

WAFWA Bird Conservation Committee Minutes
July 24, 2006
Bismarck, ND

- Approximately 40 people in attendance for this our second meeting after being “created” by WAFWA directors in 2005
- Bruce McCloskey gave an update on NABCI (purpose, members, current projects, etc)
- Debbie Hahn gave update on NABCI Monitoring subcommittee; draft report has been out; subcommittee analyzing comments and will report to NABCI next month;
- Terry Johnson provided background on the need for states to get engaged in habitat protection and management in Mexico, Central and South America for migrating birds found in the US. Maps were distributed that show on a state specific basis where birds migrate south of the US border; several ongoing projects were highlighted; additional work is needed
- WAFWA Sagegrouse Framework Team members Tony Apa, San Stiver, Mark Hilliard gave an update on the Rangwide Conservation Strategy (partner and agency draft to be completed by 8/7/06); potential funding strategies were discussed, including using the IMWJV;
- Terry Messmer provided updates on several ongoing projects by USU Extension office; funding has been received by NRCS; working on communication linkages for sage grouse local working groups
- Jim Mosher provided an update on Prairie Grouse Partnership and the working meeting held 7/23/06 in Bismarck
- Debbie Hahn provided a progress report on how the newly created Nongame Technical Committees for the Flyway Councils are being implemented. Excellent cooperation and progress so far.
- Duane Shroufe clarified the role of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Act advisory council: they are advisory only
- Don Paul, Larry Kruckenburg gave updates on the Intermountain West JV; other updates on neighboring JV’s were also provided
- Kirk Nelson gave an update on the national JV association
- The Committee discussed and recommended priorities for the 2008 Federal Budget for reporting to the business meeting