

2018 NAWMP UPDATE

ASSESSMENT/IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

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TITLE OF ACTIVITY: Assessing 2012 NAWMP Implementation

Overview of purpose/issue: The waterfowl management community has implemented efforts to advance recommendations outlined in the 2012 NAWMP Revision and the subsequent Action Plan. Next steps take the form of desired outcomes, that can be introduced during the FoW2 and possibly included in the Update.

Summary of Key Results (desired outcomes for 2018 Update):

- **Recommendation:** “*Develop, revise or reaffirm NAWMP objectives ...*” Develop a schedule and process for periodic review of NAWMP objectives and use information from stakeholder surveys and new biological insights to reassess objectives.
- **Recommendation:** “*Focus resources on important landscapes ...*” Develop a consistent approach (common “starting point”) across JVs for defining landscape priorities (attributes related to waterfowl populations, supporters, threats, and opportunities) leading to formal decision support frameworks that weight attributes in the context of priority waterfowl conservation decisions.
- **Recommendation:** “*Adapt harvest management strategies...*” Achieve a consensus on how harvest management and NAWMP duck population levels are related, leading to a framework for incorporating considerations of hunter participation objectives into harvest management.
- **Recommendation:** “*... support development of objectives for people and ensure that actions are informed by science.*” Fully utilize emerging HD information during the process of re-evaluating NAWMP goals and objectives.
- **Recommendation:** “*Build support for waterfowl conservation...*” Align social science (HDWG) with engagement initiatives (PET) to ensure active implementation, coordination, and evaluation of public engagement efforts.
- **Recommendation:** “*Integrate waterfowl management ...*” Perpetuate the gains made towards integration of waterfowl management including a revitalized, strong linkage between technical functions and the NAWMP Committee and other policy levels.
- **Recommendation:** “*Increase adaptive capacity ...*” Actively consider and promote an adaptive framework for implementing waterfowl management in the 2018 Update.

Initial implications for the 2018 Update:

- Recommendations outlined in the 2012 NAWMP Revision remain relevant and provide a foundation for the FoW2 agenda and a framework to consider as the 2018 Update is developed.

Recommendations, if any, for the Update Steering Committee and/or Future of Waterfowl Workshop-2 Planning Committee – consider the following:

- Communicate progress made on recommendations from the 2012 Revision, acknowledging that portions of the waterfowl management community are not well aware of progress outside of their area of management involvement. Invite greater integration of waterfowl management institutions, skills, and management actions based on a recognition that objectives for waterfowl populations, habitat, and engagement of supporters are inseparably linked and achieving NAWMP goals will require simultaneous consideration of each objective when management actions are implemented.