

North American Waterfowl Management Plan 2012 Plan Revision Update #3

The first round of six NAWMP Revision stakeholder consultation workshops—attended by a total of 155 individuals—was held in the United States and Canada between December 2009 and March 2010. The workshops focused on identifying fundamental objectives and developing objective hierarchies for waterfowl management. We received additional input from Mexico, flyway councils, joint ventures, and via the comment form on www.nawmprevision.org.

The purposes of the Round One workshops were to:

- Solicit input on the NAWMP Revision purpose statement and on a definition of the problem to be addressed through the revision process
- Identify fundamental and means objectives for waterfowl management
- Discuss alternative, high-level strategies for achieving objectives
- Identify actions and measurable attributes associated with objectives
- Inform the management community about the NAWMP revision and engage them as participants in the process

The NAWMP Revision Steering Committee evaluated results from Round One consultations, including from workshop participants and those who submitted comments through other venues. Four fundamental objectives emerged:

- 1. Perpetuate waterfowl hunting.
- 2. Sustain opportunities for the public to view and enjoy waterfowl and waterfowl landscapes.
- 3. Maintain healthy waterfowl populations in North America at levels sufficient to fulfill human desires (#1 and #2 above) and in harmony with the ecosystems on which waterfowl depend.
- 4. Conserve landscapes capable of sustaining waterfowl populations at levels sufficient to satisfy human desires (#1 & 2 above) in perpetuity.

Results from Round One will be presented and discussed during the next series of stakeholder consultation workshops, the first of which will be held on September 30, 2010, immediately following the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies annual meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich. Another workshop will be convened on February 3, 2011, in Denver, Colorado. Additional workshops will be held in the United States and Canada between October 2010 and February 2011, at locations to be determined.

A number of important topics will be discussed during Round Two workshops. Participants will be asked to suggest measurable attributes associated with the four fundamental objectives described above, as well as weight the objectives relative to one another. Participants will also be asked to help define the obstacles that impede development of a more integrated system of waterfowl management, identify the most important "means" objectives that should be considered, and suggest how management actions can be linked to probable outcomes. These discussions are essential to moving us towards a more integrated waterfowl management enterprise.

Results from Round One workshops are posted on the NAWMP Revision web site, http://www.nawmprevision.org. A list of dates and locations for Round Two workshops, along with other background and logistical information, are being added as they become available. Please plan to attend a Round Two consultation workshop!

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