**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** |  |