

# The Next Step in Strategic Habitat Conservation: Moving Forward with Landscape-scale Conservation

Organized by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
September 25-26, 2012

## Agenda

### Training Workshop Objectives:

By the end of the two-day training workshop, participants will better understand:

- 1) The role of selecting species for design of landscape-scale conservation.
- 2) The connection between surrogate species, conservation targets, and the Service's approach to landscape-scale conservation (Strategic Habitat Conservation).
- 3) How past and current work tie into surrogate species.
- 4) How to provide informed feedback on the Service's Draft Technical Guidance on Selecting Species for Design of Landscape-scale Conservation.

### Tuesday, September 25, 2012

- 7:30 Registration and coffee**  
First floor conference room
- 8:00 Welcome, key points about objectives of these two days, what it is and what it isn't**  
Laura Brandt, Wildlife Biologist, Science Applications, USFWS
- 8:15 The Vision – Where is FWS Headed with This and Why**  
Cindy Dohner, Regional Director Southeast Region, USFWS
- 8:30 A Conservation Conversation**  
Cindy Dohner  
Nick Wiley, Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- 9:00 Evolving to Meet the Challenges – Landscape-scale Conservation and the Role of Selecting Species**  
Larry Williams, Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office, USFWS
- 9:30 Break**
- 10:00 Working Example: Are We Getting as Much as We Can Out of our Current Conservation Management Efforts?**  
**Panel Discussion Led by:**  
Elizabeth Souheaver, Refuge Supervisor, USFWS  
Sylvia Pelizza, Project Leader, Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, USFWS

## SELECTING SPECIES THE STEPS

100 STEPS

Develop Conservation Objectives  
Choose Scale  
Determine Species In Landscape  
Select Criteria  
Establish Surrogates  
Special Species Requiring Attention  
Set Population Objectives  
Test for Logic & Consistency  
Identify Gaps and Uncertainties  
Monitor Effectiveness

BIOLOGICAL PLANNING

MONITORING & RESEARCH

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CONSERVATION DESIGN

CONSERVATION DELIVERY

### Location:

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Fish & Wildlife Research Institute  
100 8th Avenue SE  
St. Petersburg, Florida

### September 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am - 12:00 noon: Auditorium  
12:00 noon - 5:00 pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (3-A/3-B)

### September 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am - 4:00 pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (3-A/3-B)

### Needs Statement

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must continue to evolve and work closely with its conservation partners to meet today's threats to the nation's natural resources. If we don't move aggressively to determine the conservation landscape of the future, by 2050 it will be determined for us. As part of this process the Service has developed Draft Technical Guidance on Selecting Species for Design of Landscape-scale Conservation and is seeking feedback on this draft guidance.

	Panel: Jon Wallace, Prescribed Fire Specialist, Arthur R. Marshal Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, USFWS Paul Ebersbach, Chief, Environmental Flight, Avon Park Air Force Range, Department of Defense State of Florida Representative Pete Kubiak, Chief, Division of Fire Management, Southeast Region, USFWS		Step 10: Monitor the effectiveness of the approach Sylvia Pelizza Bob Ford, Deputy Assistant Regional Director, Science Applications, USFWS
11:00	<b>Concepts Behind Selecting Species for Landscape-scale Conservation</b> Jack Arnold, Deputy Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, USFWS	4:45	Summary of Day 1 and Introduction to Objectives for Day 2 Laura Brandt
11:45	<b>Lunch On-Site</b> (Pre-register for box lunch \$10.00 or bring your own)	5:00	<b>Adjourn</b>
12:30	<b>Insights and Consternations: Open Forum for Views from all Participants</b> John Galvez, Project Leader, Peninsular Florida Fisheries Office, USFWS		<b>Wednesday, September 26</b>
1:00 - 5:00	<b>Draft Technical Guidance on Selecting Species for Design of Landscape-scale Conservation</b> Laura Brandt – Moderator	8:00	<b>Introduction to Morning Session on Existing Efforts to Select Species and Set Conservation Targets</b> Laura Brandt
1:00	<b>Providing Feedback on the Draft Technical Guidance</b> Stacy Shelton, Public Affairs Specialist, USFWS	8:30	<b>State of Florida</b> Beth Stys, Research Administrator, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
1:15	<b>Steps 1-3: Objectives, Scale, and Determining Which Species</b> Step 1: Develop and clearly specify management or conservation objectives for the surrogate species approach. Step 2: Identify geographic scale. Step 3: Determine which species to consider in the identified landscape. Roxanna Hinzman, Acting Chief of Staff, Regional Director's Office, USFWS	9:00	<b>U.S. Forest Service</b> Carl Petrick, Natural Resources Staff Officer, U.S. Forest Service
2:15	<b>Break</b>	9:30	<b>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 4</b> Jack Arnold
2:45	<b>Steps 4 - 7: Criteria for Establishing Surrogates, Which Species Require Special Attention, and Population Objectives</b> Step 4: Decide which criteria to use in determining surrogate species. Step 5: Establish surrogate species. Step 6: Identify species requiring special attention. Step 7: Identify population objectives. Cindy Fury, Leader, Florida/Caribbean Migratory Bird Field Office, USFWS Dawn Jennings, Deputy Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Ecological Services Office, USFWS	10:00	<b>Break</b>
3:45	<b>Steps 8 - 10: Addressing Logic and Consistency, Knowledge Gaps and Uncertainties, and the Critical Need to State Assumptions Clearly to Drive Monitoring and Research Needs</b> Step 8: Test for logic and consistency. Step 9: Identify Knowledge gaps and uncertainties.	10:30	<b>Break-out Groups for Discussion</b> What are similarities and differences in approaches? Strengths/weaknesses? What can we learn for improving the Service's Draft Technical Guidance on Selecting Species for Design of Landscape-scale Conservation?
		11:30	<b>Report Back and Panel Discussion</b>
		12:15	<b>Lunch On-Site</b> (Pre-register for box lunch \$10.00 or bring your own)
		1:00	<b>Any Key Points from Lunch Discussions and Introduction to Afternoon Session</b> Dave Hankla, Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Ecological Services Office, USFWS
		1:30	<b>Peninsular Florida Landscape Conservation Cooperative</b> Tim Breault, Coordinator, Peninsular Florida Landscape Conservation Cooperative Peninsular Florida Steering Committee Members
		2:30	<b>Break</b>
		3:00	<b>Next Steps and Continuing the Conversation and Engagement</b> Cindy Dohner Nick Wiley
		3:45	<b>Closing Thoughts: Questions, Comments, Feedback from Participants/ Evaluation Summary</b> Laura Brandt
		4:00	<b>Adjourn</b>

