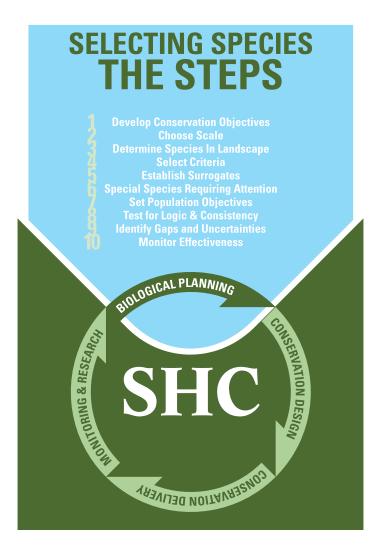
The Next Step in Strategic Habitat Conservation: Moving Forward with Landscape-scale Conservation



Location:

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

September 25th

 $8:00~\mathrm{am}$ - $12:00~\mathrm{noon}$: Auditorium

12:00 noon - 5:00 pm: 3rd Floor Conference Room (3-A/3-B)

September 26th

8:00 am - 4:00 pm: 3rd 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Technical Guidance on Selecting Species for Design of Landscape-scale Conservation and is seeking feedback on this draft guidance.

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 landscapescale 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 Dobner Regional Director Southeast Region

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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

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