



Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee Resolution Adoption Process

Goal

Create a strategic “One Audubon” agenda of conservation priorities to protect birds, wildlife and habitat. Provide a formal and transparent process for the Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee (WSACC) to establish policy positions on conservation issues.

Procedure

Any Audubon chapter (certified by the National Audubon Society) or the State Office may solicit policy positions, resolutions and conservation actions from WSACC. Requests for policy positions or actions by any non-Audubon organizations must be sponsored and proposed by a voting WSACC member.

To request WSACC actions or positions please follow the instructions below.

Timing

A completed resolution form and a proposed resolution/policy statement/action request must be received by the Resolution Coordinator four weeks prior to the meeting you wish to request WSACC action on.

Instructions

1. Complete the attached WSACC Resolution Form.
2. Generate a Formal Resolution to be considered by WSACC
 - a. Use standard resolution format including
 - i. Appropriate *whereas* clauses and
 - ii. A *therefore be it resolved clause* to state the formal policy position and/or request for action
 - b. E-mail copies of the Resolution Form and proposed Formal Resolution by 4 weeks prior to the WSACC meeting to the Resolution Coordinator.

Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee (WSACC) Resolution Form

(Please answer the questions below on this page or in a separate document. Attach your formal resolution in standard “whereas/therefore be it resolved” format and remit to staff four weeks before the next WSACC meeting.)

1. Title of Resolution
2. Date submitted
3. List contact name, affiliation/organization, address, phone and e-mail.
4. Definition of the issue
5. What specific action (e.g. Audubon Washington policy position, a resolution, legislative or congressional actions, etc.) are you requesting from WSACC?
6. What specific resources (e.g. organizing volunteers, making phone calls, testifying at public meetings, writing letters to elected officials or editorial boards) can you, your chapter, or organization contribute to this action
7. Is strategic timing involved?
 - a. If so, what is the deadline for a WSACC position?
8. State your chapter’s position on this issue.
 - a. Include a copy and date of relevant motions taken by your chapter board.
9. List points in support of your or your chapter’s position. I
 - a. Include specific reference to scientific studies and/or legal citations, e.g. laws or administrative code.
10. Who takes a different position on this issue?
11. Contact information for at least one person or group from both or all sides of the issue (name and telephone) and position taken
12. What is the rationale for the different position?
13. Identify and describe which of the following WSACC conservation objectives are addressed by your request:
 - a. Protecting/Conserving at-risk birds
 - i. Protecting specific “state of the birds” species (species names)
 - b. Protecting/conserving at-risk habitats
 - i. Important Bird Areas (IBAs)? (IBA names)
 - ii. Great Washington State Birding Trail Sites (site names)
 - iii. Protecting working forest lands
 - iv. Protecting working farm lands
 - c. Reducing risks to birds and wildlife
 - d. Reducing risks to habitat
 - e. Focus on birds
 - f. Focus on other wildlife
 - g. Focus on bird habitat
 - h. Focus on wildlife habitat
 - i. Contributing to biological diversity
 - j. Curbing global climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions