

	<p>If the need for Plan influence on extensive programs and policy issues is a top priority, more specific recommendations are needed on who should move these actions forward, benchmarks for progress, and timelines to direct and track these achievements.</p>	
Appendix F	<p>It might have been useful to anonymously discuss ideas and methods that have not worked out and lessons learned.</p>	M. Vrtiska
Tracking Accomplishments	<p>I suggest the report include a brief section that provides an example of the minimum information needed to evaluate the effectiveness of the Plan at a continental scale. This section might contrast 2 species, one for which we have a relatively large amount of information (e.g., mallard), and one that is relatively poorly understood (e.g., scaup or a sea duck). For each species, the section should list the important questions that need to be answered about the species and its habitat (along with the necessary precision), how the information would be used to direct future conservation actions, and recommendations for approaches for obtaining this information (and their costs).</p>	J. Gammonley
Tracking Net Change	<p>Biological models that describe landscapes needed to meet waterfowl needs in terms of habitat type and amount need to reflect actual conditions including “environmental variation” and need to account for changes in habitat availability over time.</p>	J.P. Dunn
Funding M&E	<p>Need increased focus on measuring progress. This has been a weakness in the past. If new funding is not forthcoming, I would support use of a small percentage of NAWCA funds for this purpose.</p> <p>Adaptive management may be a very costly endeavor for most JVs, and technology for testing some assumptions on an annual or semi-annual basis is just not there. If structure, resources, and technology are not there, JVs may need to look at more traditional methods of evaluation.</p> <p>NABCI monitoring report strongly recommends management-based bird monitoring programs, consistent with the recommendations for monitoring and adaptive management in relation to NAWMP, but how specifically can these tie-ins be strengthened, particularly in relation to securing the needed funding for effective Plan monitoring? The NABCI report seems to favor monitoring at the BCR level – how do we resolve potential conflicts with JV and continental-scale monitoring needs related to</p>	<p>W. Harvey</p> <p>M. Vrtiska</p> <p>J. Gammonley</p>

