerome Ford, USFWS/Judy Camuso, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

**Purpose:** Present the Gary T. Myers Award to 2019 recipients; Leadership transition to new AFWA Bird Conservation Committee Chair.

**4:30 Adjourn**