

Steering Committee Teleconference Notes
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There was general agreement that the timelines and work group plans looked acceptable. The following are specific comments for the materials submitted from each work group:

Habitat Work Group:

- There was some concern that pilot habitat projects could get out in front of the development of the strategy. For example, projects could inadvertently be selected that are not representative of the types of threats that get highlighted in the Conservation Strategy.
- Jarrad explained that the task of the Habitat Work Group would not be to implement projects immediately, but to develop a working list of potential projects that represent key habitat-related problems (culverts, etc.).

Assessment Work Group:

- There was some discussion among this work group about developing a more focus assessment of the threats. This would greatly enhance the quality of the Conservation Strategy.
- The work group is shooting to have the bulk of their status and distribution assessment completed by January 1.
- Doug wanted to get some input from the Steering Committee on a possible late October or early November workshop to make sure their definitions and methods are as good as they can be.

Conservation Strategy:

- Discussed how assessment timeline will mesh with the development of the Conservation Strategy.
- The plan is to keep the Conservation Strategy qualitative and fill in the details and shift emphasis later as the assessment is further refined.

Outreach and Education:

- Will develop a 1-page fact sheet that all can use.
- Jarrad will provide a list of the types of questions that the fact sheet would address.
- The Outreach Workgroup will take the lead on this and circulate a draft of the fact sheet to the Steering Committee for their comments.