

**Highlights and Action Items**  
**NABCI Federal sub-committee meeting**  
**April 26, 2000**

The working group for the NABCI Federal sub-committee met April 26, 2000 at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Arlington. The agenda included discussions of three primary items:

- I. Status of the May 2000 Agency head meeting
- II. Results from the last working group meeting, including: theme report (habitats, populations, etc.), FY 2001 base and increase, FY 2002 concept papers
- III. NGO sub-committee report

I. Status of the May 2000 Agency head meeting

A recent OMB directive that will limit the 2002 budget to “current services” may impact the May 2000 meeting; most agencies at the table have been directed to limit new budget initiatives. However, after much discussion, a strong consensus emerged that this working group should continue to develop synthesis documents (i.e. the 2002 concept papers, principally) for generating support from senior agency personnel and agency heads as appropriate. A recommendation was made that each agency head or senior staff could entertain meetings to promote any one of the of the 02 concept papers that pertained especially to that agency’s need. For example, USGS may request a select agency head meeting for the “Integrated Bird Conservation and Research” concept. That meeting, for example, could be co-hosted by the NABCI federal sub-committee chairs, as well as the director for USGS.

II. Results from the last working group – next steps

The working group reviewed briefly the draft budget and concept papers, and agreed to a series of action items as follows.

1. Theme report - synthesize “Federal Framework for Bird Conservation” document
  - a. Forward comments to Roxanne Bogart by May 3, 2000
  - b. Roxanne and others at NAWWO to merge documents and provide introduction
  - c. Distribution to David Pashley by May 8, 2000
  - d. Pashley to distribute to May 9 NGO meeting
  
2. Concept papers - Synthesize budget concept papers into one document. Address each framework topic into each concept where possible (i.e. habitat, populations, science, outreach and education, partnerships)
  - a. Assignments for five themes are:
    - i. Monitoring – Ken Williams/Ellie Brown

- ii. Non-federal lands – Charlie Rewa
- iii. Sagebrush – Chris Jahoula
- iv. Prairie – Scott Armentrout
- v. Coastal – Steve Funderburk
- b. Forward comments to these people by Friday, April 28
- c. Forward comments to David Pashley by May 8

3. Budget opportunities – identify your funding need for each framework topic with each concept paper. This means FY02 and beyond. FY02 will not be referenced however (see table).

EXAMPLE TABLE

<u>Item</u>	<u>FY00</u>	<u>FY01</u>	<u>Outyear opportunities</u>
X	\$	\$	\$
Y	\$	\$	\$
Z	\$	\$	\$
(etc.)			

- a. Budget opportunities would best be formatted to the NRCS format
- b. Agencies should submit restructured budget format to Roxanne Bogart by May 5
- c. Forward to Pashley by May 8

4. Above information should be passed on to NABCI NGO sub-committee (to David Pashley by May 8).

5. After review and refinement, the above documents can be distributed to appropriate senior staff and NABCI federal sub-committee members.

### III. NABCI NGO sub-committee report

David Pashley gave a brief update on the NABCI NGO sub-committee. He noted that all of the above documents would be very useful to the NGO sub-committee and fulfills the earlier request for attempts at coordinated budgets. However, the budget spreadsheets in a standard form (like the NRCS format) would be most useful, even if those estimates were very rough. David will present these documents to the independent bird conservation funding group on May 9. As a result, above listed deadlines are firm.

### Next meeting date

May 18, 2000 is the next meeting date for the NABCI federal sub-committee working group. Expectations are to have the meeting at the U.S. Forest Service office of International Affairs, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The tentative agenda of that meeting will include the final review of above synthesis documents, a report from the Tri-national meeting, the future of this sub-committee, and other issues that may arise.

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