

Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative (Virtual) Meeting

WebEx, November 7 - 8, 2017
(all times EST)



WebEx Objectives: (1) Review major outcomes and actions of 2016 AMBC meeting (New Bern, NC); (2) Discuss group progress since 2016 meeting; (3) Follow up on uncompleted actions and move them forward by identifying next steps, leads, and timelines; (4) Facilitate information sharing and new collaborations; (5) Discuss ideas for 2018 meeting

Tuesday, November 7

- 1:00 - 1:20pm** **WebEx Objectives & Ground Rules, Planning Team Introduction, Agenda Review & Questions [Caleb Spiegel]**
- 1:20 - 2:00pm** **Summary/Review of Major Outcomes & Actions from 2016 [Caleb]**
- **Reaffirmed value of AMBC to it's members & willingness to actively engage** (list of volunteers from 2016 meeting*)
 - **Expanded scope & geography**
 - **Conveyed need for a purpose statement and guidance document** to convey who we are & what we do, history and major prior accomplishments, and short & long term objectives
 - **Conveyed need for a group structure** to better facilitate AMBC activities and meetings (e.g., steering committee, formalized working groups, etc.), and reviewed different options
 - **Supported efforts to revitalize/redevelop webpage & updates**
 - **Proposed new working groups and urged reengagement of old working groups**
- 2:00 - 3:10pm** **Progress Since 2016 Meeting - New Working Groups**
- 2:00p **Seabird Colonies & Adjacent Waters [Ruth Boettcher]**
- 2:35p **Forage Fish [Linda Welch]**

- 3:10 - 5:00pm** **Advancing Key AMBC Priority Actions [facilitated group discussion]**
- 3:10p **Group structure** - Steering Committee? Potential roles & responsibilities.
- 3:40p **History & Guidance Document** - Review draft “purpose statement”*. Discuss outline of proposed components*. Group to commit to leading this effort? Process? Timeline?
- 4:30p **Web page & group updates/accomplishments** - Progress to date. Group to lead this effort? Process? Timeline?
- 5:00pm** **End day**

Wednesday, November 8

- 9:00 - 10:30am** **Advancing Key AMBC Priority Actions (continued)**
- 9:00a **Working groups** - Review list of past present, and proposed working groups*; Discuss process for formation of new groups, better defining objectives of new groups, etc. (consider new working groups template*)
- 9:45a **Engaging with underrepresented groups (e.g., fisheries, industry, funders)** - Identify main targets; brainstorm ways to increase participation
- 10:15 - 11:45am** **Project-level Update: Informal topic-based Q & A, and idea-sharing [group discussion, facilitated by Linda & Caleb]**
*Refer to 2017 AMBC projects summary**
- 11:45am - 12:15pm** **2018 & 2019 Meeting Logistics [Caleb]**
- **Discuss ideas for 2018 meeting venue.**
Note: Waterbirds meeting is being held in Vancouver, BC with the International Ornithological Congress meeting -- are AMBC members planning on attending?
 - **2019 meeting:** Suggest holding in conjunction w/ Waterbirds, being held in Maryland
- 12:15 - 12:30pm** **Other Topics & Next Steps**
Include volunteers and timelines for next steps
- 12:30pm** **Adjourn**

**Indicates information that will be provided to WebEx participants ~1 week prior to the WebEx*