

Washington, D.C., March 10, 2010—Based on recommendations from the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission today approved funding for 20 U.S. projects in 16 states and 11 Mexican projects in 12 Mexican states (and one nationwide project) under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Standard Grants Program. The tables below contain summary data on each project.

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



Brant in Defensive Position/Tim Bowman, 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), and O = Other

Standard Grants Program: United States						
State/ District	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Other Federal \$	Acres	Activity
AR/1; LA/4,5; MS/1	Ark-La-Miss Wetlands Conservation	\$989,150	\$2,563,784	\$0	39,913	H,O,P
CA/18	Mid-Valley Wetland Habitat Project	\$1,000,000	\$2,010,634	\$0	6,712	H,O,P
CA/18,20	Northern Tulare/San Joaquin Basins III	\$1,000,000	\$2,114,602	\$0	4,993	H,O,P
CA/18-22	Tulare Basin Wetlands Restoration	\$1,000,000	\$2,021,699	\$15,000	2,642	H,O,P
CO/4; NE/3	Platte River Confluence: Phase II	\$725,000	\$1,827,153	\$7,000	4,321	H,O,P
FL/15,16	St. Johns River Headwaters Project	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	2,282	P
GA/1	Rayonier-Murff Tract Habitat Conservation Project, Phase II	\$1,000,000	\$1,747,663	\$6,152,337	6,856	P
IA/4,5	Prairie Lakes IV Wetlands Initiative	\$1,000,000	\$2,046,315	\$1,654,700	3,127	H,O,P
ID/1,2	Middle Snake River Conservation	\$1,000,000	\$6,751,019	\$123,120	2,228	H,O,P
IN/8	Wabash River Habitat Protection Project	\$1,000,000	\$2,353,417	\$30,000	3,980	H,O,P
LA/5; MS/2	Mississippi Delta WMA Wetland Habitat Enhancements II	\$999,384	\$5,621,712	\$278,854	7,253	H,O,P
MT/1	Centennial Valley Restoration and Protection Project II	\$1,000,000	\$2,002,483	\$1,537,800	4,215	H,P
NE/1,3	Rainwater Basin Phase IV	\$1,000,000	\$1,033,838	\$26,671	4,215	H,O,P
SC/1,6	ACE Basin: Edisto River Corridor Protection Project IV	\$1,000,000	\$18,266,950	\$56,000	2,853	O,P

Standard Grants Program: United States Continued						
State/ District	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Other Federal \$	Acres	Activity
SD/1	Harvey Dunn Grassland Preservation III	\$1,000,000	\$1,002,432	\$53,880	1,804	O,P
SD/1	South Dakota Prairie Coteau Phase II	\$825,000	\$1,726,000	\$1,000,000	22,538	H,O,P
TX/2,9,14,15, 18,22,25-29	Wetlands Restoration and Enhancement of Private & Public Lands, Texas Gulf Coast VII	\$999,947	\$2,000,271	\$0	4,320	H,O,P
TX/2,14	Texas Chenier Plain Improvement Project II	\$998,543	\$2,108,369	\$20,000	3,391	H,O,P
TX/14	Texas Chenier Plain Coastal Refuges	\$1,000,000	\$2,039,635	\$1,559	1,000	O,P
UT/1	Great Salt Lake Wetlands Project, Phase IV	\$1,000,000	\$2,343,938	\$118,268	7,032	H,O,P
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$19,537,024</b>	<b>\$63,581,914</b>	<b>\$11,075,189</b>	<b>135,675</b>	
<b>Average Match Ratio</b>		<b>1:3.2</b>				

Standard Grants Program: Mexico						
State	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Other Federal \$	Acres	Activity
Baja California South, Sinaloa, Sonora	Joint Initiative for the Restoration of the Colorado River Delta, Phase III	\$414,506	\$877,130	\$0	1,882	H,O,P
Baja California, Sonora	Action Plan for the Conservation of the Black Brant in Northwest Mexico	\$200,728	\$222,921	\$0	0	O
Campeche, Chiapas, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Veracruz, Yucatan	Implementation of the National Strategy for Conservation of Shorebirds, Phase I: Gulf of Mexico Monitoring and Evaluation	\$129,403	\$437,589	\$0	0	O
Chiapas	Management and Sustainable Use of the El Fortin Ecological Easement Wetlands	\$97,846	\$120,040	\$0	0	O
Durango	Protection, Ecological Enhancement and Management at Laguna Santiaguillo	\$248,000	\$336,500	\$0	7,410	H,P
Michoacan	Multi-Institutional Initiative for the Conservation of Lake Cuitzeo	\$474,528	\$3,607,786	\$0	55,968	H,O
Nayarit	Legal Conservation Mechanisms Planning and Habitat Restoration at Marismas Nacionales	\$463,974	\$1,201,083	\$0	19,760	H,O
Nationwide	Waterfowl and Wetland Training Course for Technical Advisors	\$79,102	\$89,090	\$0	0	O
Sinaloa	Protection, Restoration and Management of Critical Anatid Habitat at Ensenada de Pabellones Wetlands Complex	\$329,877	\$701,688	\$0	3,582	H,P
Tamaulipas	Hydrology Enhancement for the Restoration of Habitat on the North Branch of Laguna Anda de la Piedra	\$135,786	\$178,616	\$0	2,621	H,O
Tamaulipas	Land Protection and Restoration in the Rio Bravo Delta, Laguna Madre, Phase II	\$315,300	\$368,900	\$0	24,453	H,P
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$2,889,050</b>	<b>\$8,141,343</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>115,675</b>	
<b>Average Match Ratio</b>		<b>1:2.8</b>				

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