Title: Partnership Committee

Desired outcome: An informational briefing to the Board on the Partnership Committee's plan of work for 2012.

Background: At its May 2008 meeting, the Board endorsed establishing a standing Partnership Committee consisting of Board members, staff, and representatives of Fish Habitat Partnerships. The purpose of the Partnership Committee is to provide information, analysis, and recommendations for Board action on the full range of FHP issues. The Partnership Committee was first convened in August 2008. The Partnership Committee's members include:

Steve Perry (Board member)
Tom Busiahn (FWS, Board staff, liaison to FHPs)
Stan Allen (Board member proxy)
Scott Robinson (SARP)
Doug Stang (EBTJV)
Robin Knox (WNTI)
Emily Greene (ACFHP)
Jeff Boxrucker (RFHP)
Kayla Barrett (DFHP)
Heidi Keuler (FFP)
Lisa DeBruyckere (PMEP)
Cecil Rich (FWS)
Maureen Gallagher (FWS)

Issues to be addressed in 2012:

1. ***Provide guidance that assists with the implementation of the Board's current Multi-state Conservation Grant project, which is focused on enhancing the leadership, managerial, and conservation delivery capacity of Fish Habitat Partnerships.***

   Task 1A: Review RFP being developed to solicit a training consultant for the Multi-state Conservation Grant project.

   Task 1B: Solicit a priority listing of organizational development needs from each Fish Habitat Partnership and compile the results.

2. ***Assist with growing the community of support for Fish Habitat Partnerships.***

   Task 2A: Develop strategies that will assist Fish Habitat Partnership's generate more media attention towards their conservation actions.

   Task 2B: Develop guidance that Fish Habitat Partnership's can use to enhance their relationships with pertinent policy-makers.

3. ***Develop a minimum benchmark set of fish habitat conservation project prioritization criteria that all Fish Habitat Partnerships should use.***

   Task 3A: Utilize the current suite of criteria that Fish Habitat Partnerships use to prioritize fish habitat conservation projects for funding.

Tentative list of issues to be addressed in 2013

- ***Develop guidance that assists Fish Habitat Partnerships in establishing strong, strategic priorities and associated milestones or targets that tracks progress and outcomes.***

  Task: Compile and review each Fish Habitat Partnership's priorities and use these as a basis for developing guidance strategies.

- ***Develop a process that builds consensus support among Fish Habitat Partnerships for Multi-state Conservation Grant proposals submitted by the National Fish Habitat Partnership Board on their behalf.***

  Task: Conduct an assessment among Fish Habitat Partnerships that determines their priority needs best suited for funding from the Multi-state Conservation Grant Program.