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

107th AFWA Annual Meeting
Snowbird Resort, Sandy, Utah

Monday, September 11, 2017
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Meeting Room TBD

The Partners In Flight/Shorebird/Waterbird Working Group is 1 of 4 Working Groups of the Bird Conservation Committee of AFWA. The PIF/SB/WB WG serves as a forum for discussion of initiative-related issues among representatives of State, Territorial, and Provincial fish and wildlife agencies, and other Association organizations. The WG may advance issues to the BCC from which information and requests can be presented to state directors.

3:00 PM Welcome/Introductions/Review Agenda

Sara Schweitzer, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
Eric Gardner, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

3:10 PM Goal 1: Bird Conservation Plan Partnerships – integrate outcomes of initiatives

- **Partnerships furthering avian conservation – private and public lands**
 - State of the Birds Report – 2017 Farm Bill (Geoff Geupel, Chair PIF SC, Point Blue)
 - Grassland Birds WG (TBD)
 - Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network – U.S. Committee (Brad Andres, Coordinator USSCP, USFWS)
 - New Chair, Rob Penner, TNC, Kansas
 - Engaging WHSRN sites with shorebird management strategies
 - Double-crested Cormorant population management – federal and state agencies coordination (Brad Bortner, USFWS)
 - Development of a framework for management of conflict species
 - Melding biological goals for birds with goals for human well-being (Hemispheric vision of NABCI) (Brad Andres, USSCP Coordinator, USFWS)
- **Projects underway – accomplishments**
 - Multi-state Desert Thrasher WG (Geoff Geupel, Chair PIF SC, Point Blue)
 - Multi-state Short-eared Owl project (John Alexander, Klamath Bird Observatory)
 - Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative and Pacific Americas Shorebird Conservation Strategy (Brad Andres, Coordinator USSCP, USFWS)
 - International and multi-state projects underway
- **Meetings – WG workshops & scientific papers**
 - Partners in Flight 6th International Conference with the Sociedad Mesoamericana para la Biología y la Conservación, San Jose, Costa Rica, Oct. 30 – Nov. 03, 2017 (Geoff Geupel, Chair PIF SC, Point Blue)
 - 7th Western Hemisphere Shorebird Group meeting, Paracas, Peru, Nov. 10-14, 2017 (Brad Andres, Coordinator USSCP, USFWS)

4:10 PM Goal 2: Identify Threats

- **Feral & Free-ranging Cats WG: Summary** Sara Schweitzer (NCWRC), Colin Gillin (Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife)

4:20 PM Goal 3: To evaluate alternative strategies for bird conservation action, come to agreement, and make recommendations to AFWA leadership

- **Data Management and Sharing: Summary of work on Actions**
 - Avian Conservation Assessment Database (ACAD) – accomplishments (Geoff Geupel, Chair PIF SC, Point Blue)
 - Avian Knowledge Network (AKN) – use by multi-state projects (John Alexander, Klamath Bird Observatory)

4:35 PM Further Discussion; review 2017 Work Plan; Items for read-out to BCC II

5:00 PM Adjourn