

## North American Wetlands Conservation Council Meeting Highlights

July 17-18, 2007

The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) met on July 17-18, 2007, in Bismarck, North Dakota, to select wetlands conservation projects that will be recommended to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission) for funding approval on September 12, 2007.

The total estimated funding of \$75,588,385 (from all funding sources) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 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 estimated country allocations of: United States, \$48,828,385 (including \$2,000,000 allocated for the Small Grants Program); Canada, \$24,084,000; and Mexico, \$2,676,000. A portion of the United States funds, \$1,689,600, is derived from fines paid under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and must be spent within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The financial estimate will be updated when the annual appropriations process is completed.

### *Project Proposal Recommendations*

The Council selected the following 21 United States Standard Grant Program proposals, requesting a total of \$18,081,043 in funding, to the Commission. The proposals' match contributions amount to \$36,930,141.

Big Hole Restoration and Protection I, MT  
Black River Riparian and Wetland Conservation Initiative, WA  
Clarendon Plantation Partnership, NC  
Coastal Prairie Wetlands Restoration / Acquisition II, TX  
Drummond Flat Phase I, OK  
Great Salt Lake Wetlands Project, Phase III, UT  
Gulf Coast Wetlands Restoration and Enhancement II, LA  
Harvey Dunn Grassland Preservation Project, SD  
Imperial Valley Wetlands Project Phase I, CA  
Jamestown Wildlife Area Phase II, KS  
Minnesota Prairie Coteau, MN  
Missouri Coteau Habitat Conservation Project VI, ND  
Montana Hi - Line Prairie Wetland Project II, MT  
Mouse River Watershed Enhancement Project VI, ND  
North San Joaquin Valley Wetland Habitat Project III, CA  
Northern Coteau Project VI, ND  
Northern Tallgrass Prairie Project I, MN  
Platte River Confluence, Phase I, NE, WY  
Pocomoke River Conservation Partnership II, MD  
Prairie Lakes II Wetland Initiative, IA  
Yolo and Delta Basins Wetland Restoration and Enhancement II, CA

The Council selected three Canadian proposals, requesting a total of \$6,804,000 to present to the Commission. The partnerships will add a total of \$13,372,900 to achieve their conservation goals.

Ducks Unlimited Canada Conservation of Critical Wetlands and Associated Upland Habitats in BritishColumbia, British Columbia

Ducks Unlimited Canada Eastern Habitat Joint Venture Wetlands Conservation, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Labrador

Ducks Unlimited Canada Prairie-Western Boreal Habitat Program, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba

These recommendations are subject to available funding for FY 2008.

The balance of estimated FY 2008 funds will be allocated as follows: U.S.,\$30,747,342; Canada, \$17,280,000; Mexico, \$2,676,000.

### *Scheduling*

The next Council meeting will be held in Villa Hermosa, Tabasco, Mexico, on December 4, 2007.

### *Meeting Summary*

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