

2023 U.S. NABCI Summer Meeting (16 – 17 August 2023)

Overview

Day 1 (8/16)

10:30 am – 4:30 pm EST

Day 2 (8/17)

10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Theme

Refocusing on the Strategic Plan for Effective Bird Conservation Partnerships

Agenda

Wednesday (8/16)

10:30 am – Welcome and Chair Introductions

Judy Camuso, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

10:45 am – Coordinator Overview

Bradley Wilkinson, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Purpose: Provide a broad overview regarding the status of US NABCI, including recent accomplishments, new directions, meeting themes, and proposed goals

Proposed Outcomes: Clearly define the goal of the meeting, bring together participants in a unified understanding of the status of US NABCI, refocus on the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan

11:00 am – Bird Conservation Legislative Update

Jesse Walls, National Audubon Society

Purpose: Briefly communicate current legislative activities and opportunities for engagement related to bird conservation, especially those related to advancing the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan

Proposed Outcomes: Coordinate legislative priorities for US NABCI moving forward, raise awareness of participatory challenges related to the Subcommittee

11:10 am – Recovering America's Wildlife Act Status Report

Sean Saville, Alliance for America's Fish and Wildlife

Purpose: Communicate to US NABCI the current status of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, educate participants about the goals and effects of the proposed legislation

Proposed Outcomes: Ensure US NABCI is aware of all relevant legislative activities surrounding the Act

11:30 am – Update on Proposed Changes to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Eric Kershner, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Purpose: Provide an overview of any and all upcoming changes to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act recently or soon-to-be proposed by the USFWS

Proposed Outcomes: Ensure that US NABCI is fully educated concerning all recently or soon-to-be proposed changes to the MBTA. Provide an opportunity to discuss how new changes may relate to bird conservation in an educational forum

11:50 am – BREAK

12:00 pm – Discussion of Linking DEI CoP and the Strategic Plan

Nicole Michel, National Audubon Society

Purpose: Provide a brief overview of recent activities undertaken by the DEI Community of Practice. Communicate the importance of the DEI CoP to advancing the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. Solicit feedback from US NABCI about topics of interest and methods for increasing participation, especially among leadership

Proposed Outcomes: Identify future discussions and educational topics for US NABCI hosted by the DEI CoP, reaffirm the importance of the DEI CoP to implementing the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, develop plans for intentional participation in the DEI CoP by US NABCI leadership

1:15 pm – LUNCH (on your own)

2:30 pm – Identifying Overlap Between Road to Recovery, NABCI, and the Strategic Plan

Paul Schmidt, Georgetown University

Purpose: Provide a brief update to US NABCI on the recent activities related to Road to Recovery. Identify areas of common effort and discuss how US NABCI can better partner with Road to Recovery. Examine how the goals of Road to Recovery align with the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan

Proposed Outcomes: Develop a roadmap for increased communication and partnership between US NABCI and Road to Recovery, ensuring efforts are not duplicative but additive

3:30 pm – BREAK

3:50 pm – Social Science and the State of the Birds Report

Katie Holland, Virginia Tech

Purpose: Provide a brief overview of recent activities related to the Human Dimensions Subcommittee. Primarily provide for an opportunity to discuss if and how US NABCI can more fully integrate social science into the State of the Birds Report to more effectively align with the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan

Proposed Outcomes: Discuss the possibility of including social science principles in the State of the Birds Reports. Identify opportunities and strategies for aligning the State of the Birds Report with relevant social science principles if applicable

4:30 pm – End of Day 1 Sessions, Additional Flex Time

6:30 pm – Happy Hour and Networking at Wunder Garten

Thursday (8/17)

10:30 am – Updated International Subcommittee Work Plan

Steve Albert, Institute for Bird Populations

Purpose: Share with US NABCI an updated Work Plan for the Subcommittee. Highlight especially how the new Plan addresses and advances the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan

Proposed Outcomes: Ensure that US NABCI is familiar with all activities related to the Subcommittee, and how the Subcommittee contributes to implementation of the Strategic Plan

10:50 am – Understanding Conservation Investment Strategies

Scott Johnston, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Purpose: Provide a basic overview of how Conservation Investment Strategies function, with relevant examples. Discuss if and how CIS may align with the US NABCI 2022-2027 Strategic Plan

Proposed Outcomes: Ensure that US NABCI is aware of CIS, and how they function. Develop opportunities for future discussions about incorporating CIS mechanisms into US NABCI if desired

11:10 am – Discussion of the NABCI 25th Anniversary and Communication Strategies

Scott Anderson, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Purpose: Provide for a discussion concerning communications opportunities related to the 25th Anniversary of US NABCI

Proposed Outcomes: Identify communication priorities and unify messaging related to the upcoming US NABCI anniversary, especially those which advance the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan

12:00 pm – Concluding Remarks, End of Public Sessions

12:10pm – Convene the Business Session

12:15 pm – Restructuring the Private And Working Lands Subcommittee

1:15 pm – Restructuring the Government Affairs and Partner Engagement Subcommittee

2:00 pm – End of Business Session, Additional Flex Time