



Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc.

RESOLUTION

Support and Assistance to the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative

WHEREAS, the Northern Bobwhite Quail, a once common denizen of our farm landscape has declined precipitously from our states as have an entire suite of avian species that live alongside bobwhites;

WHEREAS, the root causes of these declines are long-term habitat loss, intensified row crop agriculture, the elimination of the cultural use of fire as a management tool, intensive grazing, and certain silvicultural practices;

WHEREAS, the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. (NEAFWA) recognizes the unique logistical challenges of working at regional and national levels to restore resident birds, such as the Northern Bobwhite Quail;

WHEREAS, the NEAFWA recognizes and appreciates the leadership provided by the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) and the University of Tennessee in launching a national program to restore the Northern Bobwhite Quail across its continental range;

WHEREAS, the NEAFWA and its member states pledge to actively support and promote the continued advancement of rangewide Northern Bobwhite Quail management and recovery by engaging as partners in the process to implement and adapt as needed the NBCI;

WHEREAS, the NEAFWA Bobwhite Quail range states offer to engage technical staff in the NBCI Technical Committee, make available pertinent data, and support services to aid in the implementation of the NBCI;

WHEREAS, the NEAFWA states within the range of Northern Bobwhite Quail pledge to financially support and seek ways to financially support implementation of the NBCI;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NEAFWA at its annual meeting in Manchester, New Hampshire, on April 19, 2011, agrees to work collaboratively with the NBCI and University of Tennessee and other partners to support a long-term course for the nation that fosters the conservation and management of the Northern Bobwhite Quail rangewide in the United States.

Adopted: April 19, 2011