

# Conservation Leadership Forum: Climate Change Adaptation

June 1-3, 2009

National Conservation Training Center  
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

## Agenda

### Forum Objectives

We hope that as a result of this Conservation Leadership Forum, participants will:

#### *Know*

- The level of interest and potential commitment of conservation leaders to developing a national fish and wildlife climate change adaptation strategy (Adaptation Strategy).
- The challenges and opportunities confronting development of an Adaptation Strategy.

#### *Feel*

- They participated in a constructive, well-organized discussion that helped accelerate and improve collaboration.
- A collaborative effort is the most effective approach to addressing climate change, and an Adaptation Strategy is very much possible.

#### *Do*

- Engage in a long-term, collaborative effort to develop an Adaptation Strategy.
- Identify and agree on principles for developing an Adaptation Strategy.
- Offer input on specific next steps and actions (including others who should be involved) for developing an Adaptation Strategy.

### Monday Evening, June 1

7:30 p.m. Welcome to NCTC – **Jay Slack**, Director, National Conservation Training Center

“Preparing for a Century of Climate Change” – **Dr. Alexander (Sandy) MacDonald**, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

8:30 p.m. Social – Dessert Bar

Tuesday, June 2

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome – Opening Remarks – **David Hayes**, Deputy Secretary of the Interior
- 8:15 Purpose of Forum and Introductions – **Dan Ashe**, Science Advisor to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 8:30 The Challenge to Conservation Leaders – **David Schad**, Director, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and **Tom Franklin**, Senior Vice-President, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- 9:00 Round Robin with participants – **Dave Case**, Facilitator
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 The context for Adaptation in responding to Climate Change  
Case study # 1 - "Albemarle Climate Adaptation Project" – **Mike Bryant**, Project Leader, North Carolina Coastal Plain Refuges Complex, USFWS  
Case study # 2 – **Dr. Hector Galbraith**, Director, Climate Change Initiative, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences  
Case study # 3 – "Assessing climate change vulnerability and planning for adaptation in the Pacific Northwest" - **Dr. Josh Lawler**, Assistant Professor, College of Forest Resources, Univ. of Washington  
Case study # 4 – "Overview of Successful Models" – **Gary Myers**, Former Director Tennessee Wildlife Resources -Retired
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 What is a National Fish and Wildlife Adaptation Strategy? - **Dave Case**, Facilitator
- 2:00 Do we need a National Fish and Wildlife Adaptation Strategy? - **Dave Case**, Facilitator
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 What are the Steps Needed to Create a Strategy? – **Dave Case**, Facilitator
- 5:00 Adjourn
- 5:30 – 6:30 Social in Roosevelt Room – hors d'oeuvres, no host bar

Wednesday

- 8:00 a.m.      Remarks – **Tom Strickland**, *Chief of Staff/Assistant Secretary Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior*
- 8:10            Recap/Insights from Tuesday – **Dave Case**, *Facilitator*
- 8:30            What are our next steps? – **Dave Case**, *Facilitator*
- 10:00          Break
- 10:30          Next steps (continued) – **Dave Case**, *Facilitator*
- 11:30          Closing Remarks
- 12:00 p.m.    Adjourn