

# **Waterfowl and Migratory Game Birds Management Plan**

**Draft Issue Statements – December 8, 2022**

## **Habitat Management**

### **Issue Statement #1**

Historical loss and continued degradation of habitats important to waterfowl, mourning dove, band-tailed pigeon, coot, and snipe caused by development, land use changes, natural succession, invasive species, aging infrastructures, competing conservation priorities, and climate change pressures have impacted the ability to meet seasonal habitat requirements for these migratory game bird species throughout Washington.

## **Population Management**

### **Issue Statement #2**

Documentation of population status, distribution, movements, habitat use, and mortality factors through coordinated monitoring and research efforts are essential to understanding and informing migratory game bird ecology, conservation, and management.

## **Recreation Management**

### **Issue Statement #3**

Waterfowl and other migratory game birds are a co-management responsibility, guided by international treaties, federal and state laws and regulations, and flyway-level management plans that facilitate cooperative management through partnerships, and provide frameworks for harvest regulations incorporating regional resource considerations.

## **Information and Education**

### **Issue Statement #4**

It is imperative to future migratory game bird conservation and flyway-level management that information about this diverse suite of species, their habitat requirements, and management issues is made available to members of the general public, recreational users, and conservation partnerships.