



CRUCIAL HABITAT ASSESSMENT TOOL

VIRTUAL SUMMER MEETING

A Virtual Meeting
July 15, 2021
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (MST)

AGENDA

Event Coordinator | Delaney Meeting & Event Management

- 1:00 pm **Welcome & Introductions** [Jennifer Psyllakis, CHAT Director Sponsor](#)
- 1:10 - 1:45 pm **A Year in Review** [State Representatives & Partners](#)
A look at CHAT accomplishments with State Fish and Wildlife Agency and Partner's news and happenings of interest over the last year. Team engagement: all videos on.
- 1:45 - 2:00 pm **CHAT-Data Community** [CHAT-DC Team](#)
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm **Meeting Business** [Chanda Pettie, WAFWA CHAT Coordinator](#)
Financial Report: Review of 2020 gains & expenditures and forecasted budget for 2021.
Last Meeting's Business: Discuss and update the status of 2020/2021 action items.
CHAT Strategic Plan: Review and update by the team.
State Agreement (MOU): refine the draft agreement; to present to the Directors.
Analytics: view of CHAT's online use & tracking tools.
- break*
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm **Building a Strategy for CHAT Updates** [CHAT-DC Team & CHAT Coordinator](#)
- State Data Overview: what data goes into CHAT and how its ranked.
 - Status: A look at CHAT's data updates since its launch in 2013.
 - Data Quality: Team discussion on data accuracy, completeness, reliability, relevance, and timeliness. What should trigger a state update?
 - Workload Analysis: Update from each state on the findings from their workload analysis. Team discussion on opportunities and challenges.
 - Strategy: Using this information and energy, we will create a path forward by developing a strategy with creative solutions to improving CHAT's data quality.
 - Conclusion & Follow-up Actions: Update the Strategic Plan and draft a message to present to the Directors at the Executive Committee meeting: July 16th.
- break*
- 4:00 - 4:30 pm **30 X 30 Initiative Across the West - Conserving 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030**
A look at CHAT to provide science-based collaboration to help drive policies and actions by designing a platform to recognize, complement and build-upon the western state's strong track record of natural resources conservation.
- 4:30 - 5:00 pm **What's New & Upcoming**
- **Under-the-Hood Tool.** [CHAT-DC Team](#)
 - **Monarch CHAT (v3.0).** New ESRI platform and features allow the public to view & report their conservation accomplishments. [CHAT Coordinator](#)
 - **Wild Sheep Initiative.** Learn about WAFWA GIS Services effort to migrate wild sheep movement and herd health data to a spatial viewer (CHAT driven science). [CHAT Coordinator](#)

Decision Support for Crucial Habitats Across the West
Delivering conservation through information exchange and working partnerships.



MEETING LOGISTICS

WAFWA Summer Meeting: The CHAT meeting is occurring in association with the WAFWA Summer Meeting (July 14th – 20th, 2020). Find events and registration [here](#). The conference theme: 30x30 Initiative.

Registration: Virtual Meeting Registration is now open ([REGISTRATION](#)).

- **One-day Registration: \$125** (price increase to \$150 after July 1st) **OR**
- **Conference Registration: \$200** (price increase to \$250 after July 1st)

Virtual Platform: Committee meetings will be held through the Whova platform via Zoom.

Participate: Virtual conferences are more effective when people can see each other's facial expressions and body language, please plan to attend using your video option on.

CHAT Vision

WAFWA's vision for the future of the west includes healthy and productive landscapes with interconnected networks of large natural areas supporting viable populations of fish and wildlife (crucial habitats). WAFWA's vision includes the incorporation of CHAT into all landscape scale project planning across the west, realizing the goal of keeping common species common and improving the status of federally listed threatened and endangered species. WAFWA's goal for CHAT is to support, promote, and enhance a nationally recognized and widely used, state-based wildlife conservation tool that provides a roadmap for developing the west in an economically and environmentally viable way using the most up-to-date, credible, and defensible wildlife data and analysis. In addition, CHAT is a tool that provides guidance for priority conservation investment. WAFWA believes it is essential that the CHAT continue to advance in terms of technology, service, data, and content improvement.

Purpose of the Meeting:

To provide cross coordination between the CHAT Policy and Technical Groups to help ensure that each groups' perspectives are understood and incorporated into the development of the Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool.

This meeting will strategically build upon the technical aspect of our products and move us into the phase of evaluating and promoting our services.

Attendance: Technical and Policy Team Members, WAFWA leadership and our partners. This meeting is open to the public.