

**W**ashington, D.C., March 7, 2012—Based on recommendations from the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission today approved funding for **23 U.S. projects in 16 states and nine Mexican projects in 20 Mexican states** under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Standard Grants Program. Partners will contribute matching funds of more than **\$59 million**.

The Act is nonregulatory and calls for voluntary partnerships to develop and implement wetlands conservation projects to benefit migratory birds and other wildlife. To be considered for funding, projects must meet certain biological criteria, and grant requests must be matched 1:1 with partner funds.

## U.S. and Mexican Projects Approved



Wood duck/Dr. Thomas G. Barnes, USFWS

## North American Wetlands Conservation Act

Acres that are protected, restored, enhanced and/or established may be paid for with grant, matching or nonmatching funds, or a combination of these funding sources. Matching funds must come from non-federal sources. However, federal partners may participate in NAWCA projects by providing nonmatch contributions, which do not count toward the required match amount but help support project goals and activities.

Activity: P = Protection, H = Habitat Management (e.g., Restoration and/or Enhancement), I=Implementation and O = Other

Standard Grants Program: United States						
State/ District	Project Title	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Other Federal \$	Acres	Activity
AR/1, LA/5	Ark-La-Miss Wetlands Conservation IV	\$1,000,000	\$2,300,743	\$0	4,292	H,O
AZ/7 CA/25, 41, 51	Sonoran Wetlands Restoration III	\$1,000,000	\$2,008,603	\$58,390	1,416	H,O,P
CA/1, 3, 10	California Delta & Yolo Basin Habitat Project I	\$1,000,000	\$2,013,793	\$1,100,000	8,512	H,O
CA/2	Butte and Colusa Basin Wetlands III	\$1,000,000	\$3,602,177	\$2,785,421	2,303	H,O,P
CA/18	Mid-Valley Wetland Habitat Project II	\$1,000,000	\$1,605,843	\$0	6,456	H,O,P
CA/18-22	Tulare Basin Wetlands Restoration II	\$1,000,000	\$2,247,028	\$1,600	3,098	H,O
CA/45, 51	Imperial Valley Wetlands Project II	\$1,000,000	\$2,001,955	\$9,631	1,983	H,O,P
FL/15	Indian River Lagoon Coastal Wetlands I	\$1,000,000	\$2,501,500	\$0	159	P
LA/7	White Lake Wetlands Enhancement Project	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	3,300	H,O
ME/1	Kennebec River Estuary IV	\$995,000	\$5,020,300	\$3,000	758	P
ME/2	Bagaduce River Watershed Project	\$1,000,000	\$2,118,800	\$0	1,205	H,P
MI/1, 4, 5, 7-15	Saginaw Bay to Lake Erie Coastal Habitat Project III	\$1,000,000	\$2,252,412	\$163,800	2,004	H,O,P
MO/2, 8	Mingo Basin Partnership III	\$1,000,000	\$4,452,174	\$1,458,476	4,261	H

Standard Grants Program: United States Continued						
State/ District	Project Title	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Other Federal \$	Acres	Activity
MS/2	Theodore Roosevelt NWR Complex Wetlands Restoration and Enhancement III	\$1,000,000	\$2,336,054	\$30,464	1,347	H,O,P
NC/7	Southeastern North Carolina Wetlands Initiative II	\$1,000,000	\$3,257,815	\$0	772	O,P
ND/1	North Dakota Drift Prairie Project III	\$1,000,000	\$1,259,298	\$1,264,036	22,297	O,P
ND/1; MN/7	Glaciated Wetlands and Prairies of ND and MN II	\$1,000,000	\$1,069,025	\$9,850	6,971	O,P
NE/1, 3	Rainwater Basin VI	\$419,541	\$462,290	\$133,044	2,138	H
NE/3	Central Platte River Partnership	\$1,000,000	\$2,004,545	\$25,000	6,844	H,O,P
SD/1	James River Lowlands/Missouri Coteau Project IV	\$1,000,000	\$1,028,000	\$154,400	5,493	P
TX/14, 22	Live Oak Bayou Marsh	\$1,000,000	\$1,697,000	\$50,000	3,591	P
VA/2	Southern Tip Ecological Partnership IV	\$254,961	\$751,000	\$26,464	461	O,P
WA/2	Skagit Lowlands Conservation Collaborative	\$1,000,000	\$2,090,187	\$17,000	910	H,O,P
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$21,669,502</b>	<b>\$50,080,542</b>	<b>\$7,290,576</b>	<b>90,571</b>	
<b>Average Match Ratio</b>		<b>1:2.7</b>				

Standard Grants Program: Mexico						
State	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Other Federal \$	Acres	Activity
Baja California North	Protection of Wintering Habitat of the Pacific Black Brant, Bahia San Qunitin	\$202,560	\$255,687	\$0	2,891	I,O,P
Campeche	Implementation of Actions and Techniques to Regenerate 1,871 Mangrove Acres: Ria Celestun III	\$287,552	\$322,095	\$0	1,871	I,H
Chihuahua	Waterfowl Reserve Network in Northwest Chihuahua, III	\$104,467	\$155,040	\$0	24,700	I,H,P
Chihuahua, Durango, Zacatecas	Regional Strategy for Wetland Restoration for Waterfowl on the Northern Plateau	\$466,293	\$4,319,529	\$0	1,772	I,H
Coahuila	Wetland Hydrology Rehabilitation at Cuatro Ciénegas	\$174,853	\$174,917	\$0	2,896	I,H,P
Nayarit	Legal Conservation Mechanisms and Habitat Restoration at Marismas Nacionales, II	\$500,000	\$932,000	\$0	19,768	I,H,P
Sinaloa	Acquisition of Critical Waterfowl and Shorebird Habitat at Santa Maria Bay	\$522,582	\$1,461,965	\$0	2,275	I,P
Twelve States	Strengthening Institutional Capacity to Develop Conservation Actions for the Wetlands of the Central Plateau II	\$381,121	\$986,474	\$0	689	I,H
Fifteen States	Implementation of the Nat'l Strategy for Conservation of Shorebirds II	\$232,711	\$397,124	\$0	0	I
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$2,872,139</b>	<b>\$9,004,831</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>56,862</b>	
<b>Average Match Ratio</b>		<b>1:3.1</b>				

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