



North American Bird Conservation Initiative- US Committee
13-14 January 2020
All times are in Eastern Time

Meeting Theme
Changing Populations: Birds and People

Wednesday, 13 January 2021 11am-1pm Eastern time

Welcome, Introductions, and Ground Rules

Jerome Ford, US Fish and Wildlife Service/Judy Camuso, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

NABCI Coordinator Overview

Judith Scarl, NABCI

Purpose: Provide high-level overview of NABCI accomplishments, future directions, meeting themes, and meeting goals; connect meeting sessions to NABCI bigger picture

3 Billion Birds Game-Changing Paradigms: Progress and Setting the Stage

Todd Fearer, Appalachian Mountain Joint Venture

NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 1, Subgoal 1: *Support, develop, integrate, and promote priorities of regional, national, and international bird conservation partnerships;*

Purpose: The big-picture initiatives discussed throughout this meeting all support a campaign to recover declining populations of birds. This presentation will provide a brief overview of progress under NABCI's "5 Game Changing Paradigms," including Road to Recovery science. This will set the stage for the subsequent presentations, which explore in more depth ways to build unprecedented coalitions and support human dimension science for bird population recovery.

The Role of Social Science in the 5 Game Changing Paradigms

Jessica Barnes, NABCI/Virginia Tech, Tammy VerCauteren, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 1, Subgoal 1: *Promote and advance the use of ecological and social science in design and evaluation of bird conservation practices; Enable bird conservation partners to integrate human dimensions science and tools into bird conservation efforts.*

Purpose: From effectively building a coalition, to advancing science to address bird declines, to developing messaging that resonates with different constituencies, every aspect of the 5 Game Changing Paradigms requires social science integrated with biological science to achieve success. The Human Dimensions Subcommittee of NABCI will propose how the Five Game Changing Paradigms can be adapted to be more inclusive of social science, allowing NABCI to articulate to partners the role social science can offer and providing a tool to recruit social scientists to the coalition. This session will enable partners to give feedback on social science needs associated with each paradigm as we modify our "business as usual" approach to reverse bird population declines.

Proposed Outcomes: NABCI partners weigh in to make the 5 Game Changing Paradigms inclusive of human dimensions, clearly articulating high priority social science needs that will help remove barriers to bird population recovery and human engagement in bird conservation.

Lunch Break 1-3pm Eastern Time

Wednesday, 13 January 2021 3-5pm Eastern time

Unprecedented Coalitions: Relevancy and Partnerships

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 provide an overview of and seek approval for three NABCI documents, all of which help bird conservation professionals understand, leverage, and promote the relevance of bird conservation to build broader and more effective partnerships. Speakers will highlight the concepts from these documents with case studies of creative partnerships that advance conservation and other human goals. In breakout groups, meeting participants will "workshop" a series of partnerships in progress to provide advice and opportunities for support.

Overview and Approval of NABCI's Field Guide to Developing Partnerships

Judith Scarl, NABCI

Overview and Approval of Relevancy Toolkit 2.0

Steve Albert, Institute for Bird Populations

Overview and Approval of International Relevancy Brochures

Greg Butcher, US Forest Service/ Andrés Anchondo, American Bird Conservancy

Case Studies: Creative Partnerships for Complementary Goals

Birds and Brews: Protecting Rivers and Birds in the Southwest

Steven Prager, Audubon Southwest

Prioritizing Community Restoration and Youth Engagement in Priority Bird Conservation Areas

Ken Elkins, Community Conservation Manager, Audubon CT and Audubon NY

Breakout Groups: "Workshopping" partnerships?

~5 partners will come prepared to share information on creative partnerships they are working on that strive to achieve multiple benefits, working towards complementary outcomes that benefit birds and people. Each breakout team will provide feedback on these developing partnerships and offer opportunities for collaboration or other support.

Wednesday, 13 January from 5:15-6:00 Eastern Time- HAPPY HOUR!

Thursday, 14 January from 11am to 1pm Eastern Time

Unprecedented Coalitions: NABCI's Role in Advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice in Bird Conservation

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: In August 2020, NABCI Committee members voted unanimously to continue to explore NABCI's niche in DEI work, and a team used feedback from that meeting to develop a proposal for

NABCI's role in DEI, along with specific actions NABCI can take to promote DEI. In this session: 1) The team will present its recommendations to NABCI and seek approval and next steps; 2) Individuals from two organizations with well-developed DEI initiatives will provide an overview of their efforts and share lessons learned; 3) NABCI partners will identify most pressing needs for initial Community of Practice efforts.

NABCI Proposal

Judith Scarl, NABCI

DEI Initiatives: Models and Lessons Learned

David Buggs, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Sue Bonfield, Executive Director, Environment for the Americas

Breakout Groups: NABCI Community of Practice Needs

NABCI will propose the development of a Community of Practice, a forum where partners can share information and lessons learned on DEI initiatives, and which will provide a system of accountability for partners to commit to and report back on progress on specific DEI goals. In a series of breakout groups, NABCI partners will identify highest priority needs for topics to be addressed in such a community.

3:00-5:00pm Eastern Time: NABCI Business Meeting (Committee Members Only)

Strategic Planning

NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 1, Subgoal 1d: *Maintain an effective US NABCI Committee.*

Ross Simons, Simons and Associates/Judith Scarl, NABCI

Purpose: 1) Provide high-level overview of accomplishments over the last 4 years, as well as open questions and opportunities moving forward; 2) Provide an overview of NABCI's strategic planning process, summarize results from December 2020 key stakeholder interviews, and provide Committee members with an opportunity to ask questions and provide input

NABCI Financial Contributions

NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 1, Subgoal 1d: *Maintain an effective US NABCI Committee.*

Purpose: In August 2017, NABCI adopted a funding model establishing goals for NGO direct financial contributions to NABCI under a "tiered system." Under this model, the tiers will increase as of 2021. This conversation will remind Committee members of the funding model and check in on whether the 2021 expected funding increase remains appropriate.

Recognizing Leadership and Accomplishment: Gary T. Myers 2021 Award Nominations

NABCI 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Goal 1, Subgoal 2c: *Recognize leadership within the bird conservation community.*

Dave Treviño, National Park Service

Purpose: Awards Subcommittee will present their recommendations for the 2021 Gary T. Myers award.