

**White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation
Day 2 Breakout Session Compilation**

Topic: Accelerating Cooperative Conservation as a way of Doing Business: Building Capacity, Skills, and Practices Across Organizations

Session number: 35

Morning

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Location: 122

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A. Major Repeated Themes Raised in the Discussion. *A grouping of ideas repeated with some frequency in the session and brought up again during the group summation process. Also includes diverging views and/or questions about the topic.*

- Trust
- Relationships
- Communication
- Funding
- Grass roots
- Local Leadership
- Streamline regulations
- Inclusion - Cooperative Conservation is both urban and rural
- Local knowledge
- Tolerance and patience
- Partnerships take time
- Transparency – no hidden agendas

B. National-level Practical Actions *that could be taken by the Federal government, national NGO's, and other national organizations. Diverging views and/or questions are also noted.*

- Cooperative conservation strike (support) team
- Conference similar to this with more diverse participation
- Provide funding for Cooperative Conservation efforts
- Provide seed funding for start-up groups
- Develop a communications strategy as an integrative part of a conservation effort
- Create and publicize models of successful Cooperative Conservation
- Provide skill building opportunities
- Teach and model and provide incentives for behaviors that foster cooperative conservation
- Get corporations involved in conservation efforts and publicity (media campaigns)

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C. **Local-level Practical Actions** *that could be taken at the local or community level by Tribes, state and local communities, private citizens, and local organizations. Diverging views and/or questions are also noted.*

- Cooperative conservation strike (support) team
- Create safe space (opportunity) for diverse stakeholders to get together to solve problems without getting whacked.”
- Develop a communications strategy as an integrative as part of a conservation effort.
- Local agency leaders must be at the table and must be able to make decisions
- Provide stipends for youth education and conservation efforts in urban areas

D. **Particularly insightful quotes from participants** that capture the essence of key points made during the group’s discussion.

“Don’t forget the urban areas.”

“Bring all parties to the table without getting whacked.”

“Failure is okay if you learn.”

“Walk the talk, this is not PR.”

“If this is all about trust, sportsmen feel violated by this conference.”

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