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Resolution 2007-02-03

SUPPORT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVING AVIAN MONITORING REPORT

WHEREAS, the vision of the North American of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is healthy fish and wildlife resources throughout North America managed by effective, well-funded fish and wildlife agencies;

WHEREAS, Canada, the United States and Mexico have agreed to the North American Bird Conservation Initiative vision of delivering conservation of all birds in all habitats.

WHEREAS, the North American Bird Conservation Initiative's *Opportunities for Improving Avian Monitoring* report promotes science-based monitoring and increased coordination; and

WHEREAS, the fish and wildlife agencies of North America have recognized the importance of incorporating science-based monitoring into bird management and conservation through endorsement of the report by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Bird Conservation Committee;

WHEREAS, effectively solving conservation or management problems will require coordination of monitoring programs among governmental and non-governmental organizations within the three countries and integration across spatial scales; and

WHEREAS, the value of and confidence in monitoring information is improved through statistical design; and

WHEREAS, bird population monitoring data, to be useful, must be available and managed in modern data management systems.

WHEREAS, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies supports of the goals, as stated in the *Opportunities for Improving Avian Monitoring* report;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the natural resource agencies and non-governmental organizations of North America to determine how they will implement the goals of the Report in order to improve the effectiveness of the current monitoring programs and the coordination of future monitoring programs.

Submitted by the Bird Conservation Committee, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.