

**XVII Meeting of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife
and Ecosystem Conservation and Management**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico
May 14-18, 2012**

AGENDA – SUMMARY (FINAL 5.9.12)

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WORK TABLE: EXECUTIVE TABLE (ET)

Co-Chairs: Martín Vargas Prieto, Director General for Wildlife, Direction General for Wildlife, SEMARNAT, Mexico, and Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Room: *Hacienda*

9:00 – 10:00 am: Welcome Ceremony-Remarks by Delegation Leaders & Introduction of Delegations (see Schedule of Events)

10:00-11:00 am: Presentations: “Conservation, Collaboration & Partnerships” (chaired by Dr. Gaby Chavarria) - see Schedule of Events).

11:00-11:15 a.m. *Health Break*

11:15am

AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome – Adoption of the Agenda

11:25am

AGENDA ITEM 2: Country Updates

12:05 pm

AGENDA ITEM 3: 2011-2012 Action Item Report (AIR)

12:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 4: California Condor-Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico (SEMARNAT) and the U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service (USFWS) endorsing the project to reintroduce California Condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) into the Sierra de San Pedro Martir (SSPM), Baja California, México.

1:00pm - Lunch (*onsite-Canyon Patio*)

2:00pm

AGENDA ITEM 5: Landscape Conservation Cooperatives - Expanding Collaboration
Presentation by Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

3:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 6: Presentation by Mexico on the new National Strategy for Invasive Species & Mexico’s List of Priority Species.

3:45 pm – Health Break

4:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 7: National Strategy for the Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mexican Islands

4:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 8: Bi-National Seabird Restoration Effort Launched on the Baja California Pacific Islands (Global Lessons).

5:00 pm – *Adjourn*

6:00 – 8:00 pm – *Heads of Delegation Private Dinner (offsite-see Schedule of Events)*

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Room: *Hacienda*

9:00-9:20 am: Thematic Session: “Climate Change, Vulnerability Assessments & Adaptation Management Efforts” (Room: *Canyon Patio*) – Introduction by Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service & Acknowledgement of participation from U.S. Tribal Leaders.

9:30-11:00 am - Room: *Hacienda*

AGENDA ITEM 9: Executive Table Meeting with Co-chairs

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Executive Table & Working Tables Co-chairs

11:00 am

AGENDA ITEM 10: Assessment of the effectiveness of the tables in incorporating the three priority themes to guide the work of the Trilateral Committee agreed upon at the 2011 meeting

11:45 am – *Health Break*

12:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 11: Review the “Oaxaca Agreement” on how to address bilateral issues at the Working Tables (“Act Locally, Think Globally”), particularly in the wake of Canada’s significant reduction in involvement, and decide on a path forward for the Trilateral Committee.

1:00 pm - *Lunch*

2:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 12: Presentation on Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*) Collaborative Conservation Efforts

RELEVANT DOCUMENT: Letter of Intent
Bi-national Recovery Plan

2:20 pm

AGENDA ITEM 13: Morelet’s Crocodile

2:40 pm

AGENDA ITEM 14: Update on Cooperative Conservation in the Big Bend-Rio Bravo Borderlands of the U.S. and Mexico.

3:15 pm

AGENDA ITEM 15: Biodiversity Projects funded in North America by the CEC – NAPECA Fund

3:45 pm – Health Break

4:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 16: Presentation on North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI) & Migratory Bird Working Table Collaboration Successes.

4:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 17: 2013 Trilateral Committees Meeting

5:00 pm – Adjourn

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Executive Table dinner with U.S. State Agencies (see Schedule of Events)

WORK TABLE: ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION

Room: Kiva A

Co-Chairs: Jeffery Rupert, Chief Branch of Wildlife Resources, National Wildlife Refuge System, DOI/USFWS, USA and Luis Fuego Mac Donald, Presidente Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas CONANP, México

Table priorities for 2011 – 2012 Agenda:

- Invasive species management with a focus on capacity building and training - marine and terrestrial
- Vulnerability assessments for climate change (marine and terrestrial)
- Adaptation strategies for responding to climate change (marine and terrestrial)
- Project funding and financing with a focus on international grant opportunities
- Transboundary landscape conservation

Tuesday, May 15

11:00- 11:45 am

AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda; 2011-12 Action Items Report; and Country Updates

BREAK 11:45-12:00 NOON

12:00-12:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 2: Rat Eradication to Promote Ecosystem Restoration on the Island Refuges of Palmyra Atoll in the Pacific and Desecheo in the Caribbean

12:30-1:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 3: A Binational Partnership to Eradicate Rats & Restore the Ancient Murrelet in Haida Qwaa in British Columbia

LUNCH 1:00-2:00 pm

2:00 -2:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 4: Monitoring Salt Cedar Leaf Beetle in the Rio Grande and Conchos in Mexico's Chihuahuan Desert

2:30 -3:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 5: Invasive Alien Species: Official List for Mexico

3:00-3:30 pm

AGENDA ITEM 6: Binational Monitoring Program for the Cienega de Santa Clara

3:30-3:45 pm

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Weeds Across Borders 2012 - "Meeting the Challenges of the Future,"
April 24-27, 2012, Grand Oasis Cancun Resort, Cancun, Mexico**

BREAK 3:45-4:00 pm

4:00 – 4:30 pm

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Report on Big Bend/Rio Bravo Conservation Cooperative -
Collaboration for Transboundary Landscape Conservation**

4:30 – 5:00 pm

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Impact of Physical Barriers in Shared Populations and Ecosystems: the
Case of the Border Fence between Mexico and the US**

5:00 – 5:15 pm

**AGENDA ITEM 10: Report on the Texas/Tamaulipas/Nuevo Leon Borderlands Corridor
Project**

5:15 – 5:30 pm

**AGENDA ITEM 11: Report on Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge/Laguna Madre
and Delta del Rio Bravo Flora y Fauna Protected Areas Sister Protected Area (SPA)
Project**

Wednesday, May 16

9:00 – 10:00 am

All Delegates

**AGENDA ITEM 12: Thematic Session: Wildlife Conservation in a Climate-Altered
Future: Assessing Vulnerability, Managing for Change**

10:00-11:00 am

All Delegates

AGENDA ITEM 13: First Nations Panel Discussion on Climate Change

11:00 – 11:45 am

AGENDA ITEM 14: Introduction to Vulnerability Assessment Models

BREAK 11:45-12:00 noon

12:00-12:40 pm

AGENDA ITEM 15: Climate Adaptation Strategy for Protected Areas in Mexico

LUNCH 1:00-2:00 pm

2:00-3:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM 16: Climate Wizard and Conservation Planning (via Web conference and speakerphone)

3:00-3:45 pm

AGENDA ITEM 17: Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Strategies for Protected Areas in the Mojave and Sonoran Desert – A Cooperative Project between NatureServe and the USFWS for the Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC)

BREAK 3:45-4:00 pm

4:00 – 4:45 pm

Joint Session with Migratory Bird Table

AGENDA ITEM 18: Developing a Management Model of the Effects of Future Climate Change on Species

AGENDA ITEM 19: Climate Change Issues in the Southwest & the Southwest Climate Change Initiative for AZ, CO, NM & UT (To Be Confirmed)

Thursday, May 17

9:00-10:00 am

AGENDA ITEM 20 Synthesizing Science and Engaging the Public on Impacts of Climate Change on Marine Biodiversity through the North American Marine Protected Area Network (Joint Session with Shared Species Table)

10:00-10:30 am

AGENDA ITEM 21: Environmental Monitoring in Coastal and Marine Ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico

AGENDA ITEM 22: ECWT Closeout and Preparation of Final Report to the Executive Table

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: ECWT co-chairs and table participants

WORK TABLE: LAW ENFORCEMENT

Co-Chairs: William Woody, Chief of Law Enforcement, Office of Law Enforcement, USFWS, USA
Adriana Rivera - Underattorney for Natural Resources Federal Attorney for Environmental Protection –
Procuraduría Federal de Protección al Ambiente (Profepa), México; and Sheldon Jordan, National
Director, Wildlife Enforcement, Enforcement Branch, Environment Canada, CWS

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Room: Juniper

AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome – Adoption of the Agenda

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review the need to establish a new 3-5 year strategic plan for the NAWEG

AGENDA ITEM 3: Training on Covert Computer Investigations and Intelligence and identifying operational areas that are needed by all three countries

AGENDA ITEM 4: Update and inform about the results of the established Accredited Wildlife Law Enforcement Training Program in Mexico

AGENDA ITEM 5: Building Forensic Capacities in North America.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Implementation of Intelligence-Led Law Enforcement Model in North America

AGENDA ITEM 7: Marine Species Workshop

AGENDA ITEM 8: Expansion of Law Enforcement Cooperation in Collaboration with Other Regional Enforcement Groups

AGENDA ITEM 9: Investigation into the Illegal Wildlife Trade via Electronic Tools (e-commerce)

AGENDA ITEM 10: Improvement of notice mechanisms for irregular cross-border movements

AGENDA ITEM 11: Climate Change and Future Challenges for Conservation to law enforcement agencies in North America

WORK TABLE: MIGRATORY BIRDS

Co-Chairs: Brad Bortner, Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, USFWS, USA; Basile Van Havre, Director, Population Conservation Management, CWS/EC, CAN; and Humberto Berlanga, Coordinador de NABCI/ICAAN – México Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad (CONABIO)

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Room: Kiva B

Welcome

11:00-11:45

AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda (10 min)

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Co-chairs – Humberto Berlanga (CONABIO), Brad Bortner (FWS), Basile Van Havre (CWS)

AGENDA ITEM 2: 2011-12 Action Items Report (10 min)

AGENDA ITEM 3: Country Updates (30 min)

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Co-chairs – Humberto Berlanga (CONABIO), Brad Bortner (FWS), Basile Van Havre (CWS)

11:45-12:00 Break

12:00-1:00

AGENDA ITEM 4: Cooperative Mexican Golden Eagle Population Surveys and Management Activities (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 5: Incidental Take: Country Updates (30 min)

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Co-chairs

1:00-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:00

AGENDA ITEM 6: Collaboration on minimizing adverse wildlife impacts of Wind Energy Development (45-60 min)

3:00-5:00 (3:45-4:00 Break)

NABCI

Part I. Landscape-scale Conservation: Grasslands

3:00-3:45

AGENDA ITEM 7: Coordinated Grassland Bird Conservation in the Eastern US and Canada (45 min)

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-4:15

AGENDA ITEM 8: Chihuahuan Grassland Coordinated Conservation (15 min)

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Arvind Panjabi (RMBO) & Humberto Berlanga (CONABIO)

4:15-5:00

AGENDA ITEM 9: North American Bird Conservation Initiative's Role in Landscape-scale conservation with the Corporation for Environmental Cooperation

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

11:00-1:00

Continue Grasslands as needed

Climate Change

AGENDA ITEM 10: Detecting climate change impacts on birds and their habitats in the Sonoran Joint Venture region and beyond (30 min)

1:00-2:00 Lunch

AGENDA ITEM 11: Great Lakes Full Life Cycle Species Vulnerability Assessments (45 min)

2:00-3:00

AGENDA ITEM 12: The Veracruz River of Raptors Projects: 20 years of gathering data on migratory raptors (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 13: USGS Bird Banding Lab and Bird Banding Coordination in North America (15 min)

3:00-3:45

AGENDA ITEM 14: Climate Change and Migratory Species (30 min)

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-4:45

AGENDA ITEM 15: Developing a Management Model of the Effects of Future Climate Change on Species. (45 min) [open session to other tables, ECWT]

AGENDA ITEM 16: Invasive Species on Islands (30 min)

Thursday, May 17, 2012

9:00-10:00

**NABCI
Part II. Organizational Structure**

AGENDA ITEM 17: State of the Birds Reports (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 18: Advancing Flyway or Full Life-Cycle Conservation (30 min)

10:00-11:00

AGENDA ITEM 19: NAWMP Revisions (15 min)

AGENDA ITEM 20: Southern Wings Program

11:00-12:00

AGENDA ITEM 21: Migratory Bird Table Strategy (30 min)

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Co-chairs

AGENDA ITEM 22: Review of Action Items and Theme for 2013

AGENDA ITEM 23: Other Business

11:45-12:00 Break

12:00-1:00 Finalize Executive Table Report and presentation

WORK TABLE: SPECIES OF COMMON CONSERVATION CONCERN

Co-Chairs: Bryan Arroyo, Assistant Director-Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, USFWS and Omar Eduardo Rocha Gutiérrez, Subdirector de Manejo y Desarrollo de Poblaciones, DGVS-SEMARNAT, México

Monday, May 14th

Room: Kiva C

(9:30 am – 12 pm)

AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 2: Black-Footed Ferret Recovery: Continued black-footed ferret reintroduction efforts in Mexico, Canada, and the United States (*ongoing project previously presented to SCCT, trilateral project in Mexico, Canada, and the United States*) (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 3: Grassland and black-tailed prairie dog conservation. (*This is a continuation project.*) (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 4: Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery (*ongoing binational project*) (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 5: Pure-gene Bison and Pronghorn reintroduction to historic range in Northern Mexico (30 min)

(12 - 1 pm) LUNCH

(1 – 3 pm)

AGENDA ITEM 6: PACE: Berrendo, pronghorn population analysis and design of aerial method to monitoring populations in Northern Mexico. (*update*) (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 7: Mexican Wolf Recovery in the United States and Mexico (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 8: PACE: Lobo Mexicano (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 9: Northwestern Jaguar Recovery (*ongoing binational project*) (30 min)

(3-3:15 pm) BREAK

(3:15 -5 pm)

AGENDA ITEM 10: Ocelot Recovery and Translocation (*ongoing binational project*) (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 11: PACE: Cóndor de California. Status of the Binational Project for the Reintroduction of the California Condor in the San Pedro Martir Sierra, Baja California, Mexico. (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 12: Light-footed Clapper Rail Captive Propagation Program Ten Year Report (30 min)

Tuesday, May 15th

9:00 – 10:00 am: Welcome Ceremony-Remarks by Delegation Leaders & Introduction of Delegations (see Schedule of Events for location)

10:00-11:00 am: Presentations: “Conservation, Collaboration & Partnerships” (see Schedule of Events for location).

(11-11:45 am) Room: Kiva C

AGENDA ITEM 13: Implementation of the North American Rabies Management Plan (20min)

AGENDA ITEM 14: Anthropogenic impacts on marine mammals in the Gulf of California and the Pacific Coast of Baja California (25 min)

(11:45 am – 12 pm) BREAK

(12 – 1 pm) Room: Kiva C

AGENDA ITEM 15: SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION - NW Atlantic and North Pacific Loggerheads and Eastern Pacific Leatherbacks (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 16: Monitoring of sentinel species in the Midriff region and north of the Gulf of California: the brown pelican and the California sea lion. (30 min)

(1 – 2 pm) LUNCH

(2 – 3:45 pm) Room: Kiva C

AGENDA ITEM 17: Conservation of the imperiled species of the Río Sonoyta watershed, Sonora/Arizona. (Ongoing binational project) (10 min)

AGENDA ITEM 18: Native aquatic vertebrate conservation in the Río Yaqui basin, Sonora, Chihuahua, and Arizona (ongoing binational project) (10 min)

AGENDA ITEM 19: Conservation and capacity building for the conservation of amphibians in Sonora, Sinaloa, and Chihuahua (ongoing binational project) (10 min)

AGENDA ITEM 20: Binational partnerships to recover and conserve listed and sensitive species of mutual concern in Sonora, Sinaloa, Chihuahua, and Arizona (Ongoing binational project) (15 min)

AGENDA ITEM 21: Conservation and capacity building for the conservation of bats in northwestern Mexico. (ongoing binational project) (15 min)

AGENDA ITEM 22: Border Governors Conference Wildlife Table Update (15 min)
Wildlife Dept.

AGENDA ITEM 23: Update on Countries' Program for Endangered Species Conservation (30 min)

(3:45 – 4 pm) BREAK

(4 – 5 pm) Room: Kiva C

AGENDA ITEM 24: Invasive Alien Species List to prohibit its import and entry to Mexico. (30 min)

Wednesday, May 16th

9:00-10:00 am: Thematic Session: “Climate Change, Vulnerability Assessments & Adaptation Management Efforts” (*Room: Canyon Patio*)

10:00-11:00 am: Tribal Leaders Information Sharing Panel – Climate Change (*Room: Canyon Patio*)

(11-11:45 am) Room: Kiva C

AGENDA ITEM 25: Managing the Effects of Climate Change on Wild Pollinators (45 min)

(11:45 am – 12 pm) BREAK

(12 – 1 pm) Room: Kiva C

AGENDA ITEM 26: Southern Wings Program (30 min)

AGENDA ITEM 27: Efforts to promote seabird conservation and restoration in Mexico (30 min)

(1 – 2 pm) LUNCH

(2 -3:45 pm) Room: Kiva C

2-2:30 pm: Recap of key points from the presentations to date to include in Final Report to the Executive Table (all Table participants)

2:30-3:34 pm: SCCT Co-chairs meet to prepare final report

Thursday, May 17th

(9-10 am) Room: Kiva A

AGENDA ITEM 28: (Joint Session with Ecosystems Table) North American Marine Protected Areas Network - Synthesizing Science and Engaging the Public on Impacts of Climate Change on Marine Biodiversity