

## **KIWA Conservation Team**

### **Spring Meeting**

April 2 and 3, 2019

Grayling, MI

Kirtland Community College, Community Room

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

### **Meeting Goals:**

- Adoption of Business Plan
- Consensus on the future of the Coordinator position
- Committee Updates
- Identify Delisting Announcement assignments

## **AGENDA**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

**12:00pm – Lunch and Networking**

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

**1:00pm – Kirtland's Warbler Business Plan** (Facilitator: Dave Ewert)

- Business Plan Overview (5 minutes)
- Discussion (30 minutes)
- Adoption/Consensus (5 minutes)

**1:40pm – Subcommittee Reports**

- **Breeding Range Subcommittee Discussion** (Facilitator: Keith Kintigh)
  - Report on Breeding Range Work Plan Outcomes (45 minutes)
    - Ensure adequate habitat to support a minimum of 1,300 Kirtland Warbler pairs.
      - 2018 Agency Habitat Accomplishments
    - Improve jack pine marketability to mitigate program costs and increase habitat biodiversity.
      - Updates on USFS and DNR stocking density/configuration projects
    - Evaluate and implement management goals outside of the core breeding range.
      - Update from Expanding Breeding Range Workgroup (Davin Lopez)
    - Evaluate the scope and needs of the cowbird control program.
      - Update from Mensing, Ryan, and/or Cooper on 2018 Cowbird Results and 2019 plans
    - 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 (15 minutes)
- Discussion (10 minutes)

#### **2:50pm – Break**

#### **3:00pm – Nonbreeding Range Subcommittee Discussion (Facilitator: Dave Ewert)**

- Report on Nonbreeding Range Work Plan Outcomes (20 minutes)
  - 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
    - Introduce new Bahamas National Trust Avian Ecologist - Bradley Watson
  - Fill information gaps
- Update on KIWA Winter Distribution paper (10 minutes)
- Follow up Discussion (10 minutes)

#### **3:40pm – Human Dimensions Subcommittee Discussion (Facilitator: Abby)**

- Report on Human Dimensions Work Plan Outcomes (20 minutes)
  - Improve the ability of the Kirtland’s Warbler Conservation Team to investigate how humans value, use, and depend on the Kirtland’s Warbler
  - Increase awareness of Kirtland’s Warbler ecology, conservation needs and management practices among community members
  - Increase citizen awareness of conservation efforts to engage public
  - Increase use of Kirtland’s Warbler information in meeting local school and curricula goals and requirements across full life cycle
  - Increase human dimensions skillsets within Kirtland’s Warbler Conservation Team
- Presentation: Diane Doberneck, Associate Director of the National Collaborative for the Study of University Engagement at Michigan State University (30 minutes)
- Follow up Discussion (10 minutes)

#### **4:40pm – Wrap up**

#### **5:30pm – Adjourn/Social – Pizza and Beers at [Rolling Oak](#) Brewery Company.**

### **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

#### **8:00am – Arrive, coffee, breakfast snacks, get settled**

#### **8:15am – Monitoring Updates (Facilitator: Keith Kintigh)**

- State Monitoring Protocols & Discussion (Dan Kennedy and Keith Kintigh) (30 minutes)
- Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan & Discussion (Chris Mensing) (30 minutes)

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

- Short-term needs (15 minutes)
  - Scheduling Monthly Steering Committee Conference Calls
  - Planning Fall Meeting
- Long-term needs (30 minutes)
  - Role of Coordinator Post Conservation & Business Plans
    - Review Recommended Coordinator job duties & time commitment
    - What can be covered by the Subcommittees and other partners?

- What gaps exist and how to fill them?
- Coordination with KW Alliance
- Discussion

**10:00am – Break**

**10:15am – Communications** (Facilitator: Katie Koch)

- Update on Website (5 minutes)

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

- Endowments (30 minutes)
  - MI DNR Endowment (Dan Kennedy)
  - Partner Fund Concept (Shawn Graff)
  - Kirtland's Warbler Alliance (Bill Rapai)
- Grant Updates (Dan Trudeau and Bill Rapai) (15 minutes)
  - Update on recent proposals
  - Upcoming fundraising opportunities
- Discussion (15 minutes)

**11:20pm – Coordinating Delisting Announcement** (Facilitator: Dan Kennedy) (30 minutes)

- Status of Delisting
- Who is coordinating the announcement
- Date/Location
- Program outline
- Invitation list
- Other logistics
- Assignments

**11:50 Break and Lunch**

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

- Kirtland's Warbler Alliance (Bill Rapai)
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act (Dan Kennedy)
- Other Announcements

**1:00pm – Wrap-up** (Facilitator Shawn Graff)

- Feedback on meeting format and topics covered
- Recommendations for Fall meeting
  - Location
  - Agenda items
  - Activities (social event, field trip, entertainment)
  - Other

**1:15pm – Adjournment**