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Support for AMWO Singing Ground Survey - AFC - Sept 2020.pdf;

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Attached please find a letter from the Atlantic Flyway Council supporting the continuation of the American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey (OMB Control Number 1018-0019).

**Please note:** as of January 25, 2019 my email address changed to [Robert.Hossler@Delaware.gov](mailto:Robert.Hossler@Delaware.gov). Please update your contact information. Thank you.

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To whom it may concern:

The Atlantic Flyway Council (AFC) is an organization comprised of fish and wildlife agencies from 17 states, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and 6 Canadian provinces, and 1 territory that work in conjunction with the respective federal governments to manage migratory birds and their habitats in eastern North America. The AFC is writing in response to the request for comments on the American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey (SGS) (OMB Control Number 1018-0019, published in the Federal Register, August 3, 2020).

The AFC would like to express its support for continuation of the SGS. Continuation of the SGS is critical for the responsible management of American woodcock, an important migratory game bird in the Atlantic Flyway and North America. The SGS provides the only long-term, range-wide monitoring program for American woodcock. The results of the SGS form the basis of the American woodcock harvest strategy used to set the annual hunting regulations for American woodcock in the Atlantic, Mississippi and Central Flyways. The data collection and reporting estimates provided by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service are reasonable and accurate.

Sincerely,

Rob Hossler, Chair  
Atlantic Flyway Council