

**Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Fish Habitat Partnership Meeting  
Cacapon State Resort Park  
Berkeley Springs, WV  
November 10-12, 2009**

*Agenda*

**Tuesday Nov 10**

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Goals (Steve Perry)
- 1:20 p.m. Native Fishes Conservation Areas (Fred Harris)
- 1:40 p.m. NC Wildlife Friendly Development Certification Program (Doug Besler)
- 2:00 p.m. Assessment of the EBTJV Project Scoring Criteria (Abby Lynch)
- 2:20 p.m. Brook Trout Assessment at the Catchment Scale (Mark Hudy)
- 2:40 p.m. Brook Trout and Climate Change (Mark Hudy)
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:20 p.m. Open Forum for Questions
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. EBTJV Project Success Highlights (Session Coordinator: Bob Carline)

**Wednesday Nov 11**

- 8:00 a.m. - Noon Subcommittee Session  
(Conservation Strategy/Habitat, Data, Outreach & Education, Science & Research, Grants & Development)
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. An Overview of the Appalachian Mt. Joint Venture (Brian Smith)
- 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Regional Work Group Session  
(Northern, Mid-Atlantic, Southern)
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. EBTJV Steering Committee Meeting

**Thursday Nov 12**

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Overview of Steering Committee Meeting Discussions (Steve Perry)
- 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee and Regional Work Group Reports and Next Steps
- 11:00 a.m. – Noon Meeting Wrap Up

**EBTJV Subcommittee Session**  
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Time: 8:00 a.m. – noon

**Conservation Strategy Habitat Subcommittee Meeting**

1. Review status of achieving short-term regional habitat goals.
2. Determine how the EBTJV will track project outcomes.
3. Determine the need for rangewide monitoring of long-term brook trout population trends at selected sites.
4. Determine the EBTJV's role in meeting NFHAP interim targets.
5. Discuss how to determine EBTJV success.
6. Review Project Scoring Criteria.
7. Discuss merging Mid-Atlantic and Southern Regional Workgroups.

**Data Subcommittee Meeting**

1. Review the status of implementing a centralized, web-based, data management system that permits all agencies with brook trout management responsibilities to contribute, store, and access data.
2. Determine the minimum data standards that will facilitate data sharing and reporting.
3. Develop guidelines for changing watershed classification designations.

**Outreach and Education Subcommittee**

1. Review status of outreach and education plan and develop timeline for completion.
2. Review the status of assessing partner needs for outreach/education material.
3. Discuss development of EBT Best Management Practices that address key habitat threats.

**Science and Research Subcommittee**

1. Review the status of developing a research plan that identifies key brook trout research needs and establishes priorities for research funding.
2. Create a clearinghouse for current research projects.
3. Develop a list of restoration case studies.
4. Define what a monitoring protocol should include.
5. Establish relationships between fish and habitat conditions, including human impacts and their variation at different scales.
6. Evaluate brook trout status assessment and predictive model.
7. Standardize sample design, methodology and monitoring for data analysis.
8. Identify the cumulative effects of threat impacts to brook trout.
9. Evaluate the socioeconomic value of brook trout habitat.

**Grants and Development Subcommittee**

1. Review status of the EBTJV-FHP Foundation agreement with VA Tech and CMI
2. Develop a process for allocating EBTJV-FHP Foundation funds.
3. Discuss fund raising activities.
4. Develop a master list of fish habitat-related funding sources.

## **EBTJV Regional Workgroup Session**

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Time: 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **EBTJV Southern Region Habitat Objectives**

1. Maintain the status, or no net less, of **112** subwatersheds classified as healthy by 2012.
2. Strengthen brook trout populations in **10** subwatersheds classified as healthy by 2012.
3. Establish self-sustaining brook trout populations in **5** subwatersheds classified as extirpated by 2012.
4. Improve **4** reduced subwatersheds to healthy classification by 2012.
5. Strengthen brook trout populations in **30** subwatersheds classified as reduced by 2012.
6. Maintain **189** reduced subwatersheds in existing condition by 2012.
7. Validate the predictive brook trout status model by assessing **84** of predicted subwatersheds by 2012.

### **Southern Regional Workgroup Charges:**

1. Develop an action plan that describes how the Southern Region Habitat objectives will be met by 2012.
2. Develop estimates of the costs for achieving the Southern Region Habitat objectives at both the state and regional levels.

### **EBTJV Mid-Atlantic Region Habitat Objectives**

1. Maintain the status, or no net less, of **157** subwatersheds classified as healthy by 2012.
2. Strengthen brook trout populations in **14** subwatersheds classified as healthy by 2012.
3. Establish self-sustaining brook trout populations in **5** subwatersheds classified as extirpated by 2012.
4. Improve **4** reduced subwatersheds to healthy classification by 2012.
5. Strengthen brook trout populations in **45** subwatersheds classified as reduced by 2012.
6. Maintain **678** reduced subwatersheds in existing condition by 2012.
7. Validate the predictive brook trout status model by assessing **48** of predicted subwatersheds by 2012.

### **Mid-Atlantic Regional Workgroup Charges:**

1. Develop an action plan that describes how the Mid-Atlantic Region Habitat objectives will be met by 2012.
2. Develop estimates of the costs for achieving the Mid-Atlantic Region Habitat objectives at both the state and regional levels.

## **EBTJV Northern Region Habitat Objectives**

- 1.** Maintain the status, or no net less, of **477** subwatersheds classified as healthy by 2012.
- 2.** Strengthen brook trout populations in **20** subwatersheds classified as healthy by 2012.
- 3.** Improve **2** reduced subwatersheds to healthy classification by 2012.
- 4.** Strengthen brook trout populations in **30** subwatersheds classified as reduced by 2012.
- 5.** Prevent further degradation in **505** subwatersheds currently classified as reduced by 2012.
- 6.** Gather data on **700** of the predicted subwatersheds by 2012 for use in validating the predictive brook trout status model.
- 7.** Maintain the status, or no net loss, of healthy pond and lake watersheds, and assess the status of **50** unknown waters by 2012.

### **Northern Regional Workgroup Charges:**

- 1.** Develop an action plan that describes how the Northern Region Habitat objectives will be met by 2012.
- 2.** Develop estimates of the costs for achieving the Northern Region Habitat objectives at both the state and regional levels.