

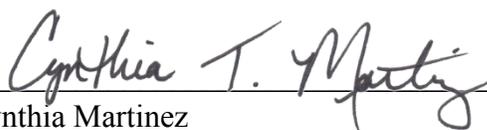
**Recommendation 8:** *Create a new, quadrennial report on the state of the Refuge System starting in 2015, as part of an effort to report on the status and trends of wildlife and habitat in the System and ensure that all data gathered are easily accessible and shared widely among the Service, the scientific community and the public.*

Overview: The purpose of this recommendation is to coordinate and guide scientific research taking place on refuges by publishing information, on a regular basis, on the fish, wildlife and plants the Refuge System is charged to conserve.

Deliverable: Produce a quadrennial report on the state of the Refuge system

- *Description:* A quadrennial report for the Refuge System provides a more systematic and robust approach to inventory and monitoring on both a regional and national scale. The goal of the report is to further collaboration on improving the condition of the Refuge System, highlight successful programs and encourage adaptive management.
- *Approach:* The NWRS Natural Resource Program Center (NRPC) will take the lead on this recommendation, formulating an Inventory and Monitoring Coordinators team.
  - The new team will create a list of measurable activities and milestones and develop a Table of Contents for the report. The team will also develop a road map for priority inventory and monitoring activities across the Refuge System.
- *Major Milestones:*
  - Table of Contents: September 30, 2012
  - Team formed: 2013
  - Quadrennial report: 2015
- *Coordination Need:*
  - Recommendation 7 (I&M)
  - Office of the Science Advisor
- *Communications:*
  - Involve partners in the scoping and publication of the report.
- *Success and Evaluation:* The ability to report on the status and trends of wildlife and habitat on Refuge lands and increased capability to identify major challenges facing the Refuge System. Data is easily accessible within the Service, the scientific community and the public inspiring stimulated discussion with stakeholders as well as external usage by partners

**Executive Implementation Council Approval:**

  
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