

## **SUMMARIES OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS**

### **WG 1. WNS Working Group Meeting-Discussion**

**Leader:** Pete Pattavina, USFWS, Lisa Smith, FWC.

**Meeting Time:** Wednesday afternoon. 1.5 hour.

**Location:** TBD

**Description:** This meeting will provide a forum for SBDN WNS Committee members, State WNS coordinators, WNS researchers and other meeting participants to discuss current WNS surveillance efforts and the status of WNS detections across the region, along with summaries of current WNS research projects in the region. This meeting will also include a discussion about opportunities or needs for further WNS research in the region and what the USFWS staff may be looking for when reviewing proposals for current and future funding opportunities. Participants will also be encouraged to bring up other topics related to WNS for discussion during the meeting. Meeting objectives include providing participants a better understanding about WNS in the region, identifying potential action items for the SBDN WNS Committee, highlighting emerging issues or multistate challenges that may exist, and promoting more and better WNS research projects in the southeastern region.

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### **WG 2. Coordinating Bat Monitoring Activities Across the Southeast – Working Group-Discussion**

**Leader:** Trina Morris, GDNR, Emily Evans, FWC

**Meeting Time:** Thursday morning. 1.5 hours.

**Location:**

**Description:** We are encouraging state monitoring coordinators, researchers and others conducting bat monitoring activities to participate in this meeting to discuss current monitoring activities in each state, how local objectives guide monitoring activities, and efforts to standardize monitoring protocols across partner organizations. We want to initiate a regional discussion to improve coordination and better understand common challenges and limitations that we may be able to avoid or overcome by actively working together. One objective is to see whether there is interest in forming a working group that would meet regularly at these annual meetings.

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### **WG 3. Eastern Spotted Skunk Study Group – Working Group**

**Leader:** Kimberly Horndeski / Andrew Edelman

**Meeting Time:** Thursday morning. 1.5 hours.

**Location:** TBD

**Description:** This meeting of the Study Group is open to everyone. The group is expected to present updates from states and researchers on current activities related to spotted skunk conservation, and to discuss research priorities, needs for coordination to achieve conservation objectives, funding needs, and opportunities for involving citizen scientists in spotted skunk conservation activities.

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