

SUBJECT: Information item: Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative

FOR: AUGUST **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Andy Paulios, WBCI Coordinator

SUMMARY:

Created in 2000, the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative (WBCI) is a voluntary coalition of 160 different governmental and non-governmental partners from across the state and region. WBCI partners have committed to delivering the full spectrum of bird conservation, for both game and nongame birds, by working together on voluntary, cooperative initiatives. To date, WBCI is widely regarded as a model for other state-based All-bird Conservation partnerships.

The WBCI is actively engaged in a wide range of bird conservation efforts including:

- Constructing an All-bird Conservation Plan for Wisconsin
- Writing a coordinated research and monitoring plan for Wisconsin
- Engaging Wisconsin and regional partners in important non-breeding grounds conservation projects for "our" neotropical migrants
- Creating numerous white papers on important bird conservation issues
- Officially recognizing Important Bird Areas across the state.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is informational and no action is needed.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:

/s/	7/13/07
_____ Bureau Director, Tom Hauge	_____ Date
/s/	7/13/07
_____ Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf	_____ Date
/s/	7/16/07
_____ Secretary, Scott Hassett	_____ Date

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