

**Northeast PIF Working Group Meeting - Ithaca, NY
April 21-22, 2004**

Afternoon of April 21 (1-5pm)

1 - 2 PM

I. Monitoring

A. Coordinate Bird Monitoring

1. Purpose and benefits of developing coordinated bird monitoring plans at the state/regional levels
 - examples of the CBM model from coastal states workshop held in Jan. 2004
 - discuss how to incorporate CBM plans into state CWCS process as part of monitoring requirements
2. Discuss means for improving BBS coverage in the Northeast - a key component of CBM - [to be continued by smaller group during breakout]
3. Overview of monitoring needs already identified in PIF plans applicable to the Northeast (N.A. Plan and Phyiso Plans)

2 - 3 PM

B. Review of monitoring needs and existing projects in the Northeast

1. Presentations/updates on existing monitoring efforts targeting species or habitats not covered by BBS (e.g., BITH, owl surveys, wetland surveys, migration monitoring, etc.)
2. Discuss additional monitoring needs and prioritize monitoring needs for the Northeast

3 - 3:15PM BREAK

3:15 - 4 PM

C. Breakout Groups to develop descriptions of monitoring projects that address priority monitoring needs

1. BBS group - develop suggested techniques/approaches that states can use to increase number of BBS routes covered
2. Species/Habitat group - develop descriptions (methods, who would do it, how much will it cost) of monitoring projects that would address priority monitoring needs not already being covered
3. Coordination & Funding group - develop recommendations for how to facilitate CBM in the Northeast and how to fund priority monitoring projects

- Reconvene from breakouts and short reports from each group
- Tasks for NEWG Monitoring Committee

4:15 - 5 PM

D. New Technologies for Monitoring and Database Management - presented by Cornell Lab of Ornithology staff

1. Acoustic Monitoring Techniques
2. eBird
3. Managing Data

Morning of April 22 (9am - 12pm)

II. Cornell Lab of Ornithology workshops

1. Bioacoustics Research
2. Digiscoping
3. eBird
4. Sound Recording

Afternoon of April 22 (1-5 pm)

1 - 2 PM

III. "Stepping Forward"

A. Review of Progress on Translating Continental Objects to State and Regional Levels

1. Status of Ken's products to states (priority lists and pop. objectives) and quick update on where NE states are in their CWCS process - are bird issues getting appropriate consideration in all states?
2. Topics that were addressed at the national Step-down Workshop held in TX in Feb.
3. Concept of the "5 element" process for developing habitat objectives that came out of the TX workshop
4. How patch-based habitat assessment work (e.g., Bryan Watts' work for BCR 30) fits into the process for developing habitat objectives and has already been identified as one of the highest priority activities for NE PIF

2 - 3 PM

B. Breakout Groups to work on issues related to population and habitat objectives

1. Habitat Assessment group - develop a proposal for funding landscape characterization and habitat assessment project(s) for the rest of the Northeast; one that could be used for SWGs, USGS Science Support, NFWF, or other funding sources
2. Technical group - review correction factors/assumptions being used in calculations for population estimates
3. Bird-Habitat Modeling group - develop list of species that would be most beneficial to create bird-habitat models in each BCR in the Northeast and develop proposal for how to accomplish such work

- Reconvene from breakouts and short reports from each group

3:20 - 3:40PM BREAK

3:40 - 4:15 PM

C. Discuss development of simple habitat objectives for use until more sophisticated methods can be applied

1. Under taking expanded habitat assessment work and completing the "5 element" process will be a long-term effort - is there interested in developing simple habitat objectives for use in the mean time?
2. If so, what methods can be used? Who can help work on this?

D. Tasks for "Implementation" Committee

4:25 - 5 PM

IV. Old NEWG Business

- A. New Committee Structure to better reflect current functions of the NEWG
- B. Revision of NEWG Charter
- C. Updates of NE PIF plans - task for NEWG "Plan" Committee