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Memorandum

To: Director

From: Assistant Director – Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Subject: New funding approach for National Fish Habitat Action Plan projects

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation program requests approval of the attached new approach for allocating project funds under the National Fish Habitat Action Plan. The methodology was prepared pursuant to the April 9, 2013 memorandum from Deputy Director Rowan Gould (DCN 054076) establishing an internal work group to develop the new approach.

Staff from the Regions and several Headquarters programs developed the methodology, which was then reviewed and modified by the Assistant Regional Directors for Fish and Aquatic Conservation.

The methodology supports the Service's Strategic Habitat Conservation model, and incorporates performance and competition in an annual process that will produce the added benefit of thoroughly documenting the plans and accomplishments of Fish Habitat Partnerships. It provides flexibility for the Partnerships to use funds for operations, if needed, or for on-the-ground fish habitat conservation projects that address the strategic priorities of the Service and of the Partnerships.

✓ Approved _____ Disapproved

Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

12/3/13
Date

Attachment