

**Workshop to
Explore Opportunities to Integrate the State Wildlife Action Plans into
Improved Wetland Conservation and Restoration**

Date:

Monday & Tuesday July 16 & 17, 2007

Location:

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Conference Center
Choate Room
1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Hosted by:

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Association of State Wetland Managers
Environmental Law Institute
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

~ AGENDA ~

DAY ONE – MONDAY JULY 16, 2007

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast (provided)
- 9:00 – 9:20 Welcome
- *Rob Wood, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
 - *Mark Shaffer, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation*
- 9:20 – 9:40 Introductions, Objectives, Agenda & Housekeeping
- *Roxanne Thomas, Environmental Law Institute (Facilitator)*

Session I: Background

- 9:40 – 10:05 Introduction to State Wildlife Action Plans
- *Dave Chadwick, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*
- 10:05 – 10:25 Question & Answer
- 10:25 – 10:45 BREAK
- 10:45 – 11:10 Introduction to State Wetland Programs
- *Jeanne Christie, Association of State Wetland Managers*
- 11:10 – 11:30 Question & Answer

11:30 – 11:50 Overview of Funding Vehicles for State Wildlife Agencies, State Wildlife Action Plans and State Wetland Programs

- *Dave Chadwick, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*
- *Romell Nandi, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

11:50 – 12:00 Question & Answer

12:00 – 12:30 LUNCH (provided)

Session II: Shared Opportunities & Program Needs

12:30 – 12:40 Introduction to Session II

- *Jessica Wilkinson, Environmental Law Institute*

12:40 – 2:00 State Wildlife Action Plans: Mapping Efforts

- Snapshot of the States & Session Objectives (5 min.)
Roxanne Thomas, Environmental Law Institute
- Presentation: Where's the Habitat? Wetland Maps and Wildlife Conservation (20 min.)
Steve Sanford, New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- Presentation: Wildlife Action Plans and Wetlands: "The Washington Way" (20 min.)
Rocky Beach, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Question & Answer (10 min.)
- Facilitated Discussion: Opportunities & Needs (25 min.)

2:00 – 2:20 BREAK

2:20 – 3:40 State Wildlife Action Plans: Monitoring & Assessment Strategies

- Snapshot of the States & Session Objectives (5 min.)
Roxanne Thomas, Environmental Law Institute
- Presentation: Elements of a State Wetlands Monitoring Program (20 min.)
Chris Faulkner, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Michael Scozzafava, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Presentation: Bogs and Butterflies, Swamps and Salamanders: Integrating Minnesota's Wetland Monitoring Program and Wildlife Action Plan (20 min.)
Doug Norris, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

- Question & Answer (10 min.)
 - Facilitated Discussion: Opportunities & Needs (25 min.)
- 3:40 – 5:00 State Wildlife Action Plans: Informing Education & Outreach Strategies
- Snapshot of the States & Session Objectives (5 min.)
Roxanne Thomas, Environmental Law Institute
 - Presentation: Implementation of the Georgia Wildlife Action Plan: New Directives and Opportunities for Wetland Conservation (20 min.)
Jon Ambrose, Georgia Department of Natural Resources
 - Presentation: Integrating Montana’s Comprehensive Fish and Wildlife Conservation Strategy with Wetland and Riparian Education and On-the-Ground Habitat Conservation (20 min.)
Tom Hinz, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
 - Question & Answer (10 min.)
 - Facilitated Discussion: Opportunities & Needs (25 min.)
- 5:00 ADJOURN

DAY TWO – TUESDAY JULY 17, 2007

- 8:30 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast (provided)
- 9:00 – 9:15 Review of Agenda
- *Roxanne Thomas, Environmental Law Institute (Facilitator)*

Session II: Shared Opportunities & Program Needs (cont’d)

- 9:15 – 10:35 State Wildlife Action Plans: Strategies for Acquisition & Restoration
- Snapshot of the States & Session Objectives (5 min.)
Roxanne Thomas, Environmental Law Institute
 - Presentation: Arkansas Wetland Resources Information Management System (20 min.)
Ken Brazil, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

- Presentation: Implementing Nevada’s Wildlife Action Plan: Lockes Ranch Acquisition and Wetlands Restoration (20 min.)
Laura Richards, Nevada Department of Wildlife
 - Question & Answer (10 min.)
 - Facilitated Discussion: Opportunities & Needs (25 min.)
- 10:35 – 10:55 BREAK
- 10:55 – 12:15 State Wildlife Action Plans: Informing Wetland-related Regulatory Decision-making
- Snapshot of the States & Session Objectives (5 min.)
Roxanne Thomas, Environmental Law Institute
 - Presentation: Integrating Proactive Planning and Reactive Regulatory Conservation Strategies to Achieve Conservation Goals in New Hampshire (20 min.)
Michael Marchand, New Hampshire Dept. of Fish and Game
 - Presentation: Wetland Mitigation Banking and State Wildlife Action Plans (20 min.)
Michael Bean, Environmental Defense
Jessica Wilkinson, Environmental Law Institute
 - Question & Answer (10 min.)
 - Facilitated Discussion: Opportunities & Needs (25 min.)
- 12:15 – 12:20 Session II Wrap-up
- 12:20 – 12:50 LUNCH (provided)
- Session III: Next Steps**
- 12:50 – 2:10 Facilitated Discussion: “Gold Nuggets,” Next Steps & Recommendations
- 2:10 – 2:30 Wrap Up & Closing Statements
- *Dave Stout, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
 - *Rob Wood, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
- 2:30 ADJOURN