



Eastern Brook Trout
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**EBTJV Steering Committee Meeting
September 29, 2015**

Link to agenda documents: <http://bit.ly/1Yumli6>

Attendees: Doug Besler, Merry Gallagher, Callie McMunigal, Dianne Timmins, Steve Reeser, Nat Gillespie, Shawn Rummel, Lisa Barno, Rich Kirn, Steve Faulkner, Fred Henson (NYSDEC Proxy), Geof Day (SRBTC Proxy), Jake Rash, Mark Hudy, and Steve Perry.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Doug Besler at 5:00 p.m. on September 29th. The first order of business was for the Chair to establish a quorum, which was achieved as 12 Steering Committee members participated in the meeting.

The following notes summarize the business conducted during the meeting on **September 29, 2015**:

- The EBTJV Steering Committee Chair recognized Dwayne Shaw, Executive Director of Downeast Salmon Federation, who recently signed the EBTJV's MOU on behalf of his organization.
- A motion was made to approve the June 16, 2015 EBTJV SC meeting summary (<http://bit.ly/1Jkmley>). This motion carried by voice vote.
- An update on FY 2016 EBTJV Project submissions (<http://bit.ly/1L0tIzj> and <http://bit.ly/1V5dFj0>) was provided. Six project proposals were received by the deadline and will be reviewed and ranked by the EBTJV Review Team. The ranked projects will be submitted to the EBTJV Steering Committee for their considerations and actions in December. The Steering Committee also authorized the development of an EBTJV Operational Support Project.
- An overview of the NFH Board's performance evaluation of the EBTJV was provided (<http://bit.ly/1RqFbqP>). The EBTJV achieved 38 out of the 40 points available in this evaluation, receiving the highest point score (4) for 8 of the performance measures and a score of 3 for 2 of the measures. This is a slight improvement over the score (35.4) the EBTJV received during the Board's test drive of this evaluation process back in 2012. The EBTJV discussed several ways the partnership could strengthen relationships with policy-makers in an effort to enhance its performance for Measure 8, which would elevate its score from a 3 to a 4 for this metric.

- The EBTJV's committee structure (<http://bit.ly/1Pjie7G>) was discussed, which resulted in deciding to keep these committees as they currently exist. Steve Faulkner (USGS) will join Jason Detar (PA) as Co-Chairs of the Science and Data Committee; Jake Rash (NC) will serve as Chair of the Conservation Strategy Committee; Dianne Timmins (NH) will remain as Chair of the Outreach and Education Committee; and, Nat Gillespie (FS) will continue to serve as Chair of the Business Planning Committee.
- A discussion on the progress for the 2015 EBTJV Meeting (<http://bit.ly/1VAXdY7>) occurred, with the general feeling expressed that it was on track to achieve its purpose.

The EBTJV Steering Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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