



Eastern Brook Trout

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## A Fish Habitat Partnership

### Steering Committee Agenda

Cacapon State Park

November 11, 2009

#### **1. Approval of EBTJV Projects for FY2010 FWS-NFHAP Funding**

The Steering Committee approved the ranking of the 18 projects as proposed. Steve Perry will send approved project priority list to Callie McMunigal and she will submit it to Region 5 USFWS.

The process for reviewing projects has changed and improved over the years. This was the second year a review team- ranked all proposals instead of ranking projects regions, which is working out well.

#### **2. Allocation of FY 2010 FWS-NFHAP**

- o Discussion from members about how FWS\_NHAP funding is being allocated between partnerships.

#### **3. NFHAP Regional FWS Administrative Funding**

- o Availability to cover EBTJV meeting costs and other operational expenses at the regional level.
- o Bob Carline will solicit regional funding needs. Subcommittees and regional workgroups need to review needs for this funding assistance.
- o Rachel Muir suggested: Science, Data, Outreach, Coordination – meeting/leadership

#### **4. FWS-NFHAP Funding Cap for EBTJV Projects**

- o \$50,000 maximum funding limit: per project year

#### **5. Process for Substituting Approved FWS-NFHAP Funded EBTJV Projects**

If a sponsor of an approved project doesn't enter into a funding agreement with the FWS then the available funding automatically goes to the highest ranked unfunded project.

## **6. NFHB Partnership Committee**

- o Operational needs for FHPs over the long term are being identified
- o A process for the NFH Board to monitor and re-evaluate FHPs is being developed

## **7. Process for EBTJV Coordination with Other FHPs and Bird JVs**

- o There may be some FWS funding for collaboration activities

## **8. Climate Change and the EBTJV**

- o AFWA Recommendations for State Agencies
- o The Appalachian LCC
- o FWS 5-Year Action Plan

## **9. NFHAP Decision Support System**

- o Steve Perry presented a white paper for comments.

## **10. Other Business**

- o The SC voted to support and pursue a process to establish Native Fish Conservation Areas
- o The SC voted to support expanding brook trout assessment at the catchment scale
- o The SC voted to support brook trout stream resiliency analysis
- o The SC agreed to merging the partnerships Mid-Atlantic states into the Northern and Southern Regional Workgroups.
- o The SC agreed to merging the Data and Science Subcommittees for better coordination
- o Tom Sadler regrettably resigned from EBTJV SC Vice Chair position and Chair of the Grants and Development Subcommittee.
- o Fred Harris agreed to serving as interim Chair of the Grants and Development Subcommittee