**2020 LCCMR Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**

**Annie Bracey, PhD Candidate, Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota Duluth**

**Key Qualifications**

Annie Bracey has worked as an Avian Ecologist at the Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota Duluth for over 10 years, working primarily on projects related to marsh birds in Great Lakes coastal wetlands. Annie obtained her Master’s degree at the University of Minnesota Duluth and is currently a PhD candidate in the Conservation Sciences program at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Her research is focused on conservation and management issues related to Common Terns in the Great Lakes region including; 1) documenting exposure to contaminants, 2) tracking terns using light-level geolocators and GPS tags to document migration routes, wintering areas, and foraging habitats, and 3) using Integrated Population Models to make inferences about population dynamics. Her broad interest is determining how human activities influence bird populations and how research that integrates ecology, biology, and conservation sciences can be used to better inform management decisions. Her recent publication on Common Tern migration was feature in Science Daily.

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