

Pacific Seabird Group 2017 USFWS Pacific Seabird Program (PSP) Session

Session Leader: Roberta Swift

When and where is this session? Wed. Feb. 22nd, 3-5pm, South Board Room

Who should attend? FWS employees and conservation partners who conduct seabird monitoring within the Pacific Rim (California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and Pacific Island, and Alaska). This session will discuss progress to date and next step in developing the PSP. The vision of the PSP is to promote a robust program that is fostered by partnerships where FWS seabird monitoring is integrated with other survey efforts to build a better understanding of seabird population trends as well as abundance and distribution around the Pacific Rim. The PSP will deliver scientific products and tools to inform conservation of seabirds including develop survey protocols with large-scale inference, develop and maintain web-based data management solutions, make survey data analyses and reporting tools readily available, and foster enhanced, coordinated data collection and data management among multiple partners.

Plus, we are seeking nominees for the PSP Advisory Committee, which will guide the direction and decisions of the PSP. Interested individuals should attend this session to learn about the PSP and the role and responsibilities of committee members (see agenda below). Several USFWS staff members from Regions 1, 7, and 8 have been identified to participate on the advisory committee, but we also seek involvement by our conservation partners. Come to this session and learn if volunteering for this advisory committee is a good fit for you!!

Agenda

Updates on PSP activities (3:00 - 3:30 PM)

- PSP program & status of position hiring (10 min – Kevin Kilbride)
- Protocol development for common murre and Brandt's cormorant in the CCS (10 min – Bill Bridgeland)
- Seabird monitoring planning for Hawaii and Pacific Islands (10 min – Amanda Pollock)

Other PSP topics (3:30 – 5:00PM)

- The role and functions of a Data Manager (10 mins – Steve Holzman)
- The relationship of the PSP to the PSG seabird monitoring committee (10 min – Robb Kaler)
- Establishing the PSP Advisory Committee (25 min - Roberta Swift)
- Priority work activities for Steve Holzman, our new Data Manager (45 min – Kevin Kilbride)
 - Lead Data Mgmt WG for CCS protocol framework
 - Facilitate preparation of MOA/MOU between USFWS Regions and partners
 - Evaluate existing databases and their involvement/integration into the PSP
 - Priority seabird meetings and workshops in the Regions
 - Example: Workshop on Seabird Monitoring in the U.S. Tropical Pacific in late June 2017