



North American Bird Conservation Initiative- U.S. Committee
August 9th and 10th, 2022
All times are in Eastern Time

Meeting Theme:
Reimagining Conservation

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 10:00 am-5 pm Eastern time

10:00a, Networking and light Breakfast items

10:30a, Welcome and Introductions

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

10:45a, NABCI Coordinator Overview

Susana Mateos, U.S. NABCI

Purpose: Provide a high-level overview of NABCI accomplishments, future directions, meeting themes, and meeting goals. Introduce new Committee members.

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

10:55a, NABCI Social Science Coordinator and Human Dimensions Subcommittee

Katie Holland, NABCI & Road to Recovery Social Science Coordinator

Purpose: Review high-level goals from the work plan and introduce the new NABCI/Road to Recovery Social Science Coordinator

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

11:15a, Central Grasslands Summit and Indigenous Engagement

Tammy VerCauteren, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

Purpose: Share the Central Grasslands Summit's approach and relationship building with Indigenous partners.

Preferred Outcomes: Committee understands there are many ways to engage with partners.

11:35a, Break

11:40a, Equity and Inclusion in Conservation Discussion and Activities

Susana Mateos, U.S. NABCI, Nicole Michel, National Audubon Society, Elva Manquera-DeShields, Klamath Bird Observatory, and Renee Chi, Bureau of Land Management

Purpose: Reflect on our collective approach to developing a culture that values equity and inclusion in the conservation community.

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

1:00p, Lunch

2:30p, Equity and Inclusion in Conservation Discussion and Activities Continued

3:20p, Break

3:25p, NABCI Communications Subcommittee Role in Broader Conservation Network

Scott Anderson, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Purpose: Discuss the role(s) of the NABCI Communications Subcommittee.

Preferred Outcomes: NABCI Committee discusses how communication among and through partners can be enhanced, developing a common understanding of both partner needs and the roles, tools, and resources of the committee.

4:00 p, State of the Birds Report: Release and Committee Responsibilities

Miyoko Chu, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Purpose: Session on Report development, communication strategies, and partnership rollout.

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.

4:25p, USFWS Migratory Bird Program Update

Eric Kershner, USFWS and Jerome Ford, USFWS

Purpose: Provide updates on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Eagle Rulemaking. Provide updates on the Partners in Flight and United States Shorebird Conservation Plan Coordinator roles.

Preferred Outcomes: NABCI Committee is aware of the next steps for USFWS Migratory Bird Program in regard to rulemaking and Coordinator positions.

4:50p, Agenda Flex Time

5:00p, End of Day 1 Sessions

Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 10:00 am-2 pm Eastern time

10:30a, Government Affairs and Partner Engagement Subcommittee Report and policy update

Jennifer Cipolletti, American Bird Conservancy

Purpose: Provide Committee members brief Subcommittee updates. Share how the Subcommittee plans to address the NABCI strategic plan goals specifically Goal 4 after being approved by the Executive Committee. Highlight the Subcommittee's involvement in the State of the Birds Report. Provide brief policy updates including the status of Recovering America's Wildlife Act, the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, and America the Beautiful

Proposed Outcomes: Committee understands how the Subcommittee will address the NABCI strategic plan and is updated on relevant policy items.

10:50a, Avian Knowledge Network (AKN): Leveraging Partnerships, Data, and Technology to Revolutionize Avian Conservation and Management

John Alexander, Klamath Bird Observatory

Purpose: Demonstrate how AKN is actively advancing NABCI strategic planning goals.
Preferred Outcomes: Build awareness about links between AKN and NACI priorities and goals and opportunities for partners to get involved. Seek U.S. Committee support for and advice about the AKN Steering Committee's collaboration with the Council for Migratory Birds to integrate and leverage investments in a set of common AKN priorities that enable the AKN to inform and support partner efforts to meet NABCI bird conservation priorities. Explore how AKN can more directly support NABCI efforts including through working with the State of the Birds and Monitoring subcommittees.

11:25a, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) Bird Conservation Committee Working Group Role with NABCI Committee Concept

Judy Camuso, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Susana Mateos, U.S. NABCI, and Alicia Hardin, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Purpose: Provide a rotation concept to engage AFWA Bird Conservation Committee work groups in the NABCI Committee.

Preferred Outcomes: NABCI Committee commits to further discussion and vote at the winter 2023 NABCI Committee meeting.

11:50a, Concluding Remarks and End of Public Sessions

12:10p, NABCI Strategic Plan

1:30p, Next NABCI coordinator discussions

2:00p, End of Business Session