Title: National Conservation Strategies

Desired outcome: Board action on a set of national conservation strategies.

Background: At its April 2012 Meeting, the Board established a Habitat Conservation Committee to address the following priority issue:

- Establish a consensus set of national conservation strategies as a framework to guide future actions and investment by the Fish Habitat Partnerships (Action Plan Objective 2).

A progress report on the HCC time frame and approach was presented at the October, 2012 Board meeting. Since then, several conservation strategy drafts have been reviewed and refined through input from the diverse array of committee members (attached).

Proposed national conservation strategies are attached for Board consideration. A set of Questions and Answers is provided to provide further explanation and address likely questions.