National Fish Habitat Action Plan (2nd Edition) Objectives

1. Achieve measurable habitat conservation results through strategic actions of Fish Habitat Partnerships that improve ecological condition, restore natural processes, or prevent the decline of intact and healthy systems leading to better fish habitat conditions and increased fishing opportunities.

    - The Science and Data Committee were tasked with facilitating the development of standard effectiveness measures for conservation actions used to address nationwide fish habitat focus areas.

2. Establish a consensus set of national conservation strategies as a framework to guide future actions and investment by the Fish Habitat Partnerships by 2013.

    - The Habitat Conservation Committee was tasked with establishing a consensus set of national conservation strategies as a framework to guide future actions and investment by the Fish Habitat Partnerships.

3. Broaden the community of support for fish habitat conservation by increasing fishing opportunities, fostering the participation of local communities – especially young people – in conservation activities, and raising public awareness of the role healthy fish habitats play in the quality of life and economic well-being of local communities.

    - The Communications Committee was tasked with increasing public awareness of the role healthy fish habitats play in the quality of life and economic well-being of local communities.

4. Fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and its associated database to empower strategic conservation action supported by broadly available scientific information, and integrate socio-economic data in the analysis to improve people's lives in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals.

    - The Science and Data Committee were tasked with developing and initiating implementation of a strategy to refine the 2010 National Fish Habitat Assessment.

5. Communicate the conservation outcomes produced collectively by Fish Habitat Partnerships as well as new opportunities and voluntary approaches for conserving fish habitat to the public and conservation partners.

    - The Communications Committee was tasked with communicating the conservation outcomes produced collectively by Fish Habitat Partnerships as well as new opportunities and voluntary approaches for conserving fish habitat to the public and conservation partners.

National Fish Habitat Board 2012 Priorities (Adopted January 2102)

Priority 1: Advance the National Fish Habitat Partnership legislative and policy agenda by supporting passage of the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act and the adoption of the Federal Secretarial Order between the Departments of Interior, Commerce and Agriculture.

- The Legislative Team was asked to focus on advancing the National Fish Habitat Partnership's legislative and policy agenda.

Priority 2: Enhance the leadership, managerial, and conservation delivery capacity of Fish Habitat Partnerships.

- The Partnership Committee was tasked with assisting in the enhancement of the leadership, managerial, and conservation delivery capacity of Fish Habitat Partnerships (2012 Multi-State Conservation Grant).

Priority 3: Adopt strategies focused on obtaining new funding sources that support implementation of the National Fish Habitat Partnership.

- The Funding Team was tasked with the development of strategies focused on obtaining new funding sources that support implementation of the National Fish Habitat Partnership.

Priority 4: Develop standard effectiveness measures for conservation actions used to address nationwide fish habitat focus areas.

- The Science and Data Committee were tasked with facilitating the development of standard effectiveness measures for conservation actions used to address nationwide fish habitat focus areas.

Priority 5: Facilitate stronger communications and interactions with and among Fish Habitat Partnerships as detailed in the 2012 Communications Strategy and Action Plan.

- The Partnership Committee was tasked with helping to facilitate stronger communications and interactions with and among Fish Habitat Partnerships.

Priority 6: Develop and initiate implementation of a strategy to refine the 2010 National Fish Habitat Assessment for 2012.

- The Science and Data Committee were tasked with developing and initiating implementation of a strategy to refine the 2010 National Fish Habitat Assessment.