

## North American Wetlands Conservation Council Meeting Highlights

March 14, 2006

The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) met on March 14, 2006, in Grand Island, Nebraska, to select wetlands conservation projects that will be recommended to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission) for funding approval on June 14, 2006.

The total funding of \$71,601,753 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 is allocated as follows: All Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act receipts must be used in U.S. coastal ecosystems, while all other receipts will be allocated 50% to U.S., 45% to Canadian, and 5% to Mexican projects. This designation results in country allocations of: United States, \$46,338,033 (including \$2,000,000 allocated for the Small Grants Program); Canada, \$22,732,734; and Mexico, \$2,530,986.

A total of \$48,866,239 of this FY 2006 funding has been spent on proposals approved by the Commission on September 21, 2005, and on March 8, 2006, leaving \$22,735,514 in available funding allocated as follows: United States, \$4,883,799 (including \$2,000,000 allocated for the Small Grants Program); Canada, \$17,851,134; Mexico, \$581. A portion of the United States' remaining 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.

### *Project Proposal Recommendations*

The Council selected the following 47 U.S. Small Grant Program proposals, reflecting a total of \$2,007,758 in funding. Because the Commission has previously authorized \$2,000,000 for the Small Grants program in 2006, the Council will recommend that the Commission authorize an additional \$7,758 to fully fund this slate. The proposals' partnership contributions amount to \$16,582,996.

Acadiana Park Wetland Preservation, LA  
Acquisition and Protection of Private Property Within a Wetland Complex, NY  
Bagley Lake Farm Wetland Restoration, WA  
Black Gold Nesting Habitat Enhancement Project, IL  
Blaisdell - Clough I on the York River, ME  
Burton Property - Litchfield Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project, CA  
Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land Managed Wetlands Enhancement Project, NC  
Camas Creek Ranch Restoration, ID  
Cedar Island Enhancement Project, SC  
Chena Flats Greenbelt Project, AK  
Combahee Fields Revitalization Project, SC  
Conservation of a Playa Complex in Eastern Colorado, CO  
Conserving a Network of Wetlands in the Tatnics: Tatnic Woods III, ME  
Desert Gun Club Wetland Restoration and Enhancement, NV  
E.A. Vaughn Wildlife Management Area Wetland Enhancement, MD

Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area and Saw Mill Hills, MA  
Frazier Park Lake Restoration Project: Sediment Removal, KS  
Freshwater Creek Estuary Rehabilitation Project, CA  
Invasive Species Eradication and Mangrove Planting in the Indian River Lagoon, FL  
Iowa Living Lakes - Diamond Lake, IA  
Jane's Creek Log Pond Acquisition Project, CA  
Leopold Memorial Preserve - Migratory Habitat Expansion, WI  
Limberlost and Loblolly Wetland Restoration Project, IN  
Michael Wolff Memorial Wetland Project, IL  
Mitchell County Wetland Habitat Development Project, IA  
Murphy Island Enhancement Project, SC  
Nayanqing Point State Wildlife Area Coastal Wetland and Grassland Project, MI  
Otto Preserve Expansion Project, WA  
Piscassic Greenway Conservation Initiative, NH  
Potter Marsh State Wildlife Refuge Protection Project, AK  
Rapids Lake Acquisition and Restoration Project, MN  
Restoring a Large Native Prairie / Wetland Complex, IL  
Richardson Seal Cove Property Acquisition, ME  
Rio Bosque Water Supply Well, TX  
Roberts Waterfowl Production Area Restoration Initiative, MN  
Ruby Lake NWR Wetland Enhancement, NV  
San Joaquin Basin Wetland Restoration II, CA  
Scuppernong River Wetland Restoration Phase, WI  
Suggs Millpond Game Land Managed Wetlands Enhancement Project, NC  
The New State Wetland Enhancement, UT  
Upper Saco River Project: Hancock I, ME  
Wetland Enhancement for the Myrtle Foester - Whitmire Preserve, TX  
Wetland Property Acquisition for Migratory Birds, MI  
Wetland Restoration on Three National Wildlife Refuges and Adjacent Land Phase I, RI  
Whitefish Lake and Wetland Preservation, WI  
Willow River and Kinnickinnic State Parks Nesting Habitat Enhancement, WI  
Wisconsin Private Lands Conservation, WI

The Council also recommended that the Commission approve an FY 2007 Small Grant funding level of \$2M.

Additionally, the Council selected the following seven Canadian proposals, requesting a total of \$17,851,134, to present to the Commission in June. The partnerships will add a total of \$34,061,345 to achieve their conservation goals.

Ducks Unlimited Canada Prairie/Western Boreal Region Habitat Program; Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, British Columbia, Yukon Territory, and Northwest Territory  
Ducks Unlimited Canada Eastern Habitat Joint Venture; Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and Labrador  
Conservation of Important Wetlands and Associated Habitats in British Columbia; British Columbia

Prairie Canada Wetlands and Uplands; Alberta, Saskatchewan  
Maritimes Wetland Securement Project; Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince  
Edward Island  
Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture/Pacific Coast Joint Venture Wetland-Associated  
Migratory Bird Habitat Conservation; British Columbia and Alberta  
Protecting Wetland and Upland Habitat in Quebec; Quebec

The balance of FY 2006 funds will be allocated as follows: Mexico, \$581; U.S.,  
\$2,876,041 (with \$2,435,000 of this amount allocated to the Buzzards Bay Watershed  
Area).

### *Scheduling*

The next Council meeting will be held in British Columbia, Canada, on July 11, 2006.

### *Meeting Summary*

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