**Science and Adaptive Management Committee (SAMC)**

**November 3, 2021**

**8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Location: Zoom**

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**Meeting Agenda**

*Meeting Objectives:*

* *Hear progress reports from current Science & Technical (S&T) Ad Hoc Group leads.*
* *Discuss Draft 2022 Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program (MRGESCP) Work Plan.*
* *Discuss Long-Term Plan (LTP) update process, schedule, and project evaluation criteria.*
* *Discuss SAMC Annual Summary Report to Executive Committee (EC).*
* *Discuss Draft Peer Review Process.*

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| 8:00 – 8:05 | **Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review**  Read-Ahead:   * Draft November 2021 Meeting Agenda * **Decision**: Approval of November 2021 Agenda | *Catherine Murphy, Program Support Team (PST)* |
| 8:05 – 8:10 | **August Meeting Minutes and Actions Items Review**  Read-Ahead:   * Draft August 2021 Meeting Minutes * **Decision**: Approval of August 2021 Minutes | *Catherine Murphy, PST* |
| 8:10 – 8:20 | **Update from October EC Meeting** | *Debbie Lee, PST* |
| 8:20 – 8:40 | **S&T Ad Hoc Group Updates**   * NEW: RGSM Research Hypothesis Development Ad Hoc * UPDATE: RGSM Integrated Population Model Ad Hoc | *Catherine Murphy, PST* |
| 8:40 -9:10 | **Avian CEM Refinement S&T Ad Hoc Group Report**   * Presentation from Amy Erickson, group lead * Group discussion of changes to avian CEMs * **Decision**: S&T Ad Hoc changes to avian CEMs (approve or recommend for peer review) * **Action Item**: PST will incorporate approved changes to avian CEMs and propose a list of critical uncertainties for SAMC review (or initiate peer review process).   Read-Ahead:   * Avian CEM Refinement S&T Ad Hoc Group Charge (for reference) | *Amy Erickson, Audubon* |
| 9:10 – 10:00 | **RGSM CEM/Genetics S&T Ad Hoc Group Report**   * Presentation from Wade Wilson, group lead * Group discussion of changes to RGSM CEM and remaining tasks * **Action Item**: PST will summarize SAMC feedback for the ad hoc group * **Action Item**: PST will draft a charge for a peer review ad hoc group.   Read-Ahead:   * RGSM CEM/Genetics S&T Ad Hoc Group Charge (for reference) | *Wade Wilson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service* |
| 10:00 – 10:10 | **Break** |  |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | **Draft 2022 MRGECP Work Plan**   * Group discussion of science tasks and SAMC-specific tasks in the Draft 2022 MRGESCP Work Plan   Read-Ahead:   * Draft 2022 Work Plan | *Debbie Lee, PST* |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | **MRGESCP Long-Term Plan Update**   * Discuss purpose of LTP, schedule, process for updating, and use of Science and Adaptive Management Information System (SAMIS) * Discuss and finalize scoring rubric for project evaluation   Read-Aheads:   * LTP Excerpt from Science & Adaptive Management Plan (for reference) * Revised Draft LTP Project Evaluation Criteria - SAMC | *Facilitated discussion* |
| 11:15 – 11:35 | **SAMC Annual Summary Report to EC**   * Discuss pilot year of SAMC, accomplishments and lessons learned, and suggest changes to SAMC charter * Discuss preliminary recommendations regarding MRGESCP science initiatives   Read-Ahead:   * Draft SAMC Year-1 Accomplishments | *Facilitated discussion* |
| 11:35 – 11:50 | **MRGESCP Peer Review Process**   * Discuss SAMC comments regarding Draft Peer Review Process   Read-Aheads:   * Draft Peer Review Process – SAMC Comments | *Facilitated discussion* |
| 11:50 – 12:00 | **Action Items, Next Steps and Announcements**   * **Seminar**: Katey Driscoll (USFS) seminar on habitat restoration and ecosystem function – 10 a.m., January 12, 2022 * **Next Meeting**: January XX, 2022 | *Michelle Tuineau, PST* |
| 12:00 | **Adjourn** |  |