



# Road to Recovery NCTC Workshop

*Science, Partnership, and Action for Tipping Point Species Recovery*

## Draft Program Agenda – January 19-22, 2027

### Workshop Purpose

The Road to Recovery (R2R) Workshop at the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, will convene species working groups, federal and state agency partners, NGOs, researchers, and local and Tribal partners to strengthen collaboration and accelerate recovery planning and implementation for North America's Tipping Point Species. The program combines plenary presentations, technical breakout sessions and training, working group collaboration, and professional development opportunities to advance innovation, learning, and effectiveness.

### Day 1: Building the Foundation for Species Recovery

**8:00** Optional Species Working Group Meeting Time

**8:45** Welcome and Opening Remarks

**9:00** Keynote: *Vision, urgency, and opportunities for accelerating species recovery*

**9:30** Panel: Successful working groups and lessons learned

**10:15** BREAK

**10:45** Concurrent Breakout Sessions & Training

#### Organize Network ([R2R Recovery Progress Wheel](#) Action Category 1)

- Building effective working groups
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Communications and engagement

#### Assess Species Population ([Wheel](#) Action Category 2)

- Population assessment
- Monitoring and data integration
- Migratory connectivity and demographic analysis

**12:30** LUNCH



**1:30 Plenary Panel: Integrating Social Science into Species Recovery**

**2:30 BREAK**

**3:00 Concurrent Breakout Sessions & Training**

**Assess Species Population ([Wheel](#) Action Category 2)**

- Advanced assessment tools
- Data synthesis

**Identify Focus Areas ([Wheel](#) Action Category 3)**

- Priority landscapes
- Demographic analyses
- Human dimensions in conservation planning

**Organize Network ([Wheel](#) Action Category 1, 5, and 6)**

- Building sustainable conservation partnerships

**4:30 Species Working Group Collaboration Time**

**6:00 DINNER**

**8:00 Evening Program: Peer assist and networking sessions; Working Group meetings**

## **Day Two: From Assessment to Recovery Planning**

**8:00 Optional Species Working Group Meeting Time**

**8:45 Introduction to Day 2 goals**

**9:00 Plenary Panel: Full Annual Cycle Conservation**

**10:15 BREAK**

**10:45 Concurrent Breakout Sessions & Training**

**Identify Focus Areas (Wheel Action Category 3)**

- Prioritizing conservation landscapes
- Integrating biological and social information

**Identify Challenges (Wheel Action Category 4)**



- Limiting factor identification
- Threat assessment
- Human dimensions

#### **Organize Network (Wheel Action Category 1)**

- Sustaining collaborative networks

**12:30 LUNCH**

**1:30: Plenary Panel: Strategic Partnerships for Species Recovery**

**2:30 BREAK**

**3:00 Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

#### **Identify Challenges (Wheel Action Category 4)**

- Advancing limiting factor analyses
- Recovery planning tools

#### **Strategize Recovery (Wheel Action Category 5)**

- Recovery planning
- Partnership development
- Funding strategies

#### **Organize Network (Wheel Action Category 1)**

- Coordination and leadership

**4:30 Species Working Group Collaboration Time**

**6:30 DINNER**

**Evening Program:** Training sessions and Working Group meeting space available

## **Day Three: Moving from Planning to Action**

**8:00** Optional Species Working Group Meeting Time

**8:45 Plenary: The Future of Species Recovery**

**9:30 Concurrent Breakout Sessions & Training**



### **Implement Action (Wheel Action Category 6)**

- Conservation implementation
- Monitoring and adaptive management
- Measuring recovery success

### **Strategize Recovery (Wheel Action Category 5)**

- Finalizing recovery strategies
- Planning next steps

### **Species Working Group Planning Time**

**11:30 Closing Plenary: Looking Ahead: Building the Next Chapter of R2R**

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### **Additional Opportunities Throughout the Workshop**

- Species Working Group meeting space
- “Office hours” with R2R staff & experts
- Social science consultation sessions
- [Recovery Wheel](#) facilitation support
- Networking opportunities
- Funding and partnership discussions