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# Council Teleconference

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April 3, 2018 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (Eastern)

Primary Meeting Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NABCI-Canada Priorities<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Discuss the results of the 4 working groups that refined actions for each of the 8 NABCI-Canada priorities with the objective to confirm actions for the priorities</li><li>2) Decide on a path forward for a NABCI-Canada work plan and/or to implement the proposed actions</li></ol></li></ul>
NABCI-Canada Terms of Reference – most up to date version is from 2008 <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6hp8zvW9mrpdzlxMVAzVHR4ZE0/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6hp8zvW9mrpdzlxMVAzVHR4ZE0/view?usp=sharing</a>

Time	Purpose	Agenda Item	Lead
1:30pm – 1:40pm	Admin	1. Opening remarks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Attendance</li> <li>b. Review of action items and RODs from January 19 , 2018</li> <li>c. Review and approval of today’s meeting agenda</li> </ol>	B. McLean
1:40pm – 2:30pm	Discussion/ Decision	2. Actions for the eight NABCI-Canada priorities (slides 1 to 9) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Presentation of the process to determine the NABCI-Canada priorities</li> <li>b. Present the proposed actions from the temporary working groups for the priorities under the Coordinate, Communicate, Track Bird Conservation and Influence Policy roles</li> </ol> <p>Purpose: Re-familiarize Council with the process to determine NABCI-Canada priorities and provide an opportunity to comment on the actions proposed by the four temporary working groups</p> <p>Proposed Decision: Agree on actions for each NABCI-Canada priority</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Proposals to draft a work plan and form committees to implement the proposed actions</li> </ol> <p>Purpose: Establish timelines and mechanisms to implement the proposed actions for NABCI-Canada priorities all of which would be components of the NABCI-Canada work plan.</p> <p>Proposed Decision/Action: Propose members for specific committees through a survey and once committees are formed, have them determine action timelines and implement some of the proposed actions for each NABCI-Canada priority.</p>	B. McLean M.-F. Noel, Patrick Hubert, Steven Price, Andrew DeVries and Kate Lindsay
2:30pm – 2:50pm	Information	3. Update on 100 year Vision Implementation Plan (slides 10 to 18) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Present an update on the U.S. NABCI’s International Subcommittee meeting regarding the Vision Implementation</li> <li>b. Proposal of the next steps to continue working with U.S. NABCI and NABCI-Mexico on a Vision Implementation Plan</li> </ol> <p>Purpose : Keep NABCI-Canada Council informed of the progress of the action item to develop a Vision Implementation from the Trilateral</p>	Marie-France Noel

2:50 – 3:10	Info/Decision	<p>4. Communications Subcommittee update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Presentation of beta NABCI-Canada website</li> <li>b. Propose an approval process to publish NABCI-Canada meeting materials</li> </ul> <p>Proposed Decision: Choose a process to approve publishing meeting materials to the NABCI-Canada website</p>	Veronica Aponte
3:10 – 3:15	Info/Decision	<p>5. Voting member on NAWCC (Canada)</p> <p>Proposed Decision: Choose a Council member to represent NABCI-Canada on NAWCC (Canada).</p>	B. McLean
3:15pm – 3:20pm	Admin/ Decision	6. Timing of next NABCI-Canada Council teleconference	B. McLean
3:20pm – 3:30pm	Info	<p>7. Round table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. International Ornithological Conference attendance and coordination</li> <li>b. State of Canada’s Birds (target release – March 2019)</li> <li>c. Federal Budget 2018</li> <li>d. Others</li> </ul>	All
3:30		8. Closing remarks	B. McLean

**RECORD OF DECISIONS**

**NABCI-Canada Council Teleconference Meeting (April 3, 2018)**

<b>Lead</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Status</b>
	<b>DECISIONS</b>	
	Further work is needed to find existing specific activities that Council members are already undertaking which will contribute to the proposed actions. Proposed timelines for the actions and suggest potential connectivity between the proposed actions is also required.	<b>ONGOING</b>
	NABCI-Canada Executive Council to approve of the publishing of meeting materials before they are publicly released on the website.	<b>COMPLETE / ONGOING</b>
	The next NABCI-Canada Council teleconference is to be held in early September 2018.	<b>DATE TO BE CONFIRMED</b>
	<b>ACTIONS</b>	
<b>Council</b>	<p>Council members to provide comments to Marie-France Noel (NABCI-Canada Coordinator) on the January 19, 2018 Record of Decision, if applicable, by April 6, 2018.</p> <p align="center"><i>- No comments received. It's therefore reasonable to assume that the January 19, 2018 ROD is complete.</i></p>	<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>Coordinator / Council</b>	<p>Marie-France Noel (NABCI-Canada Coordinator) to send a poll by April 27, 2018 to form a temporary working group and would coordinate a teleconference to discuss timelines, connectivity and activities already undertaken by members before summer (June).</p> <p align="center"><i>- Poll was sent to Council members on April 20, 2018. A temporary working group had a meeting on May 8, 2018. The Coordinator is awaiting comments from the temporary working group and will share the results of the work with NABCI-Canada Executive Council during a teleconference on June 12, 2018</i></p>	<b>ONGOING</b>
<b>Coordinator / Council</b>	<p>Marie-France (NABCI-Canada Coordinator) to create a poll to seek whether Council members are already undertaking activities that would contribute to the proposed actions</p> <p align="center"><i>- An internal CWS discussion on activities that are related to the NABCI-Canada priorities and proposed actions has been launched. Awaiting further clarification to seek input from the larger Council membership.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>- Awaiting further refinement from the temporary working group to seek input from the larger Council membership.</i></p>	<b>ONGOING</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Veronica (NABCI-Canada Associate Coordinator) to assist NABCI-Canada Council members in registering to the login area of the website once the website is officially launched	<b>TO BE COMPLETED</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Marie-France (NABCI-Canada Coordinator) to send the NAWCC (Canada) membership list and Terms of Reference to NABCI-Canada	<b>TO BE COMPLETED</b>

	<p>Council by April 20, 2018. Council members interested in becoming a NABCI-Canada representative on NAWCC (Canada) to respond to Marie-France.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Awaiting finalization and translation of NAWCC (Canada) Terms of Reference.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Council</b>	<p>Council members interested in joining the State of Canada's Birds Steering Committee to e-mail Marie-France Noel (NABCI-Canada Coordinator) by end of day Friday April 6, 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>No additional members expressed interest in joining this committee. The State of Canada's Birds Steering Committee will remain with the same members.</i></li> </ul>	<b>COMPLETE</b>



# Working Towards NABCI- Canada Actions and a Vision Implementation Plan

Presentation for NABCI-Canada Council

April 3, 2018



# Outline – Draft Actions



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- Overview of the process to determine NABCI-Canada priorities
- Overview of the process taken to determine actions
- Discussion on the proposed actions
- Next steps to refine actions, build a work plan and implement

# Process to Determine Priorities

- Recommendations were initially pulled from **SONAB, SOCB and CWS bird technical committees' reports**
- They were triaged by the **Priorities Working Group** and placed into a **framework** to align strategies at varying scales
- Council members responded to a questionnaire where they were asked to assess **impact** and **feasibility** of 20+ strategies
- Resulting top strategies **adopted** by Council as priorities during the last NABCI-Canada teleconference (January 19, 2018)



# Ongoing Process to Determine Actions



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- Brainstorming session held during last NABCI-Canada Council teleconference (January 19, 2018)
- Four working groups which consisted of 3 to 4 Council members were formed
  - A teleconference was held for each working group to refine the action items proposed during the brainstorming session

# Priorities and Draft Actions per NABCI-Canada Role

Coordinate	Communicate	Track Bird Conservation	Influence Policy
<a href="#"><u>Coordinate Actions</u></a> Patrick Hubert	<a href="#"><u>Communicate Actions</u></a> Steven Price	<a href="#"><u>Track Bird Conservation</u></a> Andrew DeVries	<a href="#"><u>Influence Policy Actions</u></a> Kate Lindsay



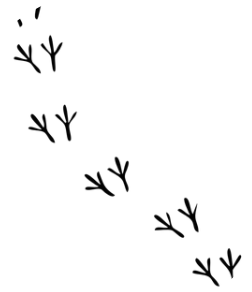
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*Can your  
organization  
contribute to  
these  
priorities  
and  
actions?*

## Discussion

- Are the actions appropriate in scale and scope?
- Are there any obvious gaps? Are the first actions defined in order to provide a timeline?
- Would committees be able to develop these actions and make recommendations for Council endorsement?
- Are we ready to adopt these actions?

# Towards a Work Plan



- Set timelines for implementation
- Create committees to undertake the NABCI-Canada action
  - Should one committee per NABCI-Canada role be formed or devise in another manner?
- Identify resources for the specific actions

# Creating Committees



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## Proposed Guidelines:

- Committees should include at least one NABCI-Canada Council member to act as a direct link
- Council members can appoint suitable staff to these groups
- Other member organizations, not represented on Council, could be involved in these groups

# Proposed Committees

- Coordination Committee
- Communication Committee
- State of Canada's Birds Committee
- Track Bird Conservation Committee
- International Committee
- Influence Policy Committee



Towards a Tri-national Vision  
Implementation Plan  
Follow up from the U.S. NABCI Committee  
Meeting (February 2018)

Presentation for NABCI-Canada Council

April 3, 2018





# Our Shared Vision

The NABCIs endorsed the *Vision for Bird Conservation for the Next Century* in 2017 (Mexico pending).

The Trilateral's Migratory Birds Table actioned the 3 NABCIs to write a Vision Implementation Plan for the upcoming Trilateral meeting (April 2018).



## A VISION FOR BIRD CONSERVATION FOR THE NEXT CENTURY

### Answering the Challenge of Bird Conservation

People's lives and livelihoods are enriched by birds and the outcomes of bird conservation every day, from sharing the benefits of clean water and healthy lands, to deriving economic benefits from ecotourism and hunting, to appreciating the spiritual and cultural value of birds. Birds also connect our countries; many migratory species travel each year from one end of the Americas to the other.

A century ago, North American bird populations had declined dramatically in the absence of regulations and other efforts to protect them. Recognizing the importance of this shared resource, Canada, the United States of America, and Mexico came together to protect migratory bird populations. Through cooperative efforts, our countries managed and regulated hunting and protected natural habitats, and many bird populations recovered.

Today, birds and their habitats have many new challenges. The *State of North America's Birds 2016* report tells us that nearly one third of all North American bird species—including common backyard birds such as sparrows, warblers, and hummingbirds—are in urgent need of conservation action. They face many threats including loss of habitat, mortality due to human activity, and climate change.

To help guide our conservation efforts, our three nations, through the North American Bird Conservation Initiative ([www.nabci.net](http://www.nabci.net)), have come together to build a vision for sustaining bird populations for the future.

### Our Vision for the Next 100 Years of Bird Conservation

Our vision for the next century is that bird populations and ecosystems are healthy throughout the Western Hemisphere, because:

- Clean air, clean water, and sustainable food and habitats meet the needs of birds and people;
- People recognize the value of healthy natural environments; and
- All parts of society are committed to conservation, with governments, non-government organizations, the private sector, and citizens working together.

### Achieving our vision

We must take bold action throughout the Western Hemisphere to achieve this Vision.

### We will...

- Develop shared goals of conservation and human well-being that consider the needs of both people and birds throughout their lives;



# Tri-national Vision Implementation Plan



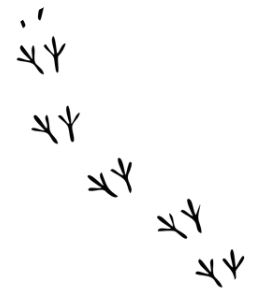
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- The NABCI-Canada and Mexico Coordinators attended the U.S. NABCI International subcommittee's meeting on February 1, 2018
- America's Flyways Framework Task Force, which aims to develop an action plan for hemispheric bird conservation, will have an initial meeting at which point CWS and U.S. NABCI members would evaluate opportunities to work together

# Tri-national Vision Implementation Plan

- Discussions revolved around developing an IP that would align with priorities in the State of North America's Birds 2016
  - Potential pilot projects surrounding grassland and shorebird conservation were highlighted as potential priorities that 3 NABCI could rally around
- Discussions around cross-walking the Vision Implementation Plan with the Aichi Targets and America's Flyways Framework in order to expand towards the Western Hemisphere

# Next Steps



- Coordinate conservation efforts and potential projects / actions items with US and Mexico
- A domestic list of preliminary draft actions would be presented at the Trilateral's Mig Birds Table in April
- NABCI-Canada Coordinator will
  - align the domestic Vision Implementation Plan with some NABCI-Canada actions, Federal Budget 2018 (e.g., increasing protected areas) and other partnership projects that are ongoing (e.g., SARPAL and South of the Divide)
  - seek endorsement of the drafted tri-national and domestic actions by NABCI-Canada Council
  - seek NABCI-Canada Council and Committee members to undertake actions and provide timelines

# Annex: Vision for Bird Conservation for the Next Century



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  - **Clean air, clean water, and sustainable food and habitats** meet the needs of birds and people;
  - **People recognize the value of healthy natural environments;** and
  - **All parts of society are committed to conservation,** with governments, non-government organizations, the private sector, and citizens working together.

# We will...

- **Develop shared goals of conservation and human well-being** that consider the needs of both people and birds throughout their lives;
- **Bring together experts from diverse fields** to identify sustainable strategies for creating healthy environments for birds and people;
- **Cooperate across sectors to bring biodiversity into mainstream society** by developing public policies and implementing practices that sustain livelihoods and improve economic conditions for landowners and communities while benefiting birds;
- **Engage people and communities** in conservation and monitoring through citizen science, stewardship, education, and capacity building;

## We will...

- **Use innovative science and traditional knowledge to develop adaptable action plans** that consider long-term drivers of change such as climate and human population growth;
- **Focus conservation efforts** on protecting, managing, and connecting our most vulnerable habitats—including oceans, tropical forests, wetlands, and grasslands—while building the foundation for conservation in all habitats; and
- **Maximize return on investments** by integrating conservation considerations into societal aspects such as employment, human health, education, and the economy.



# Proposed Actions for the NABCI-Canada Coordination Priorities

**Actions Drafting Team: Andrew Couturier, Patrick Hubert, Ted Cheskey and Marie-France Noel**

<b>Coordinate Priorities</b>
<b>Priority 1:</b> Collaborate with habitat conservation partnerships (such as Joint Ventures) for effective all-bird conservation
<b>Proposed actions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider common needs and knowledge gaps (i.e., key issues, threats and habitats) among habitat partnerships</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist in achieving effective communication between different bird pillar groups (i.e., shorebird, landbird, waterfowl, waterbirds) and habitat partnerships</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine the resources that are needed to implement all-bird conservation and identify those that can be added to current habitat partnership resources</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a strategy to direct resources towards priority habitats and priority conservation actions (e.g., bird groups in steep decline)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate information needs and disseminate information collected by existing non-JV partners (e.g., communicate habitat needs for high priority birds not being addressed by habitat partnerships)</li> </ul>
<b>Priority 2:</b> Ensure dynamic partnerships to actively implement bird conservation at multiple scales
<b>Proposed actions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete a gap analysis to develop strategies and partnerships that are needed and don't already exist</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify potential partners (including non-traditional) that could contribute to new and existing bird conservation partnerships</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify potential conservation projects which use Bird Conservation Regions, and ensure that partnerships are in place and mechanisms exist to implement projects at the cross-border or multi-jurisdictional, and international scales</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine the needs of partnerships and support them in addressing human-associated causes of mortality (e.g., cats, by-catch, windows/buildings, etc.)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine the needs of partnerships and support them in achieving the full life cycle of bird conservation (i.e., migration and wintering grounds)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider potential strategic partnerships with groups outside of traditional bird conservation organizations – show how bird conservation aligns with their sector/discipline</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a broad funding strategy and a mechanism for industry partners to support priority bird conservation (e.g., create/direct environmental offset funds)</li> </ul>







## Proposed action for the NABCI-Canada Communication Priorities

**Actions Drafting Team: Steven Price, Marie-Josée Couture, Katherine Conkin, Marie-France Noel and Natalie Savoie**

<b>Communicate Priorities</b>
1. Coordinate the periodic production of the State of the Birds reports
<b>Proposed actions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue State of North America’s Birds in partnership with U.S. NABCI and NABCI-Mexico</li> <li>• Issue State of Canada’s Birds</li> <li>• Identify whether other reports are needed to fulfill NABCI’s mandate for Canada (e.g., report on the economic importance of birds in Canada; Human Dimensions; etc.)</li> <li>• Do a post-mortem of the reports to reveal lessons-learned, such as the extent of policy impact achieved</li> </ul>
2. Showcase success stories, best practices and interesting pilot projects that demonstrate progress, especially involving high-risk bird groups (grassland birds, shorebirds, seabirds and aerial insectivores)
<b>Proposed actions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a platform for NABCI-Canada members to highlight their success stories</li> <li>• Showcase BCR-wide projects and projects that are multi-jurisdictional and/or multi-partner</li> <li>• Apply emerging results of Human Dimensions research to NABCI-Canada communications to help promote bird conservation with Canadians</li> <li>• Adapt reports and other products to best appeal to different kinds of audiences</li> </ul>



# Proposed Actions for the NABCI-Canada Track Bird Conservation Priorities

**Actions Drafting Team: Steve Gordon, Andrew DeVries, Kathryn Folkl, Marie-France Noel and Natalie Savoie**

<b>Track Bird Conservation</b>
<b>Priority 1:</b> Advocate for a national habitat monitoring system to support adaptive management of bird conservation
<b>Proposed actions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect with players in the habitat monitoring niche and land managers to see if some habitat monitoring is already underway (e.g., the Canadian Council on Ecological Areas (CCEA), Canadian Wetlands Round Table, JVs, NRCAN such state of the forest and wetland monitoring, protected areas monitoring)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake gap analysis to see what is being done in terms of habitat monitoring, and areas important for birds (WHSRN, IBAs, other areas not identified) for different habitat types to determine habitat monitoring needs in Canada</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine the link between Aichi targets, Canada’s 2020 biodiversity targets, and bird habitat monitoring</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate habitat monitoring needs in SOB-type of report</li> </ul>
<b>Priority 2:</b> Coordinate the development of a comprehensive tracking system of bird conservation action in Canada that supports progress reporting and adaptive management
<b>Proposed actions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect with partners to see if anyone is already tracking bird conservation actions</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Track actions that have been undertaken by various partners to conserve birds which are recommended in BCR strategies</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once tracking is in place, evaluate the effectiveness of actions underway (i.e., success, failures and innovative actions)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify gaps in actions, in terms of threats, species, and geography</li> </ul>



# Proposed action for the NABCI-Canada Influence Policy Priorities

**Actions Drafting Team: Cameron Mack, Kate Lindsay, Marie-France Noel, Jessica Bolle and David Ingstrup**

<b>Influence Policy Priority</b>
<b>Priority 1:</b> Assist cooperation on migratory bird conservation across the Western Hemisphere through existing, or by creating new, international agreements
<b>Proposed actions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake an evaluation of conservation models that currently exist in order to develop the NABCI-Canada model (evaluate WHSRN and other international-type of models, Americas Flyways Framework, etc.)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete a gap analysis to see which countries deserve/require partnership assistance</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursue opportunities to integrate bird conservation plans and priorities with already existing and upcoming land use planning initiatives.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create better international communications network to further international agreements (i.e., find out how we can work with Global Affairs Canada, create links with South American partners, etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>Priority 2:</b> Successfully influence invasive species policies and best practices for wetlands, grasslands and islands/seabirds
<b>Proposed actions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare and assess effectiveness of invasive species policies relative to bird conservation in Canadian jurisdictions, as well as US or elsewhere (including highlighting potential roadblocks for effective actions)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate effective policies that promote best management practices on invasives that affect priority bird groups</li> </ul>