

ABOUT THE BLUE GOOSE ALLIANCE

The Blue Goose Alliance is a nonprofit (501(c)(3)) conservation organization dedicated to elevating the stature and strengthening the integrity of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS).

MISSION

TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SERVICE AS A SEPARATE AGENCY WITHIN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

The Alliance has a nationwide network of affiliates that form its working group. The number of affiliates has grown from about a dozen founding members to more than 50 dedicated individuals and continues to grow. Presently, 18 states and the District of Columbia have one or more affiliates. These are individuals who have demonstrated significant commitment to, and comprehensive knowledge of the Refuge System.

Many affiliates are former employees of the NWRS. Others come from the academic, business, health, nonprofit, political, service club, and government sectors. Some have worked as refuge volunteers, served as members of refuge Friends groups, been employed by several national conservation organizations and other related endeavors. The dedication of these affiliates is demonstrated by the countless volunteer hours they have contributed to the System from the Western Pacific Rim to the coast of Florida.

Affiliates have been employed by national conservation organizations and occupied a variety of career positions throughout the Refuge System and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As a matter of fact, **collectively, the group represents more than 1,300 years of employment in the Refuge System.** Many of the former employees held high level management positions in Regional Offices and the Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters in Washington, DC. Positions held included Regional Refuge Supervisors, Assistant Regional Directors, Deputy Regional Directors, Headquarters Branch Chiefs, and Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Additional detailed background information for those affiliates presently serving as Directors can be found at: (link to BOD site).

The Blue Goose Alliance Board of Directors takes great pride in its Working Group and believes the Group's contributions to the Alliance Mission will have profound benefits to the future well being of this Nation's National Wildlife Refuge System.