

Hi Everyone! My name is Jay VonBank, and I am a research ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, ND. I am very excited to have been selected as the incoming vice-chair position with the Wetlands Working Group. My wetland experience comes in the form of researching invasive aquatic plants in river systems and wetland seed distribution vectors in the Midwest, aerial surveys and mapping of wetlands, seagrass distribution and use by waterbirds in the Laguna Madre, and understanding waterfowl-wetland interactions across North America. I received my BS in Aquatic Biology from Bemidji State University, my MS from Western Illinois University in cooperation with the Illinois Natural History Survey, and my Ph.D. in Wildlife Science from Texas A&M University – Kingsville and the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute. I am very much looking forward to helping grow this working group and aid in disseminating all the wonderful wetland work and information you all provide as members, and to help further connect our membership with one another.