National Fish Habitat Board Meeting
October 16-17, 2012 Draft Agenda and Board Book Tabs

Big Cedar Lodge
612 Devil's Pool Road/ Ridgedale, MO 65739
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[*This meeting will be available by conference call and web-ex. See instructions below.*]

Tuesday, October 16

8:30 – 8:45	Welcome and Introductions (*Chris Vitello (Fish Chief) Missouri Department of Conservation)*		
8:45-9:00	Housekeeping *Desired outcomes:* • **Board action** to approve draft agenda and draft minutes. • **Board review** of future meeting schedules.	Tab 1a Tab 1b	Kelly Hepler (*Board Chair-AK Dept. of Fish and Game)*
9:00-9:15	Chair and Vice-Chair elections *Desired outcome:* • **Board action** on nominations for Board Chair and Vice-Chair.	NA	Mike Andrews (*Board member - TNC*)
9:15-10:30	Board Composition/Charter *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on establishing the Board as a 501(c(3)). • **Board action** on recommendations for adding an FHP representative to the Board. • **Board** action to appoint a working group to develop strategies to increase corporate engagement with the Board.	 Tab 2a Tab 2b	Kelly Hepler (*Board Chair-AK Dept. of Fish and Game*) Matt Menashes (Board Staff-AFWA)
10:30- 10:45	Break		
10:45-11:00	Conservation Committee Reports *Desired outcomes*: • **Informational update** to the Board on committee accomplishments towards meeting 2012 priorities, priority issues and funding needs for 2013.	Tab 3	Mike Stone *(Board Member - WAFWA)*
11:00-11:20	Funding Committee Report *Desired outcome*: • **Informational update** to the Board on committee accomplishments towards meeting 2012 priorities, priority issues and funding needs for 2013.	Tab 4	Krystyna Wolniakowski (*Board Member – NFWF*)

11:20-11:40	Partnership Committee Report *Desired outcome*: • **Informational update** to the Board on committee accomplishments towards meeting 2012 priorities, priority issues and funding needs for 2013.	Tab 5	Stephen Perry (*Board Vice-Chair – NH Dept. of Fish and Game*)
11:40-12:10	Science and Data Committee Report *Desired outcome*: • **Informational update** to the Board on committee accomplishments towards meeting 2012 priorities, priority issues and funding needs for 2013. • **Informational update** on working group membership and costs for developing effectiveness measures.	Tab 6a Tab 6b	Andrea Ostroff *(Board Staff-USGS)* and Gary Whelan (*Board Staff – MI Dept. of Natural Resources)*
12:10-1:15	Lunch		
1:15-1:35	Communications Committee Report *Desired outcomes*: • **Informational update** to the Board on committee accomplishments towards meeting 2012 priorities, priority issues and funding needs for 2013.	Tab 7	Ryan Roberts (*Board Staff-AFWA*)
1:35-1:45	Legislative Report *Desired outcomes*: • **Informational update** on National Fish Habitat Conservation Act	NA	Steve Moyer (*Board Member – Trout Unlimited*)
1:45-2:15	Government Affairs outreach • **Informational update** on draft legislative communications strategy. • **Board discussion** on overall staff role on government affairs and strategizing for future congressional outreach.	Tab 8	Chris Horton (*Board Member-Congressional Sportsman's Foundation*)
2:15-2:30	Break		
2:30-3:15	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 9	Kelly Hepler (*Board Chair/AK Dept. of Fish and Game*), Rebecca Wodder (*DOI*)
3:15-3:30	Interagency MOU Report *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on the status and content of the first interagency report on implementing the MOU.	NA	Tom Busiahn (*Board Staff – FWS*)

3:30-4:00	<u>Fishery Management Commission/Council Presentation</u> *Desired outcome*: • **Informational update** on the role of the Commissions and Councils in fish habitat conservation.	Tab 10	Stan Allen *(Board Member-Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission)*
4:00-5:00	<u>Sportfishing and Boating Partnership Council</u> *Desired outcomes*: • **Informational update** on status of SFBPC strategic review. • **Board action** on policy statements	Tab 11	Doug Hobbs (*USFWS*)

Wednesday, October 17

8:15-8:30	Executive Session (Board members only) *Desired outcome:* • Board action on proposed NFHP awards	NA	Kelly Hepler (*Board Chair-AK Dept. of Fish and Game*)
8:30-8:45	Partnerships Overview and Status Report	Tab 12	Tom Busiahn (*Board Staff – FWS*) and Lisa DeBruyckere (*Pacific Marine and Estuarine FHP*)
8:45-9:45	Partnership Presentation *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on the accomplishments and challenges facing the Reservoir Fish Habitat Partnership	Tab 13a, 13b	Jeff Boxrucker (*Reservoir Fish Habitat Partnership*)
9:45-10:00	Break		
10:00-11:20	Board 2013 Priorities and Draft Budget *Desired outcomes:* • **Informational update** on Multistate Conservation Grants on 2012 grant in place and the 2013 approved grant. Existing MSCG, 2013, 2013 process for 2014 money.		Matt Menashes (*Board Staff-AFWA*)
	• **Informational update** on draft budget (full budget voted on in January)	Tab 14a	
	• **Board action** on list of proposed 2013 Board Priorities	Tab 14b	

Board Meeting Adjourns

11:30-12:20 Field Trip Overview Jointly with the Reservoir FHP and the White River Partnership

- Presentation on National Fish Habitat Initiative at Table Rock Lake and its tributaries since 2007.

12:20-1:15 Lunch

1:15-5:00 Field trip

1:15 - Board assembles for field trip at lake dock (walk to/or transportation optional to dock).
1:30 – Pontoon boats tour of lake including brushpile placement barge, electrofishing habitat evaluation cove, shallow water rock fence projects
3:30 – ACOE visitors center @ Table Rock Lake tour
4:15 Board pontoons for return trip
4:30 Q & A session at Big Cedar Marina

5:00 Dinner for National Fish Habitat Board, Reservoir Fish Habitat Partnership, White River Partnerships - hosted by Bass Pro Shops (additional details will be provided at Board meeting)

Additional Information:

- Board Members and Staff Contacts (Tab 15)

- Conference call and Web-ex instructions:
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