

MAFWA
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Break

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**Brandon Houck, Jared McJunkin – NWTF,
Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**

Brandon Houck, NWTF





Jared McJunkin, NWTF





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Get Out!

- Fish
- Camp
- Hunt
- Boat
- Hike
- Bike
- Relax
- Explore



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- 400 miles of trails
- 40 state fishing lakes
- 26 state parks
- 250 community lakes
- 107 wildlife areas
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- 471 species of birds
- 6 national wildlife refuges



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EXPERIENCE, ACCOUNTABLE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

Ducks Unlimited Inc. (DUI) was established in 1981 by federal conservationists to address the problems of declining habitat and decreasing waterfowl populations. Today Ducks Unlimited is a non-profit organization with more than 80,000 members, working in all 50 states - the leader in wildlife conservation.

WETLANDS WORK

DUI works with public and private partners to identify and implement science-based, ecologically sound solutions to habitat conservation problems. Wetlands improve the overall health of our environment by reducing and purifying pollutants, moderating floods and reducing soil erosion. They also add income to communities or wildlife-associated recreation dollars.

DUCKS UNLIMITED PROJECTS PROVIDE SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM BENEFITS

Ducks Unlimited has more than 200 dedicated conservation employees with a wide mix of specialties and expertise. These staffers are on the ground, out in the field, implementing projects, empty lake submissions and are locally based experts. Dollars obtained by DUI through federal programs go to the local level, those waterfowl. Dollars of the economy that have suffered in recent years, including construction, landscaping, and fabrication, benefit from a local wetland project. In addition, wetland restoration projects generally take place in rural areas that are in need of economic stimulus. Conservation projects provide all the benefits of health, welfare, both economic and environmental.

Our staff has expertise in the following areas:

CONSERVATION OF WETLANDS/HABITAT

Ducks Unlimited designs, constructs and manages wetlands and waterfowl habitat. This is a skilled profession that requires a wide range of expertise in providing wildlife habitat, wetland restoration, management and protection that will benefit wildlife and people who are in the future.



CONSTRUCTING WETLANDS AND BIRDS

Ducks Unlimited engineering is responsible for the expertise, innovation and efficiency when delivering all the necessary construction projects. Our engineers work with our biological staff to provide cutting-edge engineering services to assist with habitat-based project designs, enhancing and refining the function and sustainability of wetlands and associated habitat. Our building crews build structures and efficiency to engineering designs using state-of-the-art Civil and Total Station equipment to develop detailed topographic surveys of individual project sites. Our team of construction managers then oversees, monitors and supervises on-site construction. DUI's emphasis on construction management ensures that design recommendations are followed and that any issues that arise during construction are addressed immediately.

CONSTRUCTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS (CIS)

Ducks Unlimited CIS staff designs, develops and creates science-based information planning and delivery through data development and maintaining spatial analysis and customized tools and models. Our staff is knowledgeable in many aspects of GIS including remote sensing techniques, geospatial design and development, programming, spatial modeling and cartographic design. CIS staff have incorporated the results of our research into a Concept Location System that helps guide our conservation planning process.



RESEARCH DESIGN AND PLANNING

Science-based applied research is an integral part of conservation planning, but more importantly functions to identify information gaps and orienting in program delivery. Subsequently, research is conducted to acquire the necessary data to make informed decisions and initiate the design of appropriate conservation programs. DUI research staff partners with university professionals, bird ventures, state and federal agencies and other non-profit to conduct a variety of large-scale research initiatives throughout the region.

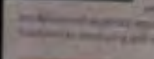
WETLANDS MONITORING

Ducks Unlimited is a leader in providing monitoring services to its clients. We provide the necessary and specialized expertise to collect, analyze and report on the health of wetlands. Our monitoring services include: water level monitoring, vegetation monitoring, wildlife monitoring, and water quality monitoring. We provide the necessary equipment and personnel to collect and analyze data, and we provide the necessary expertise to interpret the data and report on the health of the wetlands.



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Advancing science for the future of conservation

Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Landscape Conservation Cooperative



Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) are holistic and collaborative partnerships grounded in science to ensure the sustainability of America's land, water, wildlife and cultural resources.



The unique geographic features of the Great Lakes region include extensive wetlands, including regional aquifers and commercial species. American energy interests, natural forests and other natural features provide the economic backbone and are essential for populations, fish and wildlife, and people.

These features have been recognized as critical to the region's future. LCC partners are working to understand and address the challenges facing the Great Lakes basin and coastal regions to their people and people.



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Plains and Prairie Potholes Landscape Conservation Cooperative



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LCC partners are working to develop and apply the scientific tools necessary to determine how climate change, agricultural land use and thousands of streams are impacting the natural resources of the Prairie Potholes Region, Northern Great Plains, and the physical resources of several major river systems.



Advancing science for the future of conservation

Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Big Rivers Landscape Conservation Cooperative



Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) are holistic and collaborative partnerships grounded in science to ensure the sustainability of America's land, water, wildlife and cultural resources.



The Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Big Rivers LCC is dedicated to addressing the conservation challenges of America's cornbelt, a heavily agricultural landscape that stretches across the nation's heartland from southeast Ohio westward across to parts of eastern Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska and northward into segments of Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota.



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Conservation Beyond Boundaries

Private landowners are implementing
rangeland conservation practices to
improve prairie diversity, health, habitat
connectivity, and reduce threats to
lesser prairie-chickens.









Kansas Color Guard







Welcome to Kansas – Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer



Ollie Torgerson
MAFWA
Executive Secretary



State Hot Topics...

Marc Miller, Illinois



Mark Reiter, Indiana



Chuck Corell, Iowa



Keith Sexson, Kansas



Benjy Kinman, Kentucky



Ed Boggess, Minnesota



Tom Ripberger, Missouri



Jim Douglas, Nebraska



Scott Zody, Ohio



Jeff Vonk, South Dakota



Scott Gunderson, Wisconsin



**Larry Yamnitz,
Missouri Wildlife
Protection Chief**



CARP



Marc Smith, National Wildlife Federation
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President



**Marc Smith, Sr. Policy Mgr
National Wildlife Federation**



Rachel Muir
Northeast Climate Science Center
U.S. Geological Survey



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Wildlife Agency



**Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President
& Roy Grimes, National Archery in the School Program**



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**Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President and
Scott Gunderson, WI – accepting Law Enforcement award on behalf of Bill Miller**



Mark Reiter, IN accepting wildlife biologist award on behalf of Chad Stewart and Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President



**Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President &
Tim Ripberger, MO accepting fisheries biologist award on behalf of Craig Fuller**



**Marc Miller, IL accepting Spirit of the Shack award on behalf of Andrew Hulin
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**



**Jim Douglas, NE accepting Excellence in Conservation award
for Missouri River Outdoor Expo
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**



**Mark Reiter, IN accepting Excellence in Conservation award
for Healthy Rivers Initiative
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**



**Eric Banks, National Resource Conservation Service - Kansas
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**



**Jim Douglas, NE accepting Sagamore award on behalf of Rex Amack
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**



**Kevin Jones, KDWPT & AMFGLEO President
Presented AMFGLEO Awards**



**Michelle Mount, TX accepting award &
Kevin Jones, KDWPT & AMFGLEO President**




**Shannon Smith, MO accepting award &
Kevin Jones, KDWPT & AMFGLEO President**



Panel Discussion on Marketing...

Bill Creighton, CEO Council to Advance Hunting & Shooting Sports



A woman with short blonde hair, Stephanie Hussey, is standing at a podium and speaking. She is wearing a black V-neck top and a necklace. She is holding a small black device in her right hand. A microphone is positioned in front of her. In the background, a large screen displays her name and title. The podium has a blue cloth draped over it.

Stephanie Hussey
Director, State Initiati
Recreational Boating &

Panel Discussion on Marketing...
Stephanie Hussey, Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation

Panel Discussion on Marketing...

Richard Smalley, KDWPT

- Nature based – consumptive
 - Fishing and hunting.
- Nature based – non-consumptive
 - Hiking, biking, camping, b...

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Panel Discussion on Marketing...

**Alissa Sheley, S. Digital Strategist,
Jones Huyett Partners**



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**Don McKenzie, Director
National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative**



- SEQSG flow the NBCI
- Equal ownership by MAFWA, M
- NBCI Management Board
 - Every bobwhite state has stand
 - Meets twice per year at AFWA
 - Joe Kramer represents MAFWA
- Nearly range-wide initiative n
 - 25 states participated in revisio
- NBCI based at University of T
- My position supported by stat
 - All MAFWA NBCI states
- 4 full-time NBCI staff

**Gary Whelan, Program Mgr
Michigan DNR Fisheries Division**

- Action oriented
- Science based
- Collaborative effort

The Partnership works

- Identify priorities and knowledge gaps
- Identify and achieve measurable outcomes
- Focuses resources and funding
- Encourage public-private partnerships
- Monitor and disseminate results

Maureen Gallagher
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Committee Reports...

Furbearers – Matt Peek, KDWPT



Committee Reports...

Law Enforcement – Kevin Jones, KDWPT



Committee Reports...

Private Lands – Mike Mitchener, KDWPT



Committee Reports...

Public Lands & Climate Change

— Brad Simpson, KDWPT



Committee Reports...

Legal – Chris Tymeson, KDWPT



Committee Reports...

Wildlife Action Plan – Benjy Kinman, Kentucky



**Becky Humphries, Ducks Unlimited
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**



Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President



Becky Humphries, Ducks Unlimited





































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& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**











**Ron Regan, AFWA Executive Director
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**



Partner Update...

AFWA— Ron Regan, AFWA Exec. Dir.



Partner Update...

USFWS – Dan Ashe, Director



Partner Update...

USFWS – Tom Melius, Region 3 Director



Partner Update...

USFWS – Steve Guertin, Region 6 Director



Partner Update...

USFWS – Bill Woody, Law Enforcement Chief



Partner Update...

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Partner Update...

NRCS – Eric Banks, KS State Conservationist



Partner Update...

USDA-APHIS – Billy Clay, Administrator



**Nancy Ross, U.S. Forest Service Director Renewable Resources
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**



Partner Update...

U.S. Forest Service Region 9

– Nancy Ross, Director Renewable Resources



**Tom Schwartz, Vice President of Marketing
FDC Enterprises, Inc.**



**Deedra Hawk, Wildlife Laboratory Director WY Game & Parks
& Society of Wildlife Forensics Science President**



**Kurt Kalkomey, Kalkomey Enterprises
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**



**Rick Young, Pheasants Forever
& Keith Sexson, KDWPT & MAFWA President**



