



Eastern Brook Trout
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**EBTJV Steering Committee Meeting
National Conservation Training Center
Shepherdstown, WV
September 10, 2014**

Link to the agenda and briefing document: <http://bit.ly/ZouRKM>

Attendees: Doug Besler, Doug Stang, Dianne Timmins, Mike Shingleton, Jason Detar, Glenn Erikson, Callie McMunigal, Amy Wolf, Rachel Muir, and Steve Perry.

The meeting was called to order by EBTJV Chair Doug Besler at 7:15 p.m. on September 10th. The first order of business was for the Chairman to establish a quorum, which was not achieved as only nine SC were present either in person or on the conference call.

The following notes summarize the business conducted during the meeting on **September 10, 2014:**

- The Steering Committee talked with John O’Leary (MA Division of Fish and Wildlife) about the possibility of the EBTJV submitting a project proposal focused on developing a Regional Adaptation Strategy, which would be submitted to NEAFWA’s Regional Conservation Need Program for funding considerations. The Steering Committee expressed their support in pursuing this initiative.
- A motion was made by Dianne Timmins, seconded by Mike Shingleton, to approve the June 17, 2014 EBTJV SC meeting summary (<http://bit.ly/1qZB2hw>). **This motion was approved** by combining the voice vote that occurred during the meeting and an email vote that took place after the meeting.
- A motion was made by Doug Stang, seconded by Dianne Timmins, to approve the addition of Massachusetts Division of Wildlife to the EBTJV Steering Committee with Dana Ohman as the representative. **This motion was approved** by combining the voice vote that occurred during the meeting and an email vote that took place after the meeting.
- The Chair led discussions about filling EBTJV Steering Committee’s Vice-Chair position that resulted in three prospective candidates being identified. The Chair will talk with each of the candidates to determine their interest in taking on this responsibility.

- A motion was made by Doug Besler, seconded by Dianne Timmins, to add Callie McMunigal and Glenn Erikson to the EBTJV Executive Team as described in the revised By-Laws. The other two positions on the Executive Team are occupied by the EBTJV Steering Committee Chair and Vice-Chair and the EBTJV Coordinator provides administrative support to this team. **This motion was approved** by combining the voice vote that occurred during the meeting and an email vote that took place after the meeting.
- A motion was made by Amy Wolfe (Proxy for Elizabeth Maclin), seconded by Dianne Timmins, to offer the EBTJV's Science Coordinator position to applicant Mark Hudy. **This motion was approved** by combining the voice vote that occurred during the meeting and an email vote that took place after the meeting.
- The 2015 EBTJV/FWS-NFHAP request for Brook Trout conservation proposals was distributed via MailChimp ~470 subscribers, which has an October 3, 2014 deadline for submissions. Project proposals will be reviewed and ranked by the EBTJV Project Review Team and a ranked list of projects will be forwarded to the EBTJV Steering Committee for their actions by early December. A motion was made by Dianne Timmins, seconded by Mike Shingleton, to develop an EBTJV operational support project, with a budget request of \$90,000, which will be the top ranked project submitted to the FWS for funding considerations from their NFHAP budget allocation. **This motion was approved** by combining the voice vote that occurred during the meeting and an email vote that took place after the meeting.
- The EBTJV is on track for completing the deliverables for its 2013 and 2014 Multi-State Conservation Grant Program grants by 12/31/14. The EBTJV also collaborated with the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership and Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership to develop a scope of work that was incorporated into an application the National Fish Habitat Board submitted for funding during the 2015 MSCGP grant cycle. If funded, the three eastern Fish Habitat Partnerships will initiate the development of connectivity teams in interested FHP states and bring these teams together to develop working relationships; collectively define and communicate the scientific basis for stream restoration through connectivity improvement; share, update, and develop connectivity assessment tools and resources; and, establish communications among state connectivity teams to support and build on past experiences.
- The EBTJV Steering Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.