

## **USSCP Council Teleconference – 4 December 2018**

Present: Brad Andres, Stephen Brown, Catherine Hickey, Robert Penner, Judith Scarl, Bill Vermillion

**Council Structure.** We discussed the current structure and proposed additions to the USSCP Council. It was agreed to extend an invitation to Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative (AFSI) and Pacific Americas Shorebird Conservation Strategy (PASCS) Steering Committees for recommendation of a USA member to serve on the USSCP Council. It was recommended that a similar invitation be sent to the Alaska Shorebird Working Group, with an emphasis on the link to the East Asian – Australasian Flyway. Several other positions, such as representative to the NABCI Private Lands, Communications, and Human Dimensions Working Groups would remain in a role as consultant to the USSCP Council. The Council will seek representatives to fill other NABCI working group needs as they arise. Recruitment for other tasks and committees should be pursued as needed. Continued commitment of current councilors should be affirmed.

Action: Confirm and extend invitations for USA members of the AFSI and PASCS Steering Committees and the Alaska Shorebird Working Group (Brad Andres, on behalf of the Council; 14 Dec 2018).

Action: Affirm continued participation by current Council members (Brian Smith; 14 Dec 2018).

Besides the positions described above, there was discussion about other entities to invite on the USSCP Council. Suggestions for possible members include:

- 1) National Audubon (perhaps through the AFSI or PASCS),
- 2) Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology,
- 3) American Bird Conservancy (Gulf Coast Program), and
- 4) Ducks Unlimited.

Additional state representation might be increased by reaching out to the shorebird working groups of the Flyway Councils' Nongame Technical Committees. Based on the past list of USSCP advisors, the current and potential membership addresses many of these organization, with the exception of BLM or Forest Service and university representation.

Action: Current USSCP Council suggest any additional potential members for the Council (14 Dec 2018). Additional members put up for "vote" by 21 Dec 2018.

**USSCP Update.** An potential update/accomplishment report for the USSCP, following the NABSI Priorities framework was discussed, and using this format was recommended. Background information on the history of the USSCP and Council will not fit within the priorities framework but could be added as an introduction.

Action: Re-work USSCP update outline using the NABCI Priorities as the framework (Brad Andres; attached as separate document).

### **Current USSCP Council and Roles**

Chair – Brian Smith (USFWS)

Vice Chair – Catherine Hickey (Point Blue)

AFWA PIF/Shorebird/Waterbird Working Group – Sara Schweitzer (NC Wildlife Resources Commission)

PRISM Committee Chair – Matt Reiter (Point Blue)

WHSRN-USA – Robert Penner (TNC); represents committee on WHSRN Hemispheric Council

Joint Ventures/Unified Science Team – Bill Vermillion (USFWS)

NABCI-US Committee Representative – Brian Smith

AFWA/NABCI Coordinator – Judith Scarl

At-Large State – Joel Jorgensen (Nebraska Game and Parks Commission); NABCI Human Dimensions WG

At-Large NGO – Stephen Brown, Brad Winn (Manomet); Larry Niles (Conserve Wildlife New Jersey)

At-Large Federal – Susan Skagen (USGS, retired)