



National Leadership Council

Conference Call – Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2019

8:00p.m. (Eastern)

Call In: 1-866-740-1260; access code: 2829092#

Meeting playback URL: [NLC Meeting September 4, 2019 Playback](#)

1. Advocacy: Chris Wood and Steve Moyer

Chris Wood discussed important issues to Trout Unlimited including...

- Bristol Bay Threat: We continue to monitor the newly raised threats based on current administrations view on Bristol Bay development.
- Clean Water Act: Expecting final rules within the next week on the US Rule Making and how TU will respond both favorable or non-favorable to TU's interests.
- Endangered Species: Dept Int and Commerce came up with changes to rules (not as bad as expected, however missed opportunity for private landowners to protect endangered species and promote recovery of trout species which potentially could be listed as endangered.
- U.S. Forest Service – National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): Law that requires public involvement and environmental analysis is conducted before government undertakes significant activities and per Chris, "this is the bedrock democratic principle of conservation, in that we ALL have a voice in land policies entrusted to congress' care." It is critical we continue to watch and advocate for these principles.
- Good Samaritan Legislation (Steve Moyer): A lot of work underway talking with stakeholders in the mining industry and environmental community and hopeful to get a bill started in September with hopes of moving along before this next congress ends.

2. NLC Officers Report

- Calls with Workgroup Chairs

Currently 12 of 15 individual workgroup calls completed January through March. Please note the remaining 3 are no longer meeting on a regular basis.

- Calls with NLC Representatives & State Chairs

(30 of 36 individual state calls completed; May - August)

- Annual Meeting: NLC meetings & presentations

Four presentations (4) being developed: (1) NLC business meeting, (2) State of the Grassroots, (3) BOT: Organizational Development Committee, (4) BOT (Sunday) meeting.

- Orientations schedule

Planning dates for NEW NLC Reps, State Council Chairs & nominated Grassroots Trustees).

3. Roll Call:

- **Roll Call of Attendees:**

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<u>Council</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
NLC Chair	Jim	Walker	Yes
NLC Secretary	Rich	Thomas	Yes
9AR - Arkansas	Bill	Thorne	Yes
9AZ - Arizona	Neil	Werner	Sub - Joe Miller
9CA - California	Mary	Tealdi	Yes
9CO - Colorado	Marshall	Pendergrass	Sub - Tom Jones
9CT - Connecticut	Doug	Jann	No
9GA - Georgia	Mack	Martin	No
9IA - Iowa	Bob	Sodders	Yes
9ID - Idaho	Chris	Jones	Yes
9IL - Illinois	Jerry	Sapp	Yes
9KY - Kentucky	Ed	Allgeier	No
9MA - Massachusetts/Rhode Island	Garry	Crago	Yes
9MD - Mid-Atlantic	Noel	Gollehon	Sub - Don Haynes
9ME - Maine	David	Van Burgel	No
9MI - Michigan	Robb	Smith	Yes
9MN - Minnesota	John	Hunt	Yes
9MO - Ozark Council	Michael	Riley	Sub - Jeff Witten
9MT - Montana	Harry	Murphy	Yes
9NC - North Carolina	Rusty	Berrier	Yes
9NH - New Hampshire	Ron	Oullette	Yes
9NJ - New Jersey	Kelly	Buchta	Sub - Ron Vaccaro

9NM- New Mexico	John	Lopez	Yes
9NY - New York	Scott	Seidman	Yes
9OH - Ohio	Chris	Steffen	Yes
9OK - Indian Nations Council (Oklahoma)	Phil	Curtis	No
9OR - Oregon	James	Fraser	Yes
9PA - Pennsylvania	Brian	Wagner	Yes
9SC - South Carolina	Malcolm	Leaphart	Yes
9TN - Tennessee	Steve	Brown	Yes
9TX - Texas	Mark	Dillow	Yes
9UT - Utah	Patrick	Nichols	Yes
9VA - Virginia	Graham	Simmerman	Yes
9VT - Vermont	Jared	Carpenter	Yes
9WA - Washington	Tim	Gavin	Yes
9WI - Wisconsin	Linn	Beck	Yes
9WV - West Virginia	Lee	Orr	No
9WY - Wyoming	Werner	Studer	Yes

Staff participants:

Beverly Smith
Chris Wood
Jeff Yates
Steve Moyer

• **Approval of May 20, 2019 meeting minutes:**

Motion: Gary Crago, MA/RI Second: Chris Jones, ID

Chair suggested to adopt with a "Consensus Vote" by voice rather than roll call by state for all motions.
Passed unanimously.

• **Approval of "new" chapter charters:**

Downeast Chapter, Maine

Motion: Bob Soddors, IA Second: Brian Wagner, PA

Passed unanimously.

- **Approval of chapter “decharters”**

None as of August 31, 2019

4. Board of Trustees (BOT) and NLC Officers:

Note: Voting on these three (3) motions will NOT be required to be done again at the NLC business meeting scheduled for the afternoon of October 4th.

- **Approval vote to submit three (3) nominees as Grassroots Trustees to BOT**

RE: Mac Cunningham (CO), Kathy Scott (ME) and Terry Turner (OR)

No further discussion.

Motion: Linn Beck, WI Second: Gary Crago, MA/RI

Passed unanimously.

- **Vote to approve renomination of four (4) current Grassroots Trustees**

Tom Jones (CO: 10/2017), Henry Koltz (WI: 10/2015), Kerri Russell (AR: 10/2017) & Jeff Witten (MO: 10/2017)

No further discussion.

Motion: Mark Dillow, TX Second: John Hunt, MN

Passed unanimously.

- **Vote to approve re-nomination of current NLC Chair and Secretary**

Jim Walker (AZ: 10/2018) - Chair, Rich Thomas (NJ: 10,2018) - Secretary

No further discussion, NLC Chair and NLC Secretary “ABSTAINED” on the vote for this motion.

Motion: Tim Gavin, WA Second: Harry Murphy, MT

Passed unanimously.

5. Embrace-A-Stream Committee (EAS):

Russ Meyer, EAS Chair, with the support of Lisa Beranek of the TU staff, has submitted recommendations for approval to the New Initiatives Chair, Noel Gollehon, for appointment to the EAS Committee.

- **Vote to approve for “new” representatives for a four-year term:**

- Mike Kuhr (Wisconsin) filling the representative role for the Upper Great Lakes Region.

- Mike Kruse (Missouri) filling the representative role for the Midwest Regional Representative.

No further discussion.

Motion: Linn Beck, WI Second: Chris Jones, ID

Passed unanimously.

• **Vote to approve “current” representatives for a 2nd four-year term**

- Brian Bernstein (Maryland) filling the representative role for the Mid-Atlantic Region.
- Andy Brunelle (Idaho) filling the representative role for the Northern Rockies Region.
- Tom McInnis (South Carolina) filling the representative role for the Southeast Region.

No further discussion.

Motion: Malcolm Leaphart, SC Second: Brian Wagner, PA

Passed unanimously.

6. Critical Focus Areas (CFAs) & National Conservation Agenda (NCA):

Jim noted, on August 22nd an email was sent to the New Initiatives Workgroup members requesting comments on the CFA's and NCA to be submitted to current chair Noel Gollehon.

Please share throughout your organizations to provide comments to the email listed for Noel and the NI Workgroup members. The CFAs and NCA can be found on the NLC website page www.tu.org/nlc. These will be discussed at the NLC business meeting on October 4th and be reviewed during the preparations, discussions and review of the 5 Year Strategic Plan.

- Suggested CFAs changes due September 15th to New Initiatives Chair (newinitiatives@tu.org)
- Suggested NCA changes due September 20th to New Initiatives Chair (newinitiatives@tu.org)

7. Workgroups & NLC Reporting:

- Updates Needed for Representatives & Workgroup Rosters.
- Workgroup Chair Reports: All received except one which is pending.
- NLC Leaders Reports – to Board of Trustees (BOT) and NLC.

Noted that the Diversity and Inclusion Workgroup provided a “roadmap” to purpose and direction of the work group. Please see attached or can be found at tu.org/diversity



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8. Reminders:

- 2019 Annual Meeting registration
- Suggestions due for CFAs (September 15) and NCA (September 20)
- Updates to Leader Section: Chapters & Councils (<https://leadersonly.tumembership.org/leaders>)

9. Q & A / urgent issues:

- Q: Don Haynes questioned NLC Leaders Reports and what will be sent?

A: The Board of Trustee (BOT) report / meeting notes (not minutes; listed by date of the BOT meeting) from Rich and Jim are posted to www.tu.org/NLC. Feedback on the conference calls with

the workgroup chairs, state council chairs and NLC Representatives over the past seven months will be provided at the annual meeting.

- Bill Thorne noted that there are still premium spots available for guided boat trips on the White River and dinner afterwards for \$250. This will be during the hosted fishing day on October 2.
- Jeff Yates and Beverly Smith gratefully acknowledged and gave thanks to numerous folks for their contributions to the organization.

10. Information Sources:

- Please see attached:



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ns_Tacklebox_Road

- Meeting adjourned 8:52 PM ET ... safe travels to Rogers, AR!