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Recommendation 20 - Letter to Dr. Matt Reiter at Point Blue Conservation Science in Support of the Pacific Flyway Shorebird Survey

Recommendation

The Pacific Flyway Council approves and will send the attached letter to Dr. Matt Reiter at Point Blue Conservation Science (Point Blue), in support of the Pacific Flyway Shorebird Survey (Shorebird Survey).

Justification

A substantial proportion of shorebird populations are declining globally. Long-term monitoring data, however, are lacking for most shorebird populations found within the Pacific Flyway. To address this data gap, Point Blue has initiated the Shorebird Survey. The spatial extent of the effort currently extends along the Pacific coast from southern British Columbia south into Mexico. This project relies on participation of multiple organizations and individuals across the Flyway, many of whom are citizen scientist volunteers. This letter will help Point Blue acquire additional funding, recruit volunteers, expand the spatial scope, and enhance agency engagement in support of the project.

Adoption

Pacific Flyway Nongame Migratory Bird Technical Committee
March 5, 2015

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Cris Tomlinson, Chair

Pacific Flyway Council
March 10, 2015

Tony Wasley, Chair

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March 12, 2015

Matt Reiter, Principal Investigator
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Dear Dr. Reiter,

The Pacific Flyway Council supports the Pacific Flyway Shorebird Survey initiative, and wishes to facilitate the success of the project. We understand many shorebird species are declining, and that climate change, among other threats, may present a significant challenge to these species in the future. The long-term monitoring data needed to assess population trends are lacking within the Pacific Flyway. The cost-effective project you have initiated will help address these data gaps. We recognize your success in developing a network of organizations and individuals across the Flyway, many of whom are citizen scientist volunteers.

We wish to endorse the goals of the work as we recognize the quality and extent of data needed to assess population performance is currently deficient for most species found in the Pacific Flyway, and the information you are gathering begins to fill this gap. Further, we hope you may use this letter to encourage greater support in terms of additional funding, facilitate volunteer recruitment, expand the project's spatial scope, and potentially enhance agency engagement on the project.

Sincerely,

Tony Wasley, Chair
Pacific Flyway Council