

LYNX SSA EXPERT ELICITATION WORKSHOP
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 13-15, 2015

DAY ONE (Tuesday, October 13)

- 1:00 Welcome (Bush)
- Introductions (All)
- Goals/Background (Willey/Zelenak)
- Review Agenda (Bell/Parkin)
- 1:45 SSA Framework/FACA/APA (Bell)
- 2:15 Expert Elicitation Process (Parkin/Cummings)

Overview Presentations:

- 2:30 Historic and Current Distribution of Lynx in the Contiguous U.S. (McKelvey)
- 3:00 Lynx Regulatory Environment 2000-2015 (Jackson)
- 3:30 Break (15 minutes)
- 3:45 Lynx Genetics Considerations (Schwartz)
- 4:15 Lynx Distribution, Status and Management in Southern Canada (Bowman)
- 4:45 Introduction and Discussion of Lynx Conceptual Models
- 5:45 Adjourn

DAY TWO (Wednesday, October 14)

PART 1: Overview Presentations (continued):

- 8:00 Climate Change and Lynx (Frelich, Siren, [Lawler and Wilsey via WebEx])
- 9:00 Forest Management and Lynx Habitat Trends (Simons-Legaard)
- 9:30 Snowshoe Hare Distribution & Status in the U.S. and Southern Canada (Hodges)
- 10:00 Break (15 minutes)

PART 2: Lynx Population Status and Threats Updates:

- 10:15 Maine/Northeast (Vashon)
- 10:45 Minnesota/Upper Midwest (Moen)
- 11:15 Montana and Greater Yellowstone (Squires)
- 11:45 Northern Washington (Maletzke)
- 12:15 Colorado/Southern Rockies (Ivan)
- 12:45 Lunch (1 hour)

PART 3: Expert Elicitation on Aspects of Lynx Analytics

- 1:45 Review of Lynx Conceptual Models:
 - Population-level relationships
 - Species-level relationships (3 Rs: Resiliency, Redundancy, and Representation)
 - Stressors that affect population and species viability, with a particular focus on climate change
- 3:30 Rapid Prototyping:
 - Explore current conditions for the lynx using the conceptual model and, as needed, population models (positive and negative effects on species viability), including regional differences
- 5:30 Adjourn

DAY THREE (Thursday, October 15)

- 8:00 Recap and Discussion of Day 2 Results
- 9:00 Future Scenarios:
 - Climate change
 - Other threats
 - Conservation interventions
- 10:15 Break (15 minutes)
- 10:30 Rapid Prototyping:
 - Begin to project future species conditions based on projected responses to alternative future scenarios
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Rapid Prototyping:
 - Continue to project future species conditions based on projected responses to alternative future scenarios
- 3:00 Discussion of results and additional assessment needs
- 4:00 Wrap-up and next steps
- 5:00 Adjourn