



WATERFOWL WORKING GROUP

Chair: Jeff Ver Steeg (CO)

Vice-Chair: Craig LeSchack (DU)

WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2023

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (CDT)

Room: Gateway A - Marriott Lower Level

DRAFT Agenda – 03-16-23

Presenters are asked to **recommend actions** for consideration, if appropriate.

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| 1:00 PM | Welcome / Introductions / Review Agenda
Jeff Ver Steeg (CO) |
| 1:10 | 2022-23 Work Plan Review
Craig LeSchack (DU) |
| 1:15 | Changes to NAWCA – Small Grant and Standard Grant Programs
Jerome Ford / Ken Richkus (USFWS) |
| 1:30 | NAWMP (~10 min each topic)
1. NAWMP Integration Coordination – Diane Eggeman
2. NAWMP HD-PET – Cindy Longmire (DJ Case)
3. NAWMP Communications – Joe Benedict (TN) / Dean Smith (AFWA)
4. 2024 NAWMP Update – Tim Sopuck (ECCC) / Tom Moorman (DU) |
| 2:15 | Wildlife Viewer Survey
Shelly Plante (TX) |
| 2:30 | Partners for Prairie Wetland Conservation
Ross Melinchuk |
| 2:50 | Incidental Take (Proposed Rule)
Jerome Ford / Ken Richkus (USFWS) |

Short Health Break

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- 3:10 **National Flyway Council Report**
 Todd Bishop, (IA)
- 3:25 **Pathways 2023 – Human Dimension Conference**
 Dean Smith (AFWA)
- 3:30 **JV8 – Central Grasslands Conservation Initiative**
 Robert M. Perez, Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture Coordinator (ABC)
- 4:00 **Legislative / Budget Priorities**
 Kurt Thiede (AFWA)
- 4:15 **Federal Duck Stamp (45-day expiry of e-Stamp)**
 Kurt Thiede (AFWA)
- 4:30 **HPAI – Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Update**
 Ken Richkus (USFWS), Ryan Zimmerling (CWS)
- 4:45: **Action Items Review & Other Business**
 Craig LeSchack (DU)
- 4:55 **Wrap-up**
 Jeff Ver Steeg (CO)
- 5:00 **Adjourn**