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1. Summary of Accomplishments

A summary report of the findings from the EBTJV's range-wide Brook Trout status assessment, conducted at the catchment scale, has been finalized; and, these findings were used to refine the partnership's strategic Brook Trout conservation priorities, which are contained within the EBTJV's Eastern Brook Trout: Roadmap to Restoration (2nd Edition). A continuing collaborative working relationship with the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) was aimed at participating on the CBP's Brook Trout Action Team that is charged with generating and implementing annual work plans that ensure progress is being made towards accomplishing the Brook Trout Outcome in the watershed. Twelve (12) Brook Trout Conservation Projects were solicited from EBTJV partners, which were reviewed and given a priority ranking based on the score they received using the partnership's Project Review Criteria; all 12 projects are focused on addressing one or more of the EBTJV's range-wide habitat goals. Eighty-eight (88) news articles about Brook Trout conservation efforts were posted on the EBTJV Facebook Page, which generated 67,790 views. Four (4) EBTJV Steering Committee teleconferences were held to discuss and take action on a variety of business matters.

2. Project Activities & Outcomes

Activities

- Assisted with refining the EBTJV's strategic objectives and key conservation priorities using the results of the partnership's recently completed assessment of wild Brook Trout at the catchment scale;
- Collaborated with neighboring Fish Habitat Partnerships and other conservation entities to ensure that strategic conservation actions among this community are synchronized;
- Solicited and ranked fish habitat conservation projects that address priority wild Brook Trout conservation needs; and, coordinated and compiled information on wild Brook Trout conservation activities and improvements in wild Brook Trout habitat condition for use in measuring progress towards conserving wild Brook Trout;
- Promoted the accomplishments being achieved in conserving wild Brook Trout to targeted audiences; and,
- Convened at least one partnership meeting per year to further the goals of the partnership.

Outcomes

- A [summary report](#) of the findings from the EBTJV's range-wide Brook Trout status assessment was finalized and these findings were used to refine the partnership's [strategic Brook Trout conservation priorities](#).
- Participation on the CBP's Brook Trout Action Team resulted in updating the [annual work plans](#) that are implemented to ensure progress is being made towards accomplishing the Brook Trout Outcome in the watershed.
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