NATIONAL FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT INVENTORY

Background

At the July 2012 NFH Board meeting, the Board approved the Science and Data Committee's 2015 Assessment Strategy that included an inventory of the NFHPs assessment work. At the October 2012 NFH Board meeting, the Science and Data Committee reported on the 2013 workplan, including a description of the methods and tools for conducting the inventory, which the Board supported. The Board has also directed the Science and Data Committee to begin reviewing FHP assessment products and providing technical feedback to the FHPs on these products.

In additional to Board direction, the NFHP Data System 2.0 released in December 2012 requires information from the FHPs on their assessment work and data products to ensure its full operability. The NFHP Data System is the primary mechanism that will be used to collect, describe, and deliver data and scientific products of the NFHP. The information provided from this questionnaire along with additional expertise and support being provided through USGS will aid the FHPs with underlying data management activities and use of related NFHP Data System tools.

The attached FHP assessment questionnaire is designed to inventory what habitat assessments have been completed, what habitat assessments are in progress, what data and variables have been collected, and the location of assessment products and results. Results of this questionnaire will be used to better understand existing assessment and data efforts of FHPs to aid in immediate planning of the data management activities needed to conduct the NFHP-wide inventory. In addition, your responses will begin the process to determine to how best integrate regional FHP and national Board assessment efforts to provide more comprehensive products, improve the Board's responsiveness to FHP needs, and to reduce redundant efforts between the FHPs and the Board.

On behalf of the NFHP Board and the Science and Data Committee – Thank you so much for all of your efforts. Your responses to this questionnaire will be reported at the July 2013 National Fish Habitat Board Meeting. In addition, a representative working with the NFHP Science and Data Committee will be in contact to aid your FHP with upcoming steps to document the assessment and data products.

We greatly appreciate your efforts in advance and they will make a difference!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FHP Questionnaire – The following 8 questions are formatted in a spreadsheet format for simplicity of completion and compilation of responses. The spreadsheet will be distributed to FHP Coordinators for completion by April 15.

1. Fish Habitat Partnership Name and Name of Respondent
2. FHP Data Contacts (primary and secondary - the data contact will be the person from each partnership to which questions and discussion about documenting and describing datasets will be directed)

3. Please list all completed or planned the FHP habitat assessments or data products, contact name(s), date of completion (or indicate “planned” or “underway"), the objective of each assessment, a short description of the methods used, a description of the scale of the assessment (i.e. reach, watershed, region….), project budget, and the website or FTP site where the assessment results, products and metadata can be found in the table on the second page of the questionnaire.

4. Do you have any peer reviews of or publications generated from the completed assessment work?

   If so, please provide the website or FTP site where the peer reviews can be found or the citation(s) for the publications generated from the completed assessment work:

5. Do you anticipate any challenges or barriers, or have you overcome challenges, to acquiring data products within your FHP?
   If so, please list the challenge, key issues, and recommended ways to resolve or solutions that worked.

6. Are there data not currently available that you would like to see included in the NFHP Data System to benefit your FHP or others?
   If so, please list data needed and brief description of data or variable.

7. Are there nationally consistent datasets (biological or disturbance) that you recommend for use in the 2015 assessment of the conterminous U.S.?
   If so, please list dataset name, key element, spatial extent, and location or organization where it can be found.

8. Are there datasets (biological or disturbance) that you would recommend for use in a regional assessment?
   If so, please list dataset name, key element, spatial extent, and location or organization where it can be found.