

North American Wetlands Conservation Council Meeting Highlights

July 11, 2006

The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) met on July 11, 2006, in Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada, to select wetlands conservation projects that will be recommended to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission) for funding approval on September 13, 2006.

The total estimated funding of \$65,416,201 (from all funding sources) for Fiscal Year 2007 is allocated as follows: All Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act receipts must be used in United States coastal ecosystems, while all other receipts will be allocated 50% to United States, 45% to Canadian, and 5% to Mexican projects. This results in country allocations of: United States, \$41,826,121 (including \$2,000,000 allocated for the Small Grants Program); Canada, \$21,231,072; and Mexico, \$2,359,589. A portion of the United States funds, \$2,435,000, is derived from fines paid under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and must be spent in the Buzzards Bay Watershed Area of Massachusetts. The financial estimate will be updated when the annual appropriations process is completed.

Project Proposal Recommendations

The Council selected the following 22 United States Standard Grant Program proposals, requesting a total of \$21,189,380 in funding, to the Commission. The proposals' partnership contributions amount to \$123,177,984.

Border Prairie Wetlands, MN
Cedar - Wapsi Valley Wetlands, IA
Chase Lake Area Wetland Project VII, ND
Chenier Plain Coastal Wetlands Conservation V, TX
Coastal Marin Wetlands Restoration Project, CA
Greater Pleasant Bay Project Area II, ME
Kennebec Estuary, Maine Phase V, ME
Lake County Closed Basin Project II, OR
Lewis and Clark Floodplain Heritage Partnership III, MO
Lower Mississippi Valley Ecosystem IV, AR, LA, MS
Lower Yakima Wetlands Protection / Restoration II, WA
Malmaison WMA Forested Wetlands Enhancement, MS
Minnesota Headwaters, MN
Missouri Coteau Habitat Conservation Project V, ND
North Dakota Drift Prairie Project, ND
North Willapa Bay Wetlands Conservation, WA
Pee Dee River Conservation Initiative: Woodbury Tract, SC
Pocomoke River Conservation Partnership, MD
Savannah River Conservation Initiative: Hamilton Ridge Tract, SC
South San Francisco Bay Wetlands Restoration Project, CA

Southern Tip Cooperative Conservation Initiative, VA
Upper Klamath Lakes Wetlands, OR

Additionally, Council will recommend the following four projects from the Buzzards Bay Watershed Area totaling \$2,400,000 in grant funds and \$6,427,711 in partner funds:

Buzzards Bay Watershed: Dike Creek, MA

Buzzards Bay Watershed: Inner Bay Restoration and Edmunds, MA

Buzzards Bay Watershed: Slocum's River, MA

Buzzards Bay Watershed: Tiverton Great Swamp, RI

The Council selected 4 Canadian proposals, requesting a total of \$5,400,000 to present to the Commission. The partnerships will add a total of \$11,476,045 to achieve their conservation goals.

These recommendations are subject to available funding for FY 2007.

The balance of estimated FY 2007 funds will be allocated as follows: U.S., \$16,236,741; Canada, \$15,831,072; Mexico, \$2,359,589.

Scheduling

The next Council meeting will be held in San Francisco Bay area, CA, on December 6, 2006.

Meeting Summary

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