

## EBTJV Coordinator's 2013 Accomplishments Summary

- Reviewed the EBTJV conservation strategy and provided recommendations to Steering Committee to update the plan (<http://easternbrooktrout.org/resources/ebtjv-briefing-reports-with-recommendations/conservation-strategy-review-summary-and-recommendations/view>).
- Assessed the degree to which the EBTJV priorities are being addressed by National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) funded fish habitat conservation projects (2006-2012) and summarized the results in a report (<http://easternbrooktrout.org/resources/ebtjv-briefing-reports-with-recommendations/assessment-of-ebtjv-priorities-addressed-by-fish-habitat-conservation-projects-2006-2012/view>).
- Determined how well the EBTJV Brook Trout Conservation Project scoring criteria align with the NFHP Board's minimum benchmark project prioritization criteria and implemented EBTJV Steering Committee approved changes to the scoring criteria to be used to rank 2014 project proposals by adding the following:
  - A component to Section IV – project planning and success that focused more specifically on determining if the project is also aligned with other conservation plans.
  - A component under Section IV – project planning and success that rates the proposed project's description of its success measures and performance targets.
  - A component that assesses the capability and experience of proposed applicants.
  - A component that rates how well the proposed project's budget is defined and is linked to its deliverable and outcomes.

(<http://easternbrooktrout.org/resources/ebtjv-briefing-reports-with-recommendations/an-assessment-of-the-ebtjv2019s-project-ranking-criteria-alignment-with-the-national-fish-habitat-board2019s-minimum-benchmark-set-of-project-prioritization-criteria/view>)
- Reviewed project scoring criteria and implemented the list of EBTJV Steering Committee approved recommendations to improve them by adding the following language to the 2014 EBTJV Brook Trout Conservation Project Application Form and or making other changes:
  - A question that asks applicants who indicate their project will increase recreational fishing for wild brook trout, how the increase will be measured.
  - Specific questions that solicit responses from the applicants about whether their proposed conservation actions will improve brook trout spawning and early life history habitat.
  - Highlighted the need for conservation actions that focus on lacustrine, large river and coastal populations of wild brook trout as part of the RFP announcement released during the 2014 funding cycle.
  - A question that asks whether the proposed conservation actions will conserve: wild brook trout genetic diversity, lacustrine, large river, or coastal populations of wild brook trout.
  - A listing of the common state-level objectives as part of the RFP announcement released during 2014 funding cycle and modified the EBTJV project application form so that applicants can specifically identify which of these objectives are being addressed by the proposed project.

- A list of the EBTJV's conservation priorities as a part of the RFP announcement released during the 2014 funding cycle and modified the EBTJV project application form so that applicants can specifically identify which of these conservation priorities are being addressed by the proposed project.
- Definitions for what the EBTJV means by protection, enhancement, and restoration activities.
- Resolved mapping issues so that applicants can identify the priority score for the subwatershed where the project work is occurring.  
(<http://easternbrooktrout.org/funding-opportunities/apply-for-2014-funding-opportunities-here>)
- Partnered with the Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership (ACFHP) and Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP) on the Whitewater to Bluewater Initiative  
(<http://easternbrooktrout.org/groups/whitewater-to-bluewater>).
- Interacted with the Chesapeake Bay Program's Habitat Goal Implementation Team, the Appalachian LCC, and the North Atlantic LCC to address conservation issues of mutual interest.
- Developed and distributed two EBTJV newsletters  
(<http://easternbrooktrout.org/news/newsletters/2013-ebtjv-newsletter>).
- Drafted and distributed an EBTJV Business Plan, 2014-2018 for review, feedback, and approval by the EBTJV Steering Committee  
(<http://easternbrooktrout.org/resources/resources-inbox/ebtjv-business-plan/ebtjv-business-plan-2014-2018/view>).
- Developed a methodology for estimating the socioeconomic benefits derived from EBTJV Brook Trout conservation projects  
(<http://easternbrooktrout.org/resources/holdings/socioeconomic-benefits-derived-from-brook-trout-conservation-projects/methodology-for-estimating-the-socioeconomic-benefits-derived-from-brook-trout-conservation-projects/view>).
- Drafted and distributed an EBTJV Accomplishments Report, 2004-2013  
(<http://easternbrooktrout.org/about/accomplishment-summaries/ebtjv-accomplishments-2004-2013/view>).
- Assisted River Network and Water Words That Work with an assessment of the EBTJV's organizational capacity ([http://easternbrooktrout.org/resources/ebtjv-briefing-reports-with-recommendations/ebtjv-organizational-and-communications-assessment\\_2013/view](http://easternbrooktrout.org/resources/ebtjv-briefing-reports-with-recommendations/ebtjv-organizational-and-communications-assessment_2013/view)).
- Updated the EBTJV website on a regular basis.
- Participated as a member of the EBTJV 2014 Brook Trout Project Review Team.

- Assisted the Northeast Fisheries Administrators Association with developing a Brook Trout Symposium to be held at the 2014 Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Portland, ME.
- Developed the 2014 EBTJV Operational Project proposal for inclusion in the application the partnership is submitting for FY14 FWS-NFHAP funds (<http://easternbrooktrout.org/funding-opportunities/2014-completed-applications/eastern-brook-trout-joint-venture-coordination-and-operations-fy14/eastern-brook-trout-joint-venture-coordination-and-operations-fy14/view>).