

Atlantic Marine Bird Conservation Cooperative Meeting

**New Bern Waterfront Convention Center,
New Bern, NC September 21 - 22, 2016
(Waterbird Society Meeting)**



Meeting Objectives: (1) Review prior accomplishments resulting from AMBC collaboration, and associated lessons learned; (2) Define future directions of our group and re-evaluate: a) what our main goals and vision should be, b) what our group structure should be, and c) what support structures are most useful; (3) Develop actionable next steps to move the group forward

Wednesday, September 21

10:00 - 10:30am **Introductions, Meeting Objectives & Ground Rules [Caleb Spiegel]**

10:30am - 1:00pm **LEARNING FROM OUR PAST (History and accomplishments):**

10:30a **Brief History of AMBC:** Why was it formed? What were the main goals? Who participated? How frequent were the meetings? Always piggybacked on another meeting? [Steering Committee members]

10:45a **Broad Review of Accomplishments:** How has group changed the landscape of marine bird science and conservation? What have been the major focal topics? [Steering Committee members]

11:15a **Group Structure:** How have priorities been determined? Which working groups formed? What work was accomplished during meetings vs. in-between meetings? [Steering Committee members]

12:15p **What Has Worked and What Hasn't** [Group discussion introduced by Steering Committee members]

1:00 - 2:00pm **LUNCH**

2:00 - 5:30pm **FUTURE DIRECTIONS (Re-evaluate our focus): [Group discussion facilitated by Steering Committee members]**

2:00p **Review Questionnaire Results [Caleb]:** Will inform the subsequent discussion

- 2:30p **Audience:** Who are we doing work for? (e.g., scientists, managers, funders, public, a combination of these?)
- 3:00p **Scope:** Where do we work? (e.g., Caribbean to Atlantic Canada?; offshore only?; Include breeding colonies?)
- 3:30p **Priorities:** Brainstorm major topics that support vision & goals. Do we need a more structured process to select these?
- 4:30p **Vision and Goals Statements:** Based on outcomes of 2:00 - 4:30pm topics, brainstorm simple statement of what group intends to be, and what we should focus on to achieve it (e.g., research, conservation, management, advocacy, a combination of these?); Identify smaller group to follow up and finalize statements prior to the next meeting
- 5:30pm End day**

Thursday, September 22

9:50am - 12:30pm FUTURE DIRECTIONS (Determine how we work together): [Group discussion facilitated by Steering Committee members]

- 9:50a **Group Structure:** Questions to consider: Formal or informal? Role of coordinator? Working groups, and if so, which ones? Process for representation at World Seabird Union? Review examples from other groups (e.g., PSG, AFSI, ACJV). *With input from 2015 AMBC meeting discussions* [Introduced by Pat Jodice]
- 11:15a **Meetings:** Annual? Additional Working Group meetings? Format: presenting project results, working on actions, or some combo?
- 11:45a **Member Time Commitment:** Do we do work together only at meetings, or will people commit to working outside meetings?
- 12:00p **Support Structures:** Website? Newsletter? Others? What purpose/audience? How will they benefit partners? How will members contribute?

12:30 - 1:00pm Next steps & Follow-Up Actions [Caleb & all]

1:00pm Adjourn

**5:30 - 7:00pm POSTER SESSION (AMBC and Waterbirds):
Tryon Palace History Center**