

KIWA Conservation Team

Fall Meeting

September 10 & 11, 2019 (Optional UP tour on September 12)

Grayling, MI

Kirtland Community College, Community Room

Remote Access Info: Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://kirtland.zoom.us/j/9892755001>

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

8:30 am — 12:00 pm – Sub-committee working meetings (as needed); to be scheduled by sub-committee chairs

12:00 pm – Lunch and Networking

12:30 pm – Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Overview (Facilitator: Shawn Graff)

- Kirtland's Warbler systems mapping (Human Dimensions sub-committee)

12:45 pm – Subcommittee Reports

- **Breeding Range Subcommittee Discussion** (Facilitator: Keith Kintigh)
 - Report on Breeding Range Work Plan Outcomes (90 minutes)
 - Breeding Range census/survey results
 - Update on the MSU JP stocking density project
 - Huron Manistee KW habitat goals discussions
 - Evaluate and implement management goals outside of the core breeding range.
 - Update from Expanding Breeding Range Workgroup (Davin Lopez)
 - Cowbird control program.
 - Update from Mensing/Ryan
 - Develop and keep current a list of breeding range research needs and implement a feedback loop to integrate research results into habitat management practices.
 - Brief discussion on status of breeding range research needs list
 - Updates on Partners in Flight Forest Industry Engagement
 - Discussion

2:15 pm – Break

2:45 pm – Nonbreeding Range Subcommittee Discussion (Facilitator: Dave Ewert)

- Report on Nonbreeding Range Work Plan Outcomes
 - Protect and manage overwintering habitat in the Bahamas
 - Support long-term commitment to Kirtland's Warbler conservation efforts through sustainable partnerships, especially with Bahamian organizations
 - Bahamas National Trust Kirtland's Warbler activities (Scott Johnson)
- Results from the BirdsCaribbean meeting. (Dave Ewert and Scott Johnson)
- Follow up Discussion

3:15 pm – 4:30

Monitoring Updates and 2019 results (Facilitator: Keith Kintigh)

- State Monitoring Protocols & Discussion (Keith Kintigh)
- Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan & Discussion (Chris Mensing)
- 2019 survey results

4:30 pm -- Systems mapping continued (Human Dimensions sub-committee)

4:45 pm -- Adjourn

6:00 pm – Social – Pizza and Beers at Rolling Oak Brewery Company.

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Wednesday, September 11, 2019

8:00am – Coffee, breakfast snacks

8:15am -- Human Dimensions Subcommittee Discussion (Facilitator: Abby Ertel)

This session will have you up, moving and thinking deeply about connections across KW conservation programming. We will review a series of maps showing the key elements, actors and processes of KW conservation and gather input from the Conservation Team on what might be missing from the maps, where elements should/could connect across our team structure and beyond, and better identify where Human Dimensions can connect directly to achieve successful KW conservation.

9:15 am – Conservation Team Leadership (Facilitator: Shawn Graff)

- Short-term needs
 - Scheduling Monthly Steering Committee Conference Calls
 - Spring 2020 Meeting
- Long-term needs
 - Role of Coordinator Post Conservation & Business Plans
 - Update on agency and legislator outreach (Bill Rapai)
 - Discussion

10:00 am – Break

10:15 am – Communications (Facilitator: Dan Trudeau)

- Update on Website (5 minutes)

10:20 am – Fundraising (Facilitator: Shawn Graff)

- Endowments
 - MI DNR Endowment
 - Partner engagement updates (Shawn Graff)
 - Kirtland's Warbler Alliance (Bill Rapai)
- Grant Updates (Dan Trudeau, Shawn Graff and Bill Rapai)
 - Update on recent proposals
 - Upcoming fundraising opportunities
- Discussion

11:00 am – Delisting and conservation planning

- KW Interagency MOU/Conservation Plan Update. (Scott Hicks)
- Coordinating Delisting Announcement (Facilitator: Scott Hicks)
 - Status of delisting
 - Coordination of announcement

11:45am Break and Lunch

12:30pm – Updates (Facilitator: Shawn Graff)

- Kirtland's Warbler Alliance (Bill Rapai) (10 minutes)
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act (Amy Bleisch) (30 minutes)
- Other announcements

1:15 pm – Wrap-up (Facilitator Shawn Graff)

- Feedback on meeting format and topics covered
- Recommendations for Spring meeting
 - Location
 - Other

2:00 pm – Adjournment

Thursday, September 12, 2019

9:30am – Hiawatha National Forest Tour

Meet at the Rapid River/Manistique Ranger District office 8181 U.S. Highway 2, Rapid River MI 49878 (Rapid River is approximately 125 miles west of St. Ignace).

The objective of the field trip is for participants to see the result of different site prep and planting methods on the West Unit of the Hiawatha NF (Central Upper Peninsula of Michigan). Management in this non-core area uses a different approach than the Huron-Manistee NF. A retired Forest Service Silviculturalist will present a background on the evolution of the site prep and planting methods on the West Zone of the Hiawatha NF. The field trip is designed to be beneficial to the KWCT Breeding Range Subcommittees: Expanding Breeding Range Workgroup and Improving Habitat Management Workgroup, but is also open to others. Both current-year occupied and recently occupied stands will be visited. **Due to logistics, the field trip is limited to 20 people.**