

WHOOPING CRANE RECOVERY TEAM



The whooping crane recovery team is responsible for making recommendations on what is needed to be done for the species to recover. This international team consists of 5 representatives from Canada and 5 from the U.S. appointed by the Canadian Wildlife Service and U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service, respectively. The team is co-chaired by the whooping crane coordinators of the two countries. Team members bring a tremendous amount of knowledge about cranes to an annual meeting where they are joined by many other experts in order to formulate a recovery program. Once approval is received from the wildlife agencies of the two countries, then recovery actions are carried out whenever possible.

The whooping crane was listed as endangered in 1970 in the U.S. and 1978 in Canada. In 1995, the separate recovery teams from both countries were joined as an international team. This makes sense since only with actions carried out cooperatively in both countries can the species recover. A Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of the Whooping Crane governs recovery actions that are outlined in a recovery plan written by the team. For more information about the team or recovery plan, contact team co-chairmen Lea Craig-Moore (lea.craig-moore@ec.gc.ca) or Tom Stehn (Tom_Stehn@fws.gov) of the United States.