PSG Marbled Murrelet Technical Committee Annual Report for 2021
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The Marbled Murrelet Technical Committee (MMTC) was created in 1986. It has been a longstanding committee of the Pacific Seabird Group. Its roles are to: (1) act as a technical authority about the status, distribution, and life history of the Marbled Murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*); (2) encourage, facilitate, and identify research needs; (3) address conservation problems related to the Marbled Murrelet; (4) act as a liaison between research and management; and (5) develop a science-based inland dawn survey protocol for management and research that provides for the conservation of the Marbled Murrelet over the long-term.

The MMTC met virtually on 23 February 2021 at the PSG Annual Meeting. Sixty-five people were in attendance for this half day meeting. At the meeting, summaries were presented by state, regional, and federal agencies and NGOs from the USA and Canada on current conservation issues and research results.

**Protocol Subcommittee**
The Inland Survey Protocol Subcommittee, coordinated by Kim Nelson (prior to April 2020) and Bill McIver (after April 2020) and a facilitator, has been working diligently since late 2017 to complete a revision of the inland dawn survey protocol before the 2023 field season (new release date). We have three working groups, two of which meet twice monthly: one group is working on the protocol text and figure revision and the second is working on Chapter 3 of the protocol, which deals with management issues. The third group finalized their work on the revised statistical analysis of the probability of occurrence in May 2019 (led by Gary Falxa). In August 2020, we found a new facilitator, Susan Goodwin of DOI, to help us get through the difficult revision issues. Our progress has continued to be slow but steady and we are on track to have a draft ready for peer review in winter 2022 (new date).

The **Marine and Sound Subcommittees** did not meet in 2021.