

Greetings:

One of the causalities of the Fish and Wildlife Service's 3 month absence from e-mail has been the NABCI Federal Agency Subcommittee; my apologies for the lack of communications and I hope we can get back on track quickly. We had a small meeting March 26 (Tuesday) that was mainly informational, we reviewed a lot of the recent progress during the US NABCI Committee retreat (January 14-15), the US NABCI Committee staff meeting (February 26), and various progress for Communications and the NGO Subcommittee. A couple of items you may not have yet seen are attached below; if you need other meeting notes let me or Roxanne Bogart know and we can forward them to you.

Although the March 26 meeting had no hard decision points, we are moving back into a period where your participation on this subcommittee will be much needed. The proposed date of the next Federal Subcommittee is

**May 15, 2002 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Location to be announced (in DC or Arlington)**

Please let me know as soon as possible if you have a conflict that day. The agenda will include the next steps for our coordinated outyear needs report as requested by the Bird Funding Group (we need to see where we stand and how to tighten it up), progress on habitat projects and next steps for partnership development, monitoring priorities for agencies, and international work.

Other dates in the short term to mark down (and attend if you can):

**April 2, 2002 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm; US NABCI Committee
meeting in Dallas at the North American
May 15, 2002 Federal Subcommittee as above
May 17, 2002 US NABCI Committee staff in The Plains, VA (at ABC)
August 5 - 6, 2002 US NABCI Committee retreat, NCTC**

Other working sessions are scattered throughout, but the above have the most applicability to all on this e-mail list. We will be working on products for the US NABCI Committee, I hope you can stay tuned to the progress.

Thanks for your support, I look forward to getting back in the communications loop!

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