**Summary of Priorities and Action Items recommended by KWRT for KWCT**

See attached spreadsheet for the detailed recommendations from the KWRT and subcommittee.

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**1) Research Recommendations to: a) Steering Committee and b) all 3 Subcommittees**

1. **Steering Committee**

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| **PRIORITY** | **ACTION ITEMS** |
| **1. Membership** | Build broad base of research and management skills into each interdisciplinary subcommittee. Membership should include both core habitat experts and representatives from peripheral areas because techniques differ.  Carefully identify skills needed by each subcommittee. |
| **2. Process** | All three subcommittees pertaining to research include the following action items:   * Establish process to communicate new research findings to managers. * Develop a process to review new proposals and make recommendations. * Develop a process for coordination and communication across subcommittees. * Formalize Adaptive Management approach.   Develop a funding process protocol with Alliance and subcommittees  Develop process to maintain a living archive |

1. **All 3 Subcommittees**

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| **PRIORITY** | **ACTION ITEMS** |
| **1. Membership** | Identify a research lead and membership for each subcommittee |
| **2. Process and Coordination** | Update and maintain:   * Research priority list * List of most important research questions * Publication list   Clearly define adaptive management and research objectives.  Continue using field trips to display new information. |
| **3. Communications** | Identify a research outreach person to encourage collaboration on priority questions between partners, managers and researchers.  Communicate historic and current role of research and lessons learned by research committee at KWCT/SC level at future meetings. |

**2) Non-Breeding Season Conservation**

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| **PRIORITY** | **ACTION ITEMS** |
| **1. Winter Habitat** | Complete winter range assessment and literature review (ongoing D. Ewert)  Start to develop a winter range and migration conservation plan. |
| **2. Migration** | Develop a network of biologists in states along migration route. |

**3) Breeding Season Conservation**

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| **PRIORITY** | **ACTION ITEMS** |
| **1. Monitoring and Evaluation** | List and prioritize monitoring needs.  Develop a consistent population monitoring protocol to include different methods used across the breeding range. |
| **1. Improve Breeding Distribution** | Develop a strategy to meet Conservation Plan goal of 100 pair outside NLP.  Develop a protocol to improve planning, coordination and documentation of experimental habitat work.  Presentations to SC on experimental approaches success and failure. |
| **2. Cowbird Control** | Cowbird control challenges for KWCT to consider:   * Trap density and trap timing * Alternative funding mechanism * Impact of regional cowbird populations. * Long term declining trend. * Understanding cowbird habitat use. * Trap placement and design. * Impacts of decoy predators.   Develop a formal evaluation of cowbird trapping program to address challenges, increase efficiency and reduce cost. |
| **3. Marketability and Biodiversity** | Support ongoing market research and evaluate need for new research.  Develop new guidelines if needed.  Present impacts of sedge, operationalizing configurations from what was learned at No Pablo. |
| **3. Partnerships** | Work on establishing new active partners in KW habitat management. |

**4) Human Dimensions/Capacity Building**

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| **PRIORITY** | **ACTION ITEMS** |
| **1. Membership** | Document the specific skill set required for human dimensions subcommittee. |
| **2. Communication Plan** | Develop a Communications Plan suggested in the Conservation Plan to address:   1. Delivery techniques 2. Hold in hand product (brochure) 3. Random encounters (signs) 4. Electronic (new and far reaching) 5. PBS “Ask the Experts” 6. Formalized “self-guided” tours 7. Better coordinating and publicizing of tours, etc.   Communicate I&E lessons learned at future KWCT/SC meetings. |
| **3. Marketing and Economic Development** | Build marketing and community outreach into communications plan.  Identify and task an individual to take the lead on key initiatives.  Seek stable funding for I&E. |