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Scientific Program Committee

Pat Jodice, Co-Chair

Patrick Jodice is the Leader of the USGS South Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and an Associate Professor in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Clemson University (South Carolina, USA). Here he primarily conducts research through graduate students and contributes to the graduate degree program at Clemson University. Pat earned his Ph.D. at Oregon State University conducting research on diving and activity patterns of Marbled Murrelets and he worked as a Post-doc there conducting research on reproductive energetics of seabirds in the Gulf of Alaska. Most of his current research focuses on breeding biology, reproductive energetics, and foraging ecology of shorebirds and seabirds along the southeast coast of the U.S. Pat recently initiated a project that tracks breeding seabirds from The Bahamas. He is on the Executive Council of the Waterbird Society, is the Chair of the Publications Committee for the Pacific Seabird Group, and has played an active role in the development of the Atlantic Marine Bird Conservation Cooperative.

Representing [The Northwest Atlantic Bird at Sea Conservation Cooperative](#)

Norman Ratcliffe, Co-Chair

Norman Ratcliffe studied life history strategies of great skuas on Foula for his PhD at the University of Glasgow. After this he worked for 10 months as an offshore observer and data analyst for the JNCC Seabirds at Sea Team, before leaving to join the RSPB as their Seabird Conservation Biologist. During his 13 year period with RSPB, Norman studied the population ecology of a wide range of bird species, particularly of skuas, terns, storm-petrels and black-tailed godwits within the UK and Ireland. Overseas, he studied responses of Ascension Island's seabirds to removal of feral cats, censused Fea's petrels on Cape Verde, developed approaches to determining sustainable egg harvests for Inuit communities in Greenland, and quantified tern trapping in Ghana. He left RSPB to work for British Antarctic Survey as a penguin biologist, where he has been in post for 1.5 years. Here he is developing research into the effects of foraging conditions penguins encounter, and the decisions they make when faced with these, upon their subsequent survival and reproduction. He was elected as Chair of the Seabird Group in 2007, and serves on a number of scientific committees.

Representing [The Seabird Group](#)

Pablo Yorio, Co-Chair

Pablo Yorio completed his Doctorate in Biological Sciences at the University of Buenos Aires. He has a research position at the Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET) and is currently acting as Technical Coordinator for the Wildlife Conservation Society Argentina Program. He is also Professor at the Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia. Since 1984 he has been working on the ecology and conservation of Patagonian seabirds, including penguins, gulls, terns and cormorants. Research topics have included distribution and abundance of breeding populations, breeding biology, habitat selection, feeding ecology, interactions with human activities and conservation strategies. He has written over ninety scientific articles, book chapters, and technical reports on issues related to seabirds in Argentina. He has acted as consultant in topics related to coastal and marine conservation for several national and international organizations.

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