

WORK TABLE: EXECUTIVE TABLE (ET)

Co-Chairs: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister – Canadian Wildlife Service; Maria de los Angeles Palma Irizarry, Director General for Wildlife – SEMARNAT; and Martha Williams, Principal Deputy Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Facilitator: Anna Seidman, Assistant Director, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Trilateral Committee Priorities for 2018-2021

- Integrating Human Dimensions
- Technology Innovation for Conservation
- Connectivity (Terrestrial)
- Adaptation to Ecosystem Change

THURSDAY, May 20, 2021

<i>1:00 – 1:10pm</i>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome – Adoption of the Agenda</u></p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; Maria de los Angeles Palma Irizarry, Director General for Wildlife, SEMARNAT; and Martha Williams, Principal Deputy Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service- Department of the Interior</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The hosting Co-chair Martha Williams, Principal Deputy Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service- Department of the Interior greets her fellow Executive Table Co-chairs and other table participants. The agenda is adopted and any modifications are noted.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Trilateral Coordination Committee (TCC): Debbie Martin, Carolina Caceres-Canada, Miguel Flores Mejia, Leonel Urbano-Mexico, and Valencia Richardson-U.S.</p>
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<p><i>1:10 – 2:10pm</i></p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2: Country Updates</u></p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; Maria de los Angeles Palma Irizarry, Director General for Wildlife, SEMARNA; Martha Williams, Principal Deputy Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service- Department of the Interior</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Heads of Delegation give a presentation (15 min. each) on major developments in their countries which might be of interest to and/or have an impact on a tri-national level (i.e. legislations, policies, regulations, budgets, strategic priorities, agreements, conventions, programs, projects, etc.) In addition to the U.S. Country Update, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) and States Agencies will give a presentation (15 min) on international collaborations for 2019-2021 (i.e. Global Forums, Western Hemisphere, North America, Binational: Mexico - U.S. and Binational: Canada – U.S. etc.)</p> <p>BACKGROUND: The Executive Table Co-chairs use this opportunity to exchange information relevant to natural resource management and biodiversity conservation taking place in their countries that are of interest to their trilateral partners.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Exchange of information that helps understand challenges and/or opportunities in the other countries to promote a shared vision and a common agenda.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: TCC</p>
<p><i>2:00 – 2:15pm</i></p>	<p><i>BREAK</i></p>

2:15 – 2:45pm

AGENDA ITEM 3: Discussion on the New 2021-2024 Trilateral Committee Priorities

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; Maria de los Angeles Palma Irizarry, Director General for Wildlife, SEMARNAT; and Martha Williams, Principal Deputy Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service- Department of the Interior

DESCRIPTION: The Executive Table will review the Trilateral Committee's current three-year priorities (2018-2021) and establish the next set (2021-2024). Working Tables have focused on the following priorities: Integrating Human Dimensions, Technology Innovation for Conservation, Connectivity (Terrestrial), and Adaptation to Ecosystem Change.

BACKGROUND: From its inception, the Trilateral Committee's work was primarily driven by the working tables with little input from the Executive Table. In 2007, the Executive Table decided to issue overarching strategic priorities to guide the work of the tables to achieve a more effective approach. To implement this, both Working Table Agenda and Action Item Report formats require the tables to link each activity with a strategic priority. The priorities identified for the period 2018-2021 are up for review. The TCC requested input from Co-chairs and Facilitators, and they presented the following recommendations for consideration:

- 1. Zoonotic Disease
- 2. Climate Change
- 3. Integrating Human Dimensions
- 4. Technology Innovation for Conservation

REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Adoption and implementation of the 2021-2024 Trilateral Committee strategic priorities

SUBMITTED BY: TCC

2:45-3:15pm

AGENDA ITEM 4: Nature Based Solutions to Climate Change

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; Maria de los Angeles Palma Irizarry, Director General for Wildlife, SEMARNA; Martha Williams, Principal Deputy Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service- Department of the Interior

	<p>DESCRIPTION: Nature-based Solutions (NBS) are receiving growing international attention as synergistic approaches to help address two of the most critical environmental challenges requiring global action—climate change and biodiversity loss—while also supporting sustainable human development. Canada views NBS as an important opportunity to address the threat of climate change, and biodiversity loss in a holistic manner. NBS is also an opportunity to enhance alignment of approaches to implement relevant global agreements and frameworks, such as the Paris Agreement and a future post-2020 global biodiversity framework under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).</p> <p>BACKGROUND:</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Exchange information and share country approaches to and perspectives on Nature-Based Climate Solutions.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Canada</p>
<p>3:15 – 3:30pm</p>	<p><i>BREAK</i></p>
<p>3:30 – 4:30pm</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 5:</u> Executive Table meeting with Work Table Co-chairs and Facilitators</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; Maria de los Angeles Palma Irizarry, Director General for Wildlife, SEMARNAT; and Martha Williams, Principal Deputy Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service- Department of the Interior</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The Executive Table meets with all Co-chairs and Facilitators to get a report on each working table’s progress and highlights as well as their input on technical/thematic priorities. The Agenda of this meeting includes (1) “Housekeeping issues (i.e. effectiveness/efficiency of annual meetings; (2) Coordination of agendas and discussion of issues of concern and/or interest; and (3) Development and sharing of a strategic vision for the future of the Trilateral Committee.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: The meeting between the Executive Table and Co-chairs/Facilitators was incorporated as a permanent feature of the annual meeting in 2000 to provide a mechanism for the Executive Table to get direct input from the working table Co-chairs and Facilitators regarding technical issues as well as administrative issues to enhance the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Trilateral Committee. It also provides a mechanism for the tables to exchange information, coordinate activities and avoid working in silo.</p>

	<p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: The Executive Table to listen to Co-chairs and Facilitators regarding progress, highlights, priorities, and suggestions</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: TCC</p>
<p>4:30 – 4:45pm</p>	<p><i>BREAK</i></p>
<p>4:45 – 5:15pm</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 6:</u> U.S. Fish and Wildlife International Affairs Program Highlights</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Anna Seidman, Assistant Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) International Affairs</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: USFWS International Affairs will provide highlights and examples of some of their most impactful global conservation efforts.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s International Affairs Program coordinates domestic and international efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the world’s diverse wildlife and their habitats with a focus on species of international concern. This session will provide examples of past and ongoing projects that have made or are making a difference in wildlife and habitat conservation, reducing zoonotic disease spread, addressing and adapting to the impacts of climate change, enhancing the conservation efforts of partners, and empowering the work of future conservation leaders.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Demonstrate the significant role that the USFWS’ International Affairs Program plays in global species and habitat conservation and in developing the capacity of international partners.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Margaret Francis, Chief Western Hemisphere Branch, Division of International Conservation, International Affairs Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Anna Seidman, Assistant Director, International Affairs Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</p>
<p>5:15 – 5:30pm</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 6:</u> 2022 Trilateral Committee Meeting</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; Maria de los Angeles Palma Irizarry, Director General for Wildlife, SEMARNAT; and Martha Williams, Principal Deputy Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service- Department of the Interior</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The Trilateral Committee annual meetings are hosted on a</p>

rotational basis among the three countries. The United States is hosting this year, Canada is scheduled to for 2022 followed by Mexico in 2023. Canada will make an announcement with regard to the 2022 annual meeting.

BACKGROUND: Each year, the Executive Table commits to a specific Trilateral Committee annual meeting date for the following year in order to secure the participation of members and to allow for adequate preparation time.

REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Canada will announce the date proposed location and any other relevant information regarding the 2021 annual meeting

SUBMITTED BY: TCC
5:30 pm – Adjourned