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Partners in Flight/Shorebird/Waterbird Working Group
Chair: Sara Schweitzer, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
Vice-Chair: Eric Gardner, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

82nd North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference
Davenport Grand, Spokane, Washington

Thursday, March 9, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Room TBA

*The Partners In Flight/Shorebird/Waterbird Working Group is 1 of 4 Working Groups of the Bird Conservation Committee of AFWA. The PIF/SB/WB WG **serves as a forum for discussion** of initiative-related issues among representatives of State, Territorial, and Provincial fish and wildlife agencies, and other Association organizations. The WG may advance issues to the BCC from which information and requests can be presented to state directors.*

10:00 AM Welcome/Introductions/Review Agenda

Sara Schweitzer, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
Eric Gardner, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

10:10 AM Goal 1: Bird Conservation Plan Partnerships – integrate outcomes of initiatives

- **Bird Conservation Plans × State Wildlife Action Plans and Grants**

Geoff Geupel (Point Blue)—Partners in Flight

** partnership biologist programs – public lands policy & management*

** focus area working groups*

** new web page – user-friendly*

Proxy for Brad Andres (USFWS) – U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan Partnerships

** Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative projects with multiple state partners; working groups*

** Pacific Americas Shorebird Conservation Strategy*

10:40 AM Goal 2: Identify Threats

- **Feral & Free-ranging Cats WG: Summary of work on Actions**

Sara Schweitzer (NCWRC), Colin Gillin (Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife)

11:00 AM Goal 3: To evaluate alternative strategies for bird conservation action, come to agreement, and make recommendations to AFWA leadership

- **Data Management and Sharing: Summary of work on Actions**

Avian Knowledge Network – John Alexander, Klamath Bird Observatory

11:30 AM Further Discussion; 2016 Work Plan; Items for read-out to BCC II

12:00 PM Adjourn