



## **Bird- and Fish-Related Conflict Working Group**

Bird Conservation Committee Co-Chair: David Cobb (NC)  
Vice Co-Chair: Scott Anderson (NC)

Fisheries and Water Resources Policy Committee Co- Chair: Craig Bonds (TX)  
Vice Co-Chair: Jim Fredericks (ID)

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
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85<sup>th</sup> North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference  
Omaha, NE

### **Proposed Agenda:**

- 1:00 PM** Call to Order and Introductions
- 1:10 PM** Briefing - Double-Crested Cormorant Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) – Ken Richkus (USFWS)  
Followed by discussion and Q/A
- 1:50 PM** Briefing – Comments on ANPR for DCCs (WG leadership)
- Update on BFRCWG comment letter
  - Discussion on future rule package and WG commentary
- 2:45 PM** Comfort Break
- 3:00 PM** 2020 BFRCWG Work Plan Updates and Discussion
- WG membership – overall status assessment, including Central Flyway representation
  - Identify opportunities for WG collaboration through workshops, webinars, and meetings
  - Action to increase communication with National Flyway Council with goal of enhanced intra-agency engagement between fisheries administrators and flyway reps – (e.g. NFC letter to state agency directors)
  - Deliverable – briefing paper to state directors with BMPs for intra-agency coordination on bird- and fish-related conflicts

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2020 BFRCWG Work Plan Updates and Discussion (Continued)

- Continued progress toward WG's focal areas and goals document

**4:20 PM** Identification of any new business for consideration

**4:30 PM** Next Working Group Meeting(s)

- Summer meeting - TBD
- AFWA - September 13-16, 2020 (Sacramento, CA)

**4:50 PM** Meeting Wrap/Adjourn

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*Bird- and Fish-Related Conflict Working Group Charge:*

*“Federal and State Agency members representing the bird and fisheries management disciplines will develop an adaptive approach to identify opportunities for most efficiently addressing the challenges of managing piscivorous birds and affected fishery resources and promote a common understanding of their interactions. The WG reports to the Fisheries and Water Resource Policy Committee and the Bird Conservation Committee. The WG may advance issues to the FWRPC and BCC from which information and requests can be developed and presented to state directors.”*