

## **Presidential Migratory Bird Stewardship Award Announcement**

The Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds seeks nominations for the 2011 Presidential Migratory Bird Stewardship Award (Award). Nominations for the Award are due no later than March 1 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Nominees can be a single Federal agency, a Federal agency and public or private partners, or multiple Federal agencies. Nominations must be related to an action or project initiated no earlier than January 2001.

### **Background:**

Executive Order 13186 (*Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*), signed in 2001, established that migratory birds are of great value to the United States and other countries. In recognition of that value, the Order directs Federal agencies to support the conservation intent of the migratory bird conventions by integrating, to the extent practicable, principles, measures, and practices into agency activities that benefit migratory bird resources. To view the Executive Order, please go to:

<http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/Partnerships/migbrdeo.pdf>.

### **Presidential Migratory Bird Stewardship Award goals:**

The Presidential Migratory Bird Stewardship Award will annually recognize a single project or action conducted by or in partnership with a Federal agency that meets the intent and spirit of the Executive Order by focusing on migratory bird conservation. Actions may involve reducing existing or potential adverse impacts to migratory birds and their habitats, restoring or enhancing migratory bird habitat, and incorporating conservation of migratory birds and their habitat into agency plans, guidance, or other activities. The action should demonstrate leadership in inspiring others to further migratory bird conservation. This could include developing and implementing best-management practices, a policy action, or research.

### **Nomination Procedure:**

All nominations must be submitted by a Federal agency. Federal agencies may submit only one nomination to FWS. Each Federal agency should filter nominations within their agency to submit their best nomination. FWS must receive nominations from Federal agencies by March 1, 2011. The award will be presented in May 2011.

Nomination applications and instructions are available on the FWS website at (<http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds>) or by contacting Nanette Seto at [nanette\\_seto@fws.gov](mailto:nanette_seto@fws.gov) or by calling 704-358-1835.