National Fish Habitat Board Meeting
July 10 and 11, 2012 Draft Agenda and Board Book Tabs
Holiday Inn and Convention Center by the Bay
88 Spring Street/ Portland, Maine
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[*This meeting will be available by conference call and web-ex. See instructions below.*]

Tuesday, July 10

8:30 – 8:45	Welcome and Introductions *John Boland: Director, Bureau of Resource Management, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife* *Pat Keliher: Commissioner, Maine Department of Marine Resources*		
8:45- 9:00	Housekeeping *Desired outcomes:* • **Board action** to approve draft agenda and draft minutes. • **Board review** of future meeting schedules. • **Board update** of Chair and Vice-Chair terms.	Tab 1	Kelly Hepler (*Board Chair/AK Dept. of Fish and Game)*
9:00-9:30	Action Plan *Desired outcomes*: • **Board action** on final revised Action Plan.	Tab2	Mike Andrews *(Board Member - The Nature Conservancy)*/ Matt Menashes *(Board Staff - Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies)*
9:30-10:00	Habitat Conservation Committee Report *Desired outcomes*: • **Informational update** on 2012 work-plan to establish and consensus set of national conservation strategies.	NA	Kelly Hepler (*Board Chair/AK Dept. of Fish and Game*)/ Mike Andrews *(Board Member - The Nature Conservancy)*
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-11:30	Science and Data Committee Report *Desired outcomes:* • **Board action on** proposal to develop standard effectiveness measures for conservation actions to address nationwide fish habitat focus areas. • **Board action** on Strategy for 2015 National Assessment.	Tab 3a Tab 3b	Gary Whelan *(Board Staff -Michigan Department of Natural Resources)* /Andrea Ostroff *(Board Staff - U.S. Geological Survey)*
11:30-12:00	Multi-State Conservation Grants: *Desired outcome*: • **Informational update** on NFHP related multi-state conservation grant efforts.	Tab 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d	Kelly Hepler (*Board Chair/AK Dept. of Fish and Game*)/ Matt Menashes (*Board Staff - Association of*

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			Fish and Wildlife Agencies)
12:00-1:30	Lunch *Working Lunch for the Executive Leadership Team, Chair and Vice-Chair (second floor meeting room)* • **Desired outcome:** first annual review and letters of appointment.	Tab 5	
1:30-2:00	FHP Presentation *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership efforts.	Tab 6	Emily Greene (*ACFHP Coordinator*)
2:00-3:30	FHP Performance Evaluation *Desired outcome:* • **Board action** on proposed FHP Performance Evaluation Report Recommendations	Tab 7a, 7b	Steve Perry (*Board Vice-Chair/ New Hampshire Dept. of Fish and Game*)
3:30-3:45	Break		

3:45-4:15	Fish Habitat Partnership Committee Report
	Desired outcome:
	• **Informational update** on 2012 work-plan to:
	  ○ Enhance the leadership, managerial, and conservation capacity of FHPs.
	  ○ Facilitate communication with and among FHPs.
	  ○ Informational update on FHP organizational development project.
		Tab 8	Steve Perry (*Board Vice-Chair/ New Hampshire Dept. of Fish and Game*)/Tom Busiahn (*Board staff- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*)

3:45-4:15	Communications Committee Report
	Desired outcome:
	• **Informational** update on 2012 workplan to:
	  ○ Broaden the community support and raise public awareness of the role of healthy fish habitats.
	  ○ Communicate NFHP conservation outcomes.
	• **Informational update** on 2012 Award timeline.
	• **Board action** on proposed new award category.
		Tab 9	Ryan Roberts (*Board staff- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*)

4:15-4:30	Legislative Update *Desired outcome:* • **Informational** update on status of NFHP and related legislation.	NA	Gordon Robertson (*Board member – American Sportfish Association*)
4:30-5:00	2012 FWS Report • **Informational update** on 2012 FWS NFHP projects	Tab 10	Rowan Gould (*Board member – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*)/ Tom Busiahn (*Board staff – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*)
	Evening gathering: TBD		

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Wednesday, July 11

8:30-9:00	Federal Caucus Report *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update and board feedback** on the reporting format developed by the Federal Caucus for the first Federal agency NFHP report due in September 2012.	Tab 11	Tom Busiahn (*Board staff – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*)
9:00-9:30	Coordinating NFHP and Federal Initiatives Desired outcome: • **Informational** update • **Board action** to encourage improved linkages between the National Fish Habitat Partnership and Federal initiatives that affect fish habitat conservation.	Tab 12	Tom Busiahn (*Board staff – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*)
9:30-10:00	Funding Committee Report *Desired outcome:* • **Information update** on 2012 workplan to develop a strategy to obtain new funding sources to implement NFHP.	NA	Krystyna Wolniakowski (*Board member – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation*)
10:00-12:00	Sportfishing and Boating Council Fisheries Strategic Plan Process *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** and discussion of the FWS Fisheries Program Strategic Plan revision process led by the Sport Fishing & Boating Partnership Council, including stakeholder engagement opportunities, and discussion of draft Vision and Framework.	Tab 13a, 13b	Doug Hobbs (*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*)
12:00	Meeting adjourns		
1:00- 5:00	Field trip 1:00 pm Depart from hotel lobby 1:00-2:00 Drive to ACFHP Shorey Brook project 2:00-2:40 Shorey Brook presentation and tour 2:40-3:00 Drive to Great Bay Estuary Research Reserve 3:00-4:00 Great Bay Estuary Reserve presentation and tour 4:00-5:00 Drive back to hotel	Tab 14	

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Additional Information:

- Board Members and Staff Contacts (Tab 15)

- Conference call and Web-ex instructions:
  Note: Board members who wish to participate by conference call must get prior approval from the Chair.

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