



Northern Spotted Owl Interagency Working Group (NSOIWG) Update



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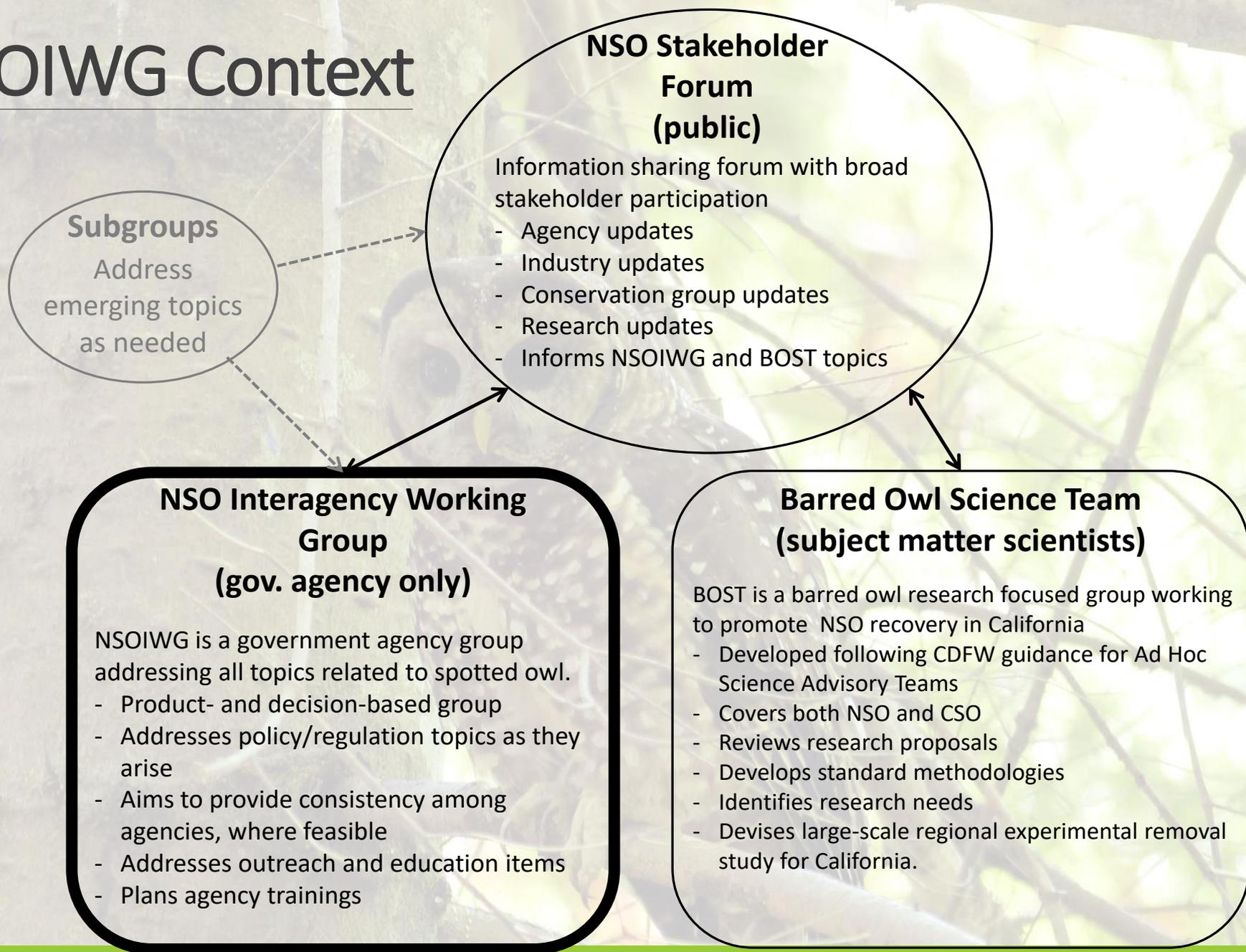
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NSOIWG Purpose

Promote recovery of the NSO by facilitating interagency understanding and communications

NSOIWG Context



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Northern Spotted Owl Interagency Working Group (NSOIWG)

The Northern Spotted Owl Interagency Working Group (NSOIWG) was officially established in 2016. The group first met as a response to public concerns related to Northern Spotted Owl on private timberland. Staff of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) are members of the group and meet regularly throughout the year. The goal of the NSOIWG is to promote recovery of the Northern Spotted Owl in California by facilitating interagency understanding and communications.



Meeting topics include

- the Spotted Owl Observations Database
- agency roles
- post-fire issues
- training needs
- current science
- management and regulatory challenges
- outreach

For further background see the [NSOIWG Purpose Statement \(PDF\)](#) and the [NSOIWG Update at the 2018 Stakeholder Forum meeting \(PDF\)](#).

Meeting Agenda

- [2019](#)
- [2018](#)
- [2017](#)
- [2016](#)

Survey Protocol

The US Fish and Wildlife Service created a consistent survey protocol for Northern Spotted Owls in 1992, revised in 2012. This survey protocol provides a scientifically vetted method for locating owls prior to management activities.

- [Protocol for Surveying Proposed Management Activities that May Impact Northern Spotted Owls \(PDF\)](#) (US Fish Wildlife Service, 2012)

Data Submission

Spotted owl and barred owl data can be emailed directly to owlobs@wildlife.ca.gov. Data entry templates are available upon request.

[CNDDDB Online Field Survey Form](#)

The Spotted Owl Observations Database (SPOWDB) now has a [management framework \(PDF\)](#). This document provides background information about the SPOWDB and the process for receiving and symbolizing spotted owl data.

Related Information

- [Arcata Fish and Wildlife Service, Northern Spotted Owl](#)
- [Yreka Fish and Wildlife Service, Northern Spotted Owl](#)
- [Attachment A: Northern Spotted Owl Take Avoidance Analysis and Guidance for California Coast Forest District, US Fish & Wildlife Service, 2011 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Attachment B: Take Avoidance Analysis-Interior, US Fish & Wildlife, 2008 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Status Review of the Northern Spotted Owl, CDFW 2016 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Long-term Rangewide Demography Study, Dugger et al. 2016 \(PDF\)](#)
- [CALFIRE Forest Practice](#)
- [CDFW Northern Spotted Owl Webpage](#)
- [CDFW Timberland Conservation Program](#)
- [Northern Spotted Owl Stakeholder Forum](#)

2018/19 Activities

- Met every-other-month to discuss current topics and issues
- Facilitated planning of NSO Forum
- Organized Protocol informal workshop for coastal agency staff
- Reviewed Spotted Owl Observations Database case studies and provided feedback to database manager
- Discussed and approved Spotted Owl Observations Database symbology changes
- Worked to clarify roles and responsibilities
- Prioritized future action items

2018/19 Products

- NSOIWG webpage
- Post-fire guidance
 - www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/timber/resource-center
- Internal problem/solution statements for emergencies and exemptions impacting NSO
- Internal spatial analysis of post-fire Emergency Notices and NSO based on 2017 EMC proposal

Ongoing and Future Actions

- Clarify agency roles and processes
- Help inform possible regulation changes
- Communicate Emergency and Exemption concerns
- Provide NSO guidance to landowners
- Organize trainings and workshops
- Coordinate on database topics
- Explore funding options

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