



Site Modification Request Form

Date: _____

Please complete the following pages as completely as possible. Attach supporting documents & references separately. If requesting a change to your WHSRN site's boundary, please include a map clearly showing the proposed modification relative to the current boundary (and a GIS file or Google Earth polygon of the new area).

Name of WHSRN Site: _____

Location: _____
(province/state, country)

Year Designated: _____

Primary Contact for Site Modification Request

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Organization/Agency: _____

Postal Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____

Postal code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Cell phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____ Web Site: _____

Primary Contact at WHSRN Site

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Organization/Agency: _____

Postal Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____

Postal code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Cell phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____ Web Site: _____

WHSRN Site Modification Questions

Site Name: _____ Date _____

What type of modification(s) are you requesting? (fill in all that apply):

CHARACTERISTIC	CURRENT	AS MODIFIED
WHSRN Site Boundary	____ acres total / ____ hectares total	____ acres total / ____ hectares total
Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
Category (Importance level)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hemispheric <input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> Regional	<input type="checkbox"/> Hemispheric <input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> Regional
Responsible Entity		
Site Name		

Summary

Please provide a concise summary (c.150-250 words) of the modification being requested and the justification for it (and in particular, the benefits or potential benefits for shorebirds).

Boundary Modifications

1. If you are making changes to (i.e., expanding) your WHSRN site's **Boundary**, please use the following table to describe the new area(s) being added:

HABITAT TYPE	# ACRES/HECTARES	OWNERSHIP	STATUS (PROTECTED?)

Total new area (including area of existing WHSRN site): _____ acres / hectares.

2. Please briefly describe the new area's value for shorebirds. *Does it provide nesting / foraging / roosting areas? For which species? Does it serve a different/unique purpose than the current WHSRN site's acreage?*

3. How will recognition of the new boundaries by WHSRN improve shorebird conservation efforts in the area? (e.g., management, partnerships, public outreach, research).

4. Are there any new threats, pressures, political decisions, or time-sensitive issues affecting the current WHSRN site or expansion area? *Such situations could warrant an expedited review or decision by the WHSRN Hemispheric Council.*

5. Primary Contact for new area being incorporated (if different from above)

Name: _____
Position/Title: _____
Organization/Agency: _____
Postal Address: _____
City: _____ Prov/State: _____
Postal code: _____ Country: _____
Telephone: (____) _____ Cell phone: (____) _____
E-mail: _____ Web Site: _____

Modification of Scale

1. If you are making changes to your WHSRN site's **Scale (i.e., Site → Landscape designation), **briefly explain how you met the following requirement:****

- *Give adequate public notification and opportunity for comment. Groups to be informed must include landowners, land managers, and other stakeholders, and the public in general. Please indicate the range of responses obtained.*

2. How will the requested Landscape recognition from WHSRN **improve shorebird conservation efforts in the area? (e.g., Management, partnerships, public outreach, research).**

Category Modification

1. If you are making changes to your WHSRN site's **Category, which biological criteria does it now meet?** Provide your data on the Species Table at the end of this form. Please check all that apply in the following table:

IMPORTANCE LEVEL	TOTAL NUMBER OF SHOREBIRDS	PERCENTAGE OF SPECIES' POPULATION
<input type="checkbox"/> Hemispheric	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 500,000 shorebirds per year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 30% of the flyway population for <i>(name the species):</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> International	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 shorebirds per year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 10% of the flyway population for <i>(name the species):</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 20,000 shorebirds per year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 1% of the flyway population for <i>(name the species):</i>

2. Please briefly **describe how the site meets each criterion** marked in the table.

Change in Responsible Entity

1. If there has been a change in the responsible entity at the site **please briefly explain the circumstances** and outline the process undertaken to inform the new responsible entity of the importance of the site for shorebirds and the WHSRN designation.

2. **Have the new responsible entity agreed to the commitments required for WHSRN designation?** Please provide their letters of commitment.

3. Contact details for new responsible entity:

Name: _____
Position/Title: _____
Organization/Agency: _____
Postal Address: _____
City: _____ Prov/State: _____
Postal code: _____ Country: _____
Telephone: (____) _____ Cell phone: (____) _____
E-mail: _____ Web Site: _____

Site Name Modification

1. If you are making changes to your WHSRN site's **Name**, please briefly explain the reasons for the name change, any **controversies/opposition to** this change, and if the new name has any **ecological, geographic, and/or cultural significance**.

Thank you!

Please submit this form and supporting documents by email to the WHSRN Executive Office at whsrn@manomet.org.

Please include your WHSRN Site's name in the filename (ex, "WHSRNSiteModRequest_SITENAME.doc").

