

Wetlands Working Group

April 29, 2021; 1 – 3 pm

Before meeting- explore controls (screen sharing); make sure video recording is enacted

1:00 Welcome! Zoom is new to me; doesn't work for everyone; preferences over Google Meet?

1:05 Bird Trends and Hydrology: A Collaborative Study at Great Salt Lake (Brian Tavernia, National Audubon Society)

Brian Tavernia is the Saline Lakes Ecologist for the National Audubon Society, where he focuses on research related to saline lakes and the birds that depend on them. He has a PhD in Biology from Tufts University and has previously worked for a variety of federal agencies and non-profits, including working for The Nature Conservancy as a Spatial Analyst and at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center as a Science Coordinator with the Integrated Waterbird Management and Monitoring Program.

1:35 West Desert Water and Wildlife (Danielle Finlayson)

Danielle Finlayson is a masters student in wildlife and wildlands conservation at Brigham Young University. Previously, she has worked a variety of wildlife-focused jobs and even had a stint at the Living Planet Aquarium.

2:10 Central Basin Wetlands: Field Assessment and Hydrology Trend Analysis (Diane Menuz, Utah Geological Survey)

2:40 Wetland-related announcements from the group and general discussion

2:50 Discuss dates and possible topics for next meeting

- Lentic aim 2021 draft protocol; published this winter
- Put together survey on stakeholder's thoughts on working group
 - Happy with current format?
 - Like some more directed committees?
 - Increase types of stakeholders in group?
- October or November; any meeting conflicts I should be aware of?
 - Hunting season- wait until at least after October 5??
 - Salt Lake County Watershed Symposium (mid to late November; typically between the 14th and 21st for two days on a Wednesday and a Thursday)
 - Utah Rural Summit
- Potential topics or speakers
 - Contact Jami Butler about her students; students working with Janice