



ASSOCIATION of
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WATERFOWL WORKING GROUP

Chair: Diane Eggeman (FWC);
Vice Chair: Craig LeSchack (DU)

Tuesday, September 12 2017
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

AFWA Annual Meeting 2017
Room TBD / Snowbird Resort
Snowbird, Utah

Agenda

- 8:00 am **Welcome / Introductions / Review Agenda (10 min)**
Diane Eggeman, FWC; Craig LeSchack, DU Inc.
- 8:10 **March 2017 Action Items and 2018 Work Plan Review (15 min)**
Craig LeSchack, DU Inc.
- 8:25 **Legislative / Budget Priorities (15 min)**
Jen Mock Schaefer, AFWA; Margaret Everson, DU Inc.
- 8:40 **State Contributions to Canada–2016-17 Report & Work Plan Update (15 min)**
Dave Kostersky, DUC
- 8:55 **National HIP Proposal (15 min)**
Dave Morrison, TPWD
- 9:10 **Nature Conservancy of Canada - Grassland Initiatives (20 min)**
Kevin Teneycke, NCC
- 9:30 **Break (15 minutes)**

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- 9:45 **NAWMP Hunter, Viewer, Public Surveys – Preliminary Results (45 min)**
David Fulton, University of Minnesota & USGS Cooperative Research Unit
- 10:30 **Nature of Americans (25 min)**
Dave Case, DJ Case & Associates
- 10:55 **Waterfowl Professionals Survey (20 min)**
Dale Humburg, IIC Chair
- 11:15 **Future of Waterfowl II Workshop (15 min)**
Dave Case, DJ Case & Associates on behalf of Paul Padding, USFWS / Bob Clark, CWS
- 11:30 **2018 NAWMP Update Steering Committee / NAWMP 2012 Implementation Status (15 min)**
Diane Eggeman, FWC / Dale Humburg, IIC Chair
- 11:45 **Action Items Review**
Diane Eggeman, FWC
- 12:00 **Adjourn**

Presenters are asked to identify or recommend actions for consideration by the WJG and/or
BCC

**Waterfowl Working Group
Action Items – March 2017**

ACTION: Due to ongoing concerns about USFWS funding for the migratory bird program, the Bird Conservation Committee requests that the AFWA President send a letter to USFWS Director that conveys the benefits of the migratory bird program and requests that USFWS increase resources to implement migratory bird conservation across the country.

ACTION: The Bird Conservation Committee requests that the AFWA President send a letter to the Department Agriculture expressing the immediate urgency that NRCS take appropriate action to:

- Resume use of current, technically rigorous methods for wetland determination***
- Ensure intent of Swampbuster is implemented and public benefits of wetlands are retained***
- Provide a commitment to use appropriate data necessary to accurately delineate wetlands, consistent with the OIG report and the Congressional intent of Swampbuster provisions.***

Action Item Summary:

- 1. Reconvene Water Task Team; Tom Moorman will chair.**
- 2. Resubmit Water Task Team proposal for 2018 North American session.**
- 3. Watch and engage on WOTUS**
- 4. Implement State Contributions Action Plan annual work plan with update at Sept. WWG meeting.**
- 5. Work with Ed Penny to re-engage Federal Duck Stamp Task Force to activities outlined in the WWG annual work plan.**
- 6. NRCS Wetland Conservation Provisions in the PPR - Eric Lindstrom and John Devney will prepare a brief paragraph outlining the issue and the request from AFWA for Diane to bring forward to the BCC II meeting.**