

**WORK TABLE: EXECUTIVE TABLE (ET)
AGENDA**

Co-Chairs: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister – Canadian Wildlife Service; María de los Ángeles Cauich García, Directora General de Vida Silvestre – SEMARNAT; and Martha Williams, Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Trilateral Committee Priorities for 2021-2024

- Climate Change (Connectivity)
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Integrating Human Dimensions
- Technology Innovation for Conservation
- Zoonotic Disease

FRIDAY, June 30, 2023

<p><i>13:00-13:10 EST</i> <i>11:00-11:10 MX</i></p>	<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; María de los Ángeles Cauich García, Directora General de Vida Silvestre – SEMARNAT; and Martha Williams, Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Department of the Interior</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The Biol. María de los Ángeles Cauich García, Directora General de Vida Silvestre – SEMARNAT, Co-Chair of the Executive Table on behalf of Mexico greets their counterparts from Canada and the United States of America and other participants. The agenda is presented and any modifications are noted and proceeded to their adoption.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Trilateral Coordination Committee (TCC): Erin Down / Solemne Bouchard-Canada, Leonel Urbano/ Miguel Ángel Flores-Mexico, and Valencia Richardson-U.S.A.</p>
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<p>13:10-14:00 EST 11:10-12:00 MX</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2: Country Updates</u></p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; María de los Ángeles Cauich García, Directora General de Vida Silvestre – SEMARNAT; Martha Williams, 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 at a tri-national level (i.e. legislation, policies, regulations, budgets, strategic priorities, agreements, conventions, programs, projects, etc.). Additionally, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies of the United States of America (AFWA) will make a 15-minute presentation.</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>ORDER OF PRESENTATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canada 2. United States of America 3. Mexico 4. AFWA <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>14:00 –14:15 EST 12:00-12:15 MX</p>	<p><i>BREAK</i></p>
<p>14:15-14:30 EST 12:15- 12:30 MX</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2: Country Updates (continue)</u></p> <p>Presentation of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)</p>
<p>14:30- 15:00 EST 12.30 - 13:00 MX</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 3: MENTOR-Bat: Getting Ready to Fly</u></p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Nancy Gelman, Program Officer, Africa Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, International Affairs; Margaret Francis, Western Hemisphere Branch Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, International Affairs.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Conservation depends on people— individuals who value and are dedicated to preserving the world’s wildlife and their habitats into the</p>

future. To achieve success, conservationists not only require technical competencies to promote evidence-based approaches to species conservation and reducing threats, but also skills in leadership, team building, conflict management and communications.

The MENTOR Fellowship Program is a model the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implements internationally to develop in-country capacity. This program brings together transdisciplinary teams of emerging conservation leaders for rigorous academic and field-based training, long-term mentoring, experiential learning, and project design and implementation to address major threats facing wildlife populations. To date, seven MENTOR programs have supported 61 fellows from 11 countries. Many MENTOR fellows have gone on to lead initiatives within governments and NGOs in wildlife law enforcement, protected area management, CITES, and wildlife research, among others.

The newest program, MENTOR-Bat, is just taking flight. It will tap the Service's and partners' expertise to develop a global team working on bats and One Health and seeks to develop bat champions who promote an understanding of the value of bats and their importance to our shared environment.

This session will present the MENTOR-Bat program within the context of ongoing Service bat conservation efforts. The program seeks to harness the skills of bat experts from Mexico and Canada in the following ways:

- Teach fellows via their virtual training;
- Serve as mentors; and
- Advise fellows on team projects to conserve bats and ways to maintain intact ecosystems.

BACKGROUND: There is much interest and cooperation among the wildlife management agencies of Mexico, the U.S. and Canada to further bat research and conservation, exemplified by a Letter of Intent that was signed by the three countries. In addition, for nearly a decade, trinational actions to protect this migratory species have been featured at the Trilateral, especially at the Species of Common Concern Table. The Covid-19 pandemic has also highlighted the importance of One Health and the role of maintaining healthy ecosystems. This session will provide an overview of the MENTOR-Bat Program and use the Trilateral as a platform to raise awareness and seek expertise from the three countries to help engage in its implementation.

REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Raise awareness around the MENTOR-Bat program in the context of ongoing Service bat conservation and recovery efforts. Engage bat experts from the Trilateral countries to potentially share expertise in MENTOR-Bat program implementation.

SUBMITTED BY: Margaret Francis, Western Hemisphere Branch

	<p>Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, International Affairs.</p>
<p>15:00-15:15 EST 13:00 -13:15 MX</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 4:</u> Trilateral Grassland Conservation Initiative in the United Mexican States, the United States of America, and Canada.</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; María de los Ángeles Cauich García, Directora General de Vida Silvestre – SEMARNAT; and Martha Williams, Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Department of the Interior.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The Co-Chairs of the Migratory Bird Table presented to the Executive Table a proposed Letter of Intent, which aims to renew and strengthen efforts to collaborate in the conservation and restoration of grasslands and the bird populations that inhabit them in North America, and request their support to approve and sign it.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: During the XXV Annual Meeting of the Trilateral Committee (May 17-20, 2021), considering that the United States of America, Mexico and Canada share a large number of migratory species, including birds, and that they require cooperation for their conservation through in order to guarantee the sustainable management of the populations, the availability of resilient habitats and the reduction of other risks to their survival, the Co-Chairs of the Migratory Bird Table requested the support of the Executive Table to elaborate and sign a Letter of Intent, which aims to renew and strengthen efforts to collaborate in the conservation and restoration of grasslands and the bird populations that inhabit them in North America.</p> <p>The Executive Table supported this proposal and during 2022 and part of 2023 work was done on the preparation of a final document, which went through various technical and legal reviews by specialists from the three countries, resulting in the "Letter of Intent to Foster the Development of a Coordinated Approach to Conserving North America's Grasslands," which is now ready for signature in all three languages.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Signing of the "Letter of Intent to promote the development of a coordinated approach for the conservation of North American grasslands", by the Directors of the Wildlife agencies of the three countries.</p>
<p>15:15-15:30 EST 13:15-13:30 MX</p>	<p><i>BREAK</i></p>
<p>15:30-16:45 EST 13:30-14:45 MX</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 5:</u> Executive Table meeting with Working Table Co-chairs(order of presentation – SCCCWT, MBWT, LEWT, ECWT, CITES - 15 min each)</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table: Tara Shannon,</p>

	<p>Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; María de los Ángeles Cauich García, Directora General de Vida Silvestre – SEMARNAT; and Martha Williams, 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.</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><i>16:45-17:00 EST</i> <i>14:45 -15:00 MX</i></p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 6: Executive Table Closing</u></p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table: Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; María de los Ángeles Cauich García, Directora General de Vida Silvestre – SEMARNAT; and Martha Williams, Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service- Department of the Interior</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The Trilateral Committee annual meetings are hosted on a rotational basis among the three countries. Mexico is hosting this year, United States is scheduled to for 2024 followed by the Canada in 2025. United States will make an announcement with regard to the 2024 annual meeting.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: Each year, the Executive table commits to providing a specific Trilateral Committee annual meeting date for the following year in order to ensure member participation and thus allow adequate preparation time.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: United States will announce the date, proposed location and any other relevant information regarding the 2024 annual meeting.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: TCC</p>

<p><i>17:00-17:15 EST</i> <i>15:00- 15:15 MX</i></p>	<p>2023 Trilateral Committee Meeting Closing</p> <p>Tara Shannon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Wildlife Service; Martha Williams, Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service- Department of the Interior; and María de los Ángeles Cauich García, Directora General de Vida Silvestre – SEMARNAT.</p>
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