



**Partners in Flight/Shorebird/Waterbird Working Group**  
**Chair: Sara Schweitzer, NC Wildlife Resources Commission**  
**Vice-Chair: Eric Gardner, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**85<sup>th</sup> North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference**  
**Hilton Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska**

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**  
**3:00 – 5:00 PM, Meeting Room: TBD**

**3:00 PM Welcome/Introductions/Review Agenda and September 2019 minutes**  
*Sara Schweitzer, NC Wildlife Resources Commission*

**3:15 PM Goal 1: Integrate outcomes of landbird, shorebird, and waterbird initiatives**  
*Updates from Bird Conservation Plan Initiatives (PIF, USSCP, Waterbirds)*

Partners in Flight (Geoff Geupel, Point Blue and John Alexander, Klamath Bird Observatory)

- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Landbird conservation initiatives with public and private lands partners
- PIF and JVs – looking to the future

US Shorebird Conservation Plan Partners / Council (TBA)

- Addressing threats: hunting, coastal engineering, human disturbance, predation, etc.
- Shorebird population sizes and trends paper
- AFSI and PACI achievements; new Midcontinent Initiative

Waterbirds of the Americas Conservation Plan Council (TBA)

- New Waterbird Council members; next steps

**4:00 PM Goal 2: Clearly identify significant threats to landbird, shorebird, and waterbird populations**  
*Update on threats within birds' airspace habitat – Incidental Take & M-Opinion codified; Other*

**4:15 PM Goal 3: Evaluate new strategies for bird conservation action and make recommendations to AFWA leadership: Avian Conservation Data Management – update & next steps (John Alexander, Klamath Bird Observatory and Avian Knowledge Network)**

**4:30 PM Goal 4: Support policies, legislation, and funding initiatives that favor landbird, shorebird, and waterbird protection and restoration.**

*Identify high priority issues affecting conservation of landbird, shorebird, and waterbird populations and habitats and provide recommendations on these issues to the Bird Conservation Committee.*

- Restoring America's Wildlife Act, H.R. 3742
- Migratory Bird Protection Act, H.R. 5552
- Interior Appropriations spending agreement for FY2020
  - Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act
  - Migratory Bird Joint Ventures
  - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
  - State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

**4:45 PM Further Discussion; Items for read-out to BCC II**

**5:00 PM Adjourn**