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DRAFT Ashy Storm-Petrel Conservation Action Plan for your review

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To All Interested Parties:

I am please to send you the attached DRAFT review copy of the *Conservation Action Plan for Ashy Storm-Petrels (Oceanodroma homchroa) in California and Baja California*. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) sponsored the development of this plan to help identify priority management, research and conservation needs for Ashy Storm-Petrels (ASSP). In addition, this plan will hopefully encourage greater cooperation among stakeholders working toward the conservation of ASSP.

This draft plan was prepared by me with essential input from many experts on the Ashy Storm-Petrel. The actions, ideas and concepts contained within this plan were obtained from: (1) previous Ashy Storm-Petrel "working team" meetings (organized by Audubon California, NFWF and others); (2) interviews and conversations with researchers, resource managers and others interested in the conservation and protection of Ashy Storm-Petrels; and (3) published papers, management plans and unpublished reports that documented conservation, management, and research needs for Ashy Storm-Petrels. Four areas of focus for this conservation plan, that were previously identified by interested stakeholders, are: (1) artificial nest structures and habitat; (2) reduce predation levels at breeding colonies; (3) conduct surveys and research to find locations, sizes and conservation issues at breeding colonies; and (4) establish and index monitoring program range-wide.

I hope that you will consider reviewing and providing your thoughts and comments on this draft plan. I would like to receive any comments you have by 1 April 2016 so that I can incorporate your comments into a final product.

Here are some requests and specifics about reviewing this document:

(1) Please be as specific as possible when you provide your comments. If something is unclear or you feel an item was overlooked, please explain this clearly. I would encourage you to provide suggested wording.

(2) If you are commenting on a specific part of the plan, please reference a section or page number. Using “track changes” in Word is welcomed. Or you may consider a “cut and paste” approach; placing those sections you have comments on in a separate document and sending that file by itself.

(3) If you prefer, providing comments by hard copy is acceptable but please be sure your comments are legible.

(4) All comments provided by 1 April will be considered for inclusion in the final document. Comments received after 1 April will be considered as time allows.

Again, I sincerely hope you are able to take the time to review and provide comments to me by 1 April 2016. Comments submitted electronically can be sent to: mparker1500@gmail.com. Comments submitted by hard copy should be mailed to: Mike Parker, 39913 Sharon Avenue, Davis, CA 95616.

If you have any questions or concerns and would like to speak to me directly I can be reached at 505-414-0028. Otherwise, you can also email me any concerns or questions.

Finally, a number of stakeholders requested having in-person meetings to discuss the plan with as many folks as possible in one room. I am currently considering holding two meetings toward the end of March or early in April to discuss the plan. Tentatively I would hold one meeting in southern California and another meeting in northern California. Please provide me with any input you might have concerning the holding of these meetings in regards to dates, locations or even the desire/need for such meetings. I hope to further develop these meetings within the next couple of weeks.

Thank you,

Mike Parker

