



**North American Bird Conservation Initiative- U.S. Committee**  
**24-25 February 2022**  
*All times are in Eastern Time*

**Meeting Theme**

One Health: Interconnectivity between humans, animals, and our shared environment.

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**Thursday, 24 February 2022 11 am-1 pm Eastern time**

**11:00a, Welcome, Introductions, and Agreements**

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

**11:25a, NABCI Coordinator Overview**

*Susana Mateos, U.S. NABCI*

Purpose: Provide a high-level overview of NABCI accomplishments, future directions, meeting themes, and meeting goals

Proposed Outcomes: Set the stage for the meeting; participants understand NABCI's accomplishments and see how Committee and Subcommittee work fits together and advances NABCI's strategic plan

**11:35a, 3 Billion Birds Update**

*Todd Fearer, Appalachian Mountain Joint Venture*

*Nanette Seto, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Migratory Bird Program*

Addressing the Environmental One Health Goal

Purpose: 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. Nanette will provide an update on the Service's 3 Billion Birds response effort. Both presentations will strengthen the 3 billion birds conservation effort.

Proposed Outcomes: NABCI Committee members will learn about the 3BB response and how this effort is framing the NABCI Strategic Plan.

**11:55a, Stretch/Bio Break**

**12:00p, Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)**

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

Addressing the Environmental One Health Goal

Purpose: Provide an overview of the RAWA legislation and where it stands.

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.

**12:10p, State of the Birds Report: Continued Communication**

*Miyoko Chu, Cornell Lab of Ornithology*

*Ken Rosenberg, Cornell Lab of Ornithology*

Addressing the Environmental One Health Goal

Purpose: Short session on Report development and communication strategies.

Preferred Outcomes: NABCI partners are encouraged to continue using Report to communicate about bird declines and catalyze connections and support among partners including international and corporate partners. Generate public awareness of the continuing dramatic loss of U.S. birds and the need for a new scale of conservation funding and action. Committee understands their role in the Report development.

**12:35p, NABCI Human Dimensions Subcommittee Updates and Social Science Coordinator (SSC) updates**

*Tammy VerCauteren, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies*

Addressing the Environmental One Health Goal

Purpose: Review of high-level goals from work plan, next steps for Advisory Team,

Preferred Outcomes: Committee members understand the next steps for Subcommittee and Social Science Coordinator Position.

**12:50p, Agenda Flex Time**

*This time will be reserved to revisit discussion items that required more input or to allow productive discussions to continue during earlier agenda items while still ensuring we are able to adequately cover all topics.*

**Lunch 1:00-2:30 (on your own)****2:30p, Partners in Flight: Visioning Update**

*Bob Ford, US Fish and Wildlife Service*

Addressing the Environmental One Health Goal

Purpose: Brief summary on the PIF's 2022 Visioning Steering Committee meeting. Specifically how the steering committee can ensure that PIF remains a driving force in bird conservation over the coming decades.

Preferred Outcomes: Support, develop, integrate, and promote priorities of regional, national, and international bird conservation partnerships.

**2:45p, Canada Migratory Birds and Wildlife Health Update**

*Ryan Zimmerling and Natalie Savoie, Canadian Wildlife Service*

**Addressing the Environmental One Health Goal**

**Purpose:** Update on Migratory Bird Work in Canada. This presentation will provide an overview of Canada's Migratory Bird Conservation progress, potential future directions, and opportunities for collaboration.

**Preferred Outcomes:** US NABCI Committee understands Canada's progress and considers opportunities for collaboration as we establish future priorities and projects.

**3:00p, U.S. Shorebird Conservation Partnership Update**

*Brad Andres, US Fish and Wildlife Service*

**Addressing the Environmental One Health Goal**

**Purpose:** Update on the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Partnership, past accomplishments and future directions. Human wellness interweaved into the USSCP partner projects.

**Preferred Outcomes:** NABCI Committee understands USSCP's progress and considers opportunities for collaboration as they establish future priorities.

**3:20p, Stretch Break****3:25p, Infrastructure Bill Conversations related to Bird Conservation**

*Devin DeMario, AFWA Government Affairs*

**Addressing the Environmental and Human One Health Goals**

**Purpose:** Provide update on Federal Agency Infrastructure status and goals.

**Preferred Outcomes:** U.S. NABCI members understand how Infrastructure Bill can benefit bird conservation and have Environmental Justice goals met as well.

**3:45p, Private and Working Lands Subcommittee Report**

*Todd Fearer, Appalachian Mountain Joint Venture*

**Addressing the Environmental One Health Goal**

**Purpose:** Provide status and details of the Private Lands Subcommittee, and the future of subcommittee leadership. Todd will still be coordinating one Work Plan project.

**Preferred Outcomes:** NABCI Committee organizations take into account the subcommittee work plan goals when discussing NABCI's Strategic Planning in the business meeting.

**4:00p, Government Affairs and Partner Engagement Subcommittee Report**

*Jennifer Cipolletti, American Bird Conservancy and Amelia-Juliette Demery, Cornell University*

**Purpose:** Provide Committee members with proposed 2022-2025 Work Plan and Subcommittee name change. Outline the key differences and approaches to Subcommittee specifically NABCI NGO partner involvement in informing and supporting effective policy to advance bird conservation.

**Proposed Outcomes:** Committee members vote on the Subcommittee's charge and Work Plan. Possible interest or engagement from NGO partners at the NABCI meeting.

**4:25p, NABCI Communications Subcommittee Polls**

*Susana Mateos, U.S. NABCI and Scott Anderson, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission*

**4:30p, End of First NABCI Committee Meeting Day**

## **Friday, 25 February from 11 am to 1 pm Eastern Time**

### **11:00a, Re-frame One Health and NABCI Committee Meeting**

*Susana Mateos, U.S. NABCI*

### **11:10a, Central Grasslands Summit Report**

*Tammy VerCauteren, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies*

#### **Addressing the Environmental and Human One Health Goals**

**Purpose:** Report on Central Grasslands Summit, the inclusion of traditional knowledge systems, and next steps. Highlight partners and the interdisciplinary approach to grassland conservation.

### **11:25a, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Viruses in Wild Birds**

*Camille Hopkins, USGS Ecosystems Mission Area and Andy M. Ramey, USGS*

#### **Addressing the Environmental and Animal One Health Goals**

**Purpose:** The main objective is to provide information that will assist wildlife managers in developing mitigation strategies or approaches for dealing with outbreaks of A/goose/Guangdong/1/1996, a highly pathogenic avian influenza (Gs/GD HPAI) in wild birds in the form of preparedness, surveillance, research, communications, and targeted management actions. Amplifying the relevance to susceptible North American migratory birds and connections with movement ecology.

**Preferred Outcomes:** U.S. NABCI members are aware of apparent increasing frequency of outbreaks of HPAI among wild birds globally. Members may consider raising their situational awareness regarding this important emergent wildlife disease.

### **11:45a, USDA, USFS, and USFWS Meeting Report**

*Jerome Ford, US Fish and Wildlife Service*

#### **Addressing the Environmental One Health Goal**

**Purpose:** This presentation will provide an overview of the USFWS's collaboration with the USDA and the US Forest Service. This will set the stage for the Western Forest Initiative.

### **11:55p, Western Forest Initiative:**

*Dave Smith, Intermountain West Joint Venture*

#### **Addressing the Environmental and Human One Health Goals**

**Purpose:** Overview of the Western Forest Initiative, an example of collaboration and support of human health for bird population recovery. Topics related to working with rural communities and fire management.

**12:10p, NABCI's Role in Incorporating Genuine Equity, Inclusion, and Justice in Bird Conservation**

*Susana Mateos, U.S. NABCI and Nicole Michel, National Audubon Society*

Purpose: Reflect on NABCI's approach to weaving Equity and Inclusion in the Bird Conservation Committee and future goals. Visualize NABCI's intentional and value-added approach to the bird conservation community.

Preferred Outcomes: NABCI Committee reflects on our responsibility to genuinely engage with new partnerships and to lead with equity.

**1:00p, Adjourn Public Session**

**Social Time is from 4:45-5:30p ET. See you there.**

**1:00 pm Eastern Time- Public Session Ends**

**1:00-2:30p, Break (move to closed session- NABCI Committee members only)**

**2:30-4:30 NABCI Business/Governance**

**2:35p, NABCI Budget Review and Needs**

**2:50p, 2022-2026 Strategic Planning Session**

**4:15p, NABCI Membership**

**4:30p, Adjourn**

THANK YOU!!