



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

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Thursday, March 29, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Meeting Room: Fusion

10:00 AM Welcome/Introductions/Review Agenda

Sara Schweitzer, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
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10:10 AM Goal 1: Integrate outcomes of landbird, shorebird, and waterbird initiatives

1. Managing species conflicts – coordinated effort among agencies (Laurel Barnhill, USFWS)
2. Avian predation: A fisheries perspective (Jim Fredericks, Idaho Department of Fish & Game)
3. Implementation of common or similar priority actions within Conservation Plans
 - a. Atlantic Coast Joint Venture's coastal marsh initiative (Aimee Weldon, ACJV Coordinator, USFWS; Amy Tegeler, SCDNR, Chair, ACJV Black Rail WG)
4. Participate in PIF, USSCP, and Waterbird Council meetings and contribute to initiatives
 - a. Outcomes from PIF VI and PIF Steering Committee meetings (Geoff Geupel, Point Blue Conservation Science)
 - b. Outcomes from Western Hemisphere Shorebird Group meeting and USSCP Council meetings (proxy for Brad Andres, USSCP Coordinator, USFWS)

11:00 AM Goal 2: Clearly identify significant threats to landbird, shorebird, and waterbird populations

1. Discussion: Address impacts to birds from building collisions; and new initiatives relative to impacts of pesticides on bird food resources – roles that WG might play to bring attention to and reduce these threat issues (EJ Williams, American Bird Conservancy)

11:15 AM Goal 3: Evaluate new strategies for bird conservation action and make recommendations to AFWA leadership

1. Advance data management & assessment tools, especially for full-annual-cycle projects
 - a. Outcomes from workshops and/or webinars: Avian Conservation Data Management Workshop, Virginia Beach, VA (Ruth Boettcher, VDGIF)
 - b. Multi-state projects' data management – updates (John Alexander, Klamath Bird Observatory)

11:40 AM Goal 4: Support policies, legislation, and funding initiatives that favor landbird, shorebird, and waterbird protection and restoration.

1. 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.
 - a. January 10, 2018 letter to Secretary Zinke about MBTA interpretation and implementation – follow-up suggestions from the WG to BCC?
 - b. Restoring America's Wildlife Act – actions to enhance support

11:50 AM Further Discussion; Items for read-out to BCC II

12:00 PM Adjourn