

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Coordination and Operations

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2015 Work Plan:

Task 1: Identify priority Brook Trout catchments and patches for conservation actions that will alleviate the stresses caused by fish passage barriers and poor management of riparian and in-stream habitat.

Task 2: Collaborate with the Chesapeake Bay Program to establish a pilot program that further tests a wild brook trout monitoring framework that uses patch based metrics in conjunction with a sampling design that combines fixed annual sentinel patches and a rotating panel design for other patches.

Task 3: Advance an integrated education and outreach campaign that raises awareness about the plight of wild brook trout among anglers and outdoor/environmental reporters.

Task 4: Develop a state of the species report for Brook Trout in the eastern portion of the U.S.

Task 5: Track selected metrics that demonstrate the impacts of implementing priority Brook Trout conservation actions and summarize these metrics annually.

Task 6: Collaborate with partners to complete the catchment scale assessment of brook trout across the range of the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture and integrate the assessment findings into the EBTJV's Brook Trout Conservation Strategy.

Task 7: Convene at least one all partners meeting per year to further the goals of the partnership.

Task 8: Coordinate the activities of the EBTJV Steering and Standing Committees.

Task 9: Serve as liaison with other Fish Habitat Partnerships, pertinent Land Conservation Cooperatives, and pertinent regional conservation entities.

Task 10: Serve as liaison with National Fish Habitat Partnership efforts.

Task 11: Promote the EBTJV to resource professionals and conservation interests.

Task 12: Serve as the EBTJV's Business Manager.