



Grand Cote NWR in Louisiana by Stacy Shelton/USFWS

Thursday, March 18
Morning Session (8 am – 12 noon)

Moderated by Bill Uihlein and Dean Demarest

- 8 am Housekeeping and Wednesday Re-cap
Moderators
- 8:10 am Set-up for Discussion on Small Group Activities
Cindy Williams and Steve Reagan

- 9 am Synthesis – Key Messages, Considerations and Actions
Dean Demarest and Bill Uihlein
- 10 am Break
- 10:30 am Concluding Thoughts
David Viker
- 11:30 am Lunch and Adjourn

Strategic Habitat Conservation Workshop

Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks

Landscape Conservation Geography

Building a Common Foundation

Jackson, Mississippi
March 15 - 18, 2010

Agenda

Purpose

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is holding a series of internal workshops prior to its Southeast Project Leaders conference scheduled for summer 2010. One workshop is being held in each of the Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) areas that overlap the Service's Southeast Region (<http://www.fws.gov/southeast/lcc>). These workshops are intended to help inform and engage Project Leaders and senior staff within the Service regarding continuing efforts to advance Strategic Habitat Conservation (SHC) and promote development of LCCs as the principal framework and strategy – respectively – for conceiving, organizing, and undertaking conservation efforts in support of our Mission.

Goals for the Workshop

- Promote understanding and discussion regarding SHC and its implications to individuals, stations, programs, the Service, and the partnerships within which conservation work is achieved.
- Foster an exchange of ideas, perspectives, and considerations among staff, programs, and leadership to assist in understanding and responding to each others' expectations and concerns regarding SHC and LCCs.
- More fully consider the challenges associated with SHC and LCCs, and determine immediate or longer term needs or actions in response to these.
- Explore and identify considerations and next steps for advancing the development of an LCC in the Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks geographic area.



Ozark Forest by Steve Hensley/USFWS

Organization

The workshop is structured around three basic organizational themes: Context, Operations, and Actions. The Context aspects attempt to provide fundamental background and help establish a current understanding regarding the “Whys”

and “Whats” of SHC and LCCs. The Operations aspects explore perspectives on implications of SHC and LCCs to individuals, stations, programs, organizations, etc. The Actions aspects will provide opportunity to determine meaningful next steps, be they specific actions for advancing an LCC, or continued needs for communication and engagement, etc. Ample time for Q/A and discussion is built into the agenda.



Louisiana black bear by Janet Ertel/USFWS

The success of the workshop in achieving the stated goals hinges upon everyone's engagement, as presentations are intended to stimulate thought and interaction among all participants as opposed to one-way communication of ideas and concepts.



Monday, March 15

Travel to Jackson, MS

Conference Lodging and Meeting Room Location: Holiday Inn, Trustmark Park Hotel
110 Bass Pro Drive
Pearl, MS 39208
601/939 5238
Callers should ask for rooms reserved under the Fish and Wildlife group.

Website: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/janbp?&stopredirect=true>

Tuesday, March 16

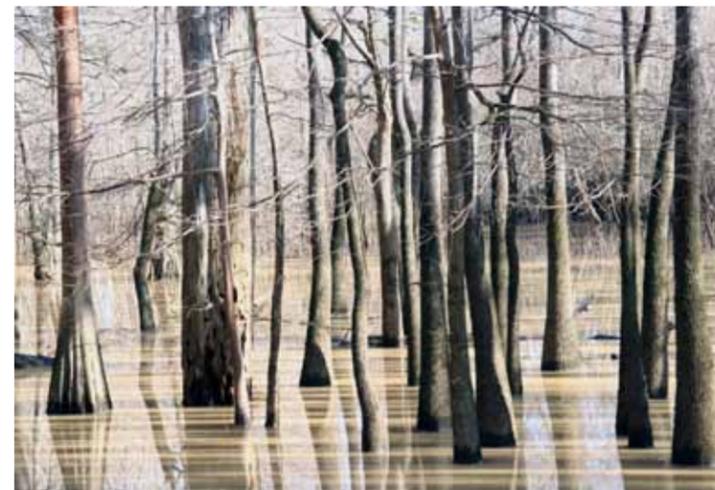
Morning Session (7:30 am – 12 noon)

Moderated by Bill Uihlein, USFWS, Coordinator; Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture

- 7:30 am Welcome and Housekeeping
David Viker, USFWS, Regional Chief, Migratory Birds, Southeast Region
- 7:45 am Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks Video
Jeff Fleming, USFWS, Asst. Regional Director, External Affairs, Southeast Region
- 8 am Thoughts and Expectations for this Workshop
Cynthia Dohner, USFWS, Regional Director, Southeast Region
- 8:15 am Science-based Management Challenges in Contemporary Conservation
Jean Brennen, Defenders of Wildlife, Senior Climate Change Scientist
- 9 am A Way of Working Challenge
Bill Uihlein
- 9:45 am Feedback and Q/A



Sandhill crane by Stacy Shelton/USFWS



Cypress forest, Mississippi by Stacy Shelton/USFWS

- 10 am Break
- 10:30 am SHC – The Framework and a Practical Application
Mike Millard, USFWS, Acting National LCC Coordinator
- 11:15 am Feedback and Q/A
Moderator – Elizabeth Souheaver, USFWS, Refuge Supervisor, Southeast Region
- 12 noon Lunch

Afternoon Session (1 pm – 5:30 pm)

Moderated by Keith Weaver, USFWS, Central Arkansas NWR Complex

- 1 pm LCCs – Background, Status Report and Development of the GCPO LCC
Bill Uihlein, Mike Millard and Greg Wathen, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Chief of Wildlife
- 2 pm Climate Science Centers – Background, Status Report and Development of the Southeast CSC
Bob Ford, USFWS, Science Liaison to the Regional Director, Southeast Region
Sonya Jones, USGS, Science Program Officer, Southeast Area
Allison Shipp, USGS, Science Program Officer, Southcentral Area
- 2:30 pm Feedback and Q/A
Keith Weaver and Speakers
- 3 pm Break
- 3:30 pm Overview of Small Group Activity
Cindy Williams, USFWS, Fisheries Program Supervisor, Southeast Region
Steve Reagan, USFWS, Assistant Refuge Supervisor, Southeast Region
- 3:45 pm Small Group Activities/Breakout
Pre-assigned groups convene in breakout rooms
Group A – Bob Ford, facilitator
Group B – Keith Weaver, facilitator
Group C – Steve Hensley, facilitator
Group D – Bill Pearson, facilitator
Group E – Dean Demarest, facilitator
- 5:30 pm Adjourn from Small Group Activities

Planning Team and Facilitators meet to download on day's activities.

Wednesday, March 17

Morning Session (8 am – 12 noon)

Moderated by Dean Demarest, USFWS, Deputy Regional Chief, Migratory Birds, Southeast Region

- 8 am Housekeeping and Tuesday Re-cap
- 8:10 am Set-up for Small Group Reports – Panel Discussion
Cindy Williams and Steve Reagan
- 8:20 am Small Group Reports – Panel Discussion
Facilitated discussion among Panel and Participants
- 9:30 am Synthesis – Key Messages, Considerations and Actions Thus Far
Dean Demarest
- 10 am Break



Wildlife Management Area, Mississippi by Scott Stephens

- 10:30 am Perspectives from a Federal Partner National Park Service
Joe DeVivo, NPS, Southeast Coast I&M Network Coordinator, Eastern Region
- 10:50 am Perspectives from a State Partner – Missouri Dept. of Conservation
Dennis Figg, Missouri Department of Conservation, Wildlife Programs Coordinator
- 11:10 am Perspectives from an Existing Partnership Ozark Partnership
Esther Stroh, USGS, Ecologist, Columbia Environmental Research Center
- 11:30 am Feedback on Partner Perspectives
Panel Discussion
Three preceding speakers plus:
Ron Seiss, Miss. Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks, Assistant Wildlife Resources Director
Curtis Hopkins, Ducks Unlimited, Director, Southern Regional Office
Scott Robinson, Coordinator, Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership

12 noon Lunch

Afternoon Session (1 pm – 5:30 pm)

Moderated by Dixie Birch, USFWS, Ecological Services Supervisor Oklahoma Field Office

- 1 pm Perspectives on LCCs & Potential Roles and Contributions – USFWS NWRS
Keith Weaver, USFWS, Central Arkansas National Wildlife Refuge Complex
- 1:20 pm Perspectives on LCCs & Potential Roles and Contributions – USFWS Migratory Birds
Randy Wilson, USFWS, Jackson Migratory Bird Field Office
- 1:40 pm Perspectives on LCCs & Potential Roles and Contributions – USFWS Fisheries
Bill Wayman, USFWS, Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery
- 2 pm Perspectives on LCCs & Potential Roles and Contributions – Ecological Services
Charlie Scott, USFWS, Columbia Ecological Services Field Office
- 2:20 pm Feedback and Q/A
Dixie Burch and Speakers
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