National Fish Habitat Board Meeting
February 26th and 27th, 2013
Draft Agenda

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, Room 530
4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA

[This meeting will be available by conference call and web-ex.
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Tuesday, February 26th (8:30AM – 5:15PM EST)

8:30-8:45	Welcome and Introductions		Steve Perry *(Board Vice-Chair/NEAFWA*
8:45-9:15	Housekeeping *Desired outcomes:* • **Board action** to approve draft agenda and draft minutes. • **Board review** of future meeting schedules.	 Tab 1a Tab 1b	Steve Perry *(Board Vice-Chair/NEAFWA)*
9:15-10:00	501(c)(3) *Desired outcome*: • **Informational update** on establishing the Board as a 501(c(3)).	NA	Matt Menashes *(Board Staff/AFWA)*
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-10:45	Minimum Benchmark Set of Fish Habitat Conservation Project Prioritization Criteria *Desired outcome:* • **Board action** to approve the recommended minimum benchmark set of fish habitat conservation project prioritization criteria.	Tab 2	Steve Perry *(Board Vice-Chair/NEAFWA)*
10:45-11:15	FHP Performance Evaluation *Desired outcome:* • **Board action** to approve the recommended FHP performance evaluation process and procedures.	Tab 3	Steve Perry *(Board Vice-Chair/NEAFWA)*
11:15-12:00	FHP Board Representation *Desired outcome:* • **Board action** to modify the charter to establish a FHP seat on the Board.	Tab 4	Ron Regan *(Board Member/AFWA)*
12:00-1:30	Lunch		

1:30-2:00	USFWS Proposed FHP Funding Allocation *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on the USFWS pending decision on allocating project funds to FHPs. • **Board discussion** on future communications associated with this issue.	Tab 5	Jeff Underwood *(Board Member/USFWS)* Steve Perry *(Board Vice-Chair/ NEAFWA)*
2:00-2:15	FHP Organizational Development Project Update *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on the Portland FHP training and related efforts	Tab 6	Tom Busiahn *(Board Staff/USFWS)* Matt Menashes *(Board Staff/AFWA)*
2:15-2:45	FHP Presentation: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update**	NA	Katie Haws *(MGLP Coordinator-Minnesota Department of Natural Resources)*
2:45-3:15	FHP Presentation: Matanuska-Susitna Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership *Desired outcome*: • **Informational update**	NA	Sue Rodman (*Alaska Department of Fish and Game)*
3:15-3:30	Break		
3:30-4:15	Draft conservation strategies *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on draft strategies • **Board discussion** on desired next steps.	Tab 7a Tab 7b Tab 7c Tab 7d	Mike Stone (*Board Member/Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies)*
4:15-4:45	Gov't affairs update *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on a **s**trategy for the new Congressional session.	NA	Gordon Robertson *(Board member/–ASA)*/ Steve Moyer *(Board member/Trout Unlimited)*
4:45-5:15	Science and Data Committee Report *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on the effectiveness measure group membership; science and data committee membership; the upgraded data system; and the FHP assessment survey.	Tab 8	Gary Whelan *(Board Staff -Michigan Department of Natural Resources)* /Andrea Ostroff *(Board Staff - U.S. Geological Survey)*

6:00	Social hour location – Bailey's Pub, Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA		

Wednesday, February 27th

8:30-9:30	Communications Committee Report: *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on progress towards communications priority projects. • **Informational update** on communication strategy review. • **Informational update** on Hill briefing tools, to include appropriate communication and methods for Hill visits. • **Board discussion** on desired next steps.	Tab 9a Tab 9b Tab 9c	Ryan Roberts *(Board Staff – AFWA)*
9:30-10:30	Federal agency reports under NFHP Secretarial MOU *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on the Federal agency reports. • **Board discussion** on using the reports to elevate NFHP among Federal agencies. • **Board action** to send a letter on the need and importance of these reports to Federal agency leadership.	Tab 10a Tab 10b Tab 10c Tab 10d Tab 10e Tab 10f Tab 10g	Opening remarks: Rebecca Wodder *(Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior)* Terra Lederhouse *(NOAA Fisheries)* Stephanie Carman *(Bureau of Land Management)* Amy Unthank *(USDA Forest Service)* Closing remarks: Stan Moberly *(American Fisheries Society)*

10:30-10:45	Break		
10:45- 11:15	NOAA Recreational Fishing Engagement Initiative *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on NOAA's Recreational Fishing Engagement Initiative, habitat connections, and coordination possibilities.	Tab 11	Russ Dunn *(Recreational Fishing Advisor to the NMFS Assistant Administrator)*
11:15-12:00	Coordination among LCCs, JVs and FHPs *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on the development of Landscape Conservation Cooperatives and how they are working with Fish Habitat Partnerships. • **Board Action** to approve the Executive Leadership Team to designate a NFHP representative to the National LCC Council.	Tab 12a Tab 12b Tab 12c Tab 12d	Doug Austen *(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)/* Steve Perry *(NEAFWA)*

Additional Information:

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- Board member guide — Tab 14

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