

Migratory Shore and Upland Game Bird Work Group

87<sup>th</sup> North American Conference- Virtual

March 9, 2022

Attendance: 30

Notes:

- Ken Richkus gave a USFWS Update:
  - Webless surveys through the USFWS were on track in 2021 and continue to be in 2022
  - High Pathogenic Avian Influenza is concerning, and could impact banding in the winter/spring months, USFWS is waiting to see if it will continue to be a concern for the summer banding efforts
  - (At the time of the work group meeting) The federal government was still waiting on a new Continuing Resolution for budgets.
  - There will be call for the next round of webless research funding (\$100,000) in November (for FY '23)
- Brad Bortner gave a presentation on HIP communications plan
- Alicia Hardin gave an update on the North American Bird Conservation Initiative strategic planning process
- The work plan of the work group was reviewed