National Fish Habitat Board Meeting
April 17 and 18, 2012 Draft Agenda

The Nature Conservancy- Main Floor Conference Room
4245 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington VA
(across the street from the Ballston Metro station on the Orange Line)

[This meeting will be available by conference call and web-ex.
See instructions below under "additional information"]

Tuesday, April 17

8:30 – 8:45	Welcome and Introductions		Kelly Hepler *(Board Chair/AK Dept. of Fish and Game)*
8:45- 9:15	Housekeeping *Desired outcomes:* • **Board action** to approve draft agenda and draft minutes. • **Board review** of future meeting schedules. • **Board update** of Chair and Vice-Chair terms. • **Board announcement** of 10 Waters to Watch. • **Board discussion** about 1) adding corporate representatives to the Board and 2) review term limits in charter.	Tab 1a Tab 1b Tab1c	Kelly Hepler (*Board Chair/AK Dept. of Fish and Game)*
9:15-10:00	Board 2012 Priorities *Desired outcomes*: • **Informational update** to Board on proposed process for completing 2012 Board priorities. • **Board action** to recruit participation on the teams established to achieve the 2012 priorities.	Tab 2	Steve Perry *(Board Vice-Chair/ New Hampshire Dept. of Fish and Game)*
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-11:15	Revised Action Plan and Rollout Strategy *Desired outcomes:* • **Informational update on** revised action plan. • **Informational update** on rollout strategy and proposed board participation.	Tab 3	Mike Andrews *(Board Member - The Nature Conservancy)*/ Matt Menashes *(Board Staff - Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies)*
11:15-12:00	Science and Data Committee Report: *Desired outcome*: • **Informational update** on progress towards completing strategy for 2015 Assessment. • **Board action** on propose S&D Committee Terms of Reference. • **Informational update** on other S&D Committee priority projects.	Tab 4a Tab 4b, 4c	Gary Whelan *(Board Staff -Michigan Department of Natural Resources)* /Andrea Ostroff *(Board Staff - U.S. Geological Survey)*
12:00-1:30	Lunch		

1:30-2:00	Innovative Fund-raising for Fish Habitat Partnerships - the WNTI Approach *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update.**	NA	Robin Knox and Erica Stock *(Western Native Trout Initiative)*
2:00-3:30	FHP Presentation from the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture *Desired outcome*: • **Informational update.**	Tab 5	Mark Hudy *(Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture -USDA Forest Service)*
2:30-2:45	Restoring Fish Passage While Disaster-proofing Communities Desired outcome: • **Informational update.**	Tab 6	Susan Wells *(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)*
2:45-3:00	Break		
3:00-3:45	Performance Evaluation Committee Report *Desired outcomes*: • **Informational update** on committee progress.	Tab 7	Steve Perry *(Board Vice-Chair/ New Hampshire Fish and Game)*
3:45-4:15	Multi-state Conservation Grants and National Conservation Needs *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update.**	Tab 8	Kelly Hepler *(Board Chair/AK Dept. of Fish and Game)*
4:15-5:00	Report on 2012 FWS NFHP funding *Desired outcomes*: • **Informational update** on allocation of 2012 funds and the FY 2013 request.	Tab 9	Rowan Gould *(Board Member)* /Tom Busiahn *(Board Staff-(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)*

Wednesday, April 18

8:30-9:00	Communications Committee Report: *Desired outcome:* • **Informational** update on progress towards Communications priority projects.	NA	Ryan Roberts *(Board Staff – Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies)*
9:00-9:15	Legislation Update: *Desired outcome*: • **Informational update** on Hill activity in support of NFHP.	NA	Gordon Robertson (*Board Member – American Sportfishing Association*)
9:15-10:00	Federal Memorandum of Understanding: *Desired outcome:* • **Informational update** on the MOU content and how it helps fish habitat conservation. • **Board input** on implementation of MOU.	Tab 10	Tom Busiahn *(Board Staff – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)*
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-11:15	Coordination among LCC, JVs and FHPs *Desired outcome:* • **Informational** update on Congressional direction to FWS to integrate these partnership activities. • **Board action** on common messages about coordination among JV and Fish Habitat partnerships and committing to developing joint national conservation objectives.	Tab 11a, 11b, 11c	Doug Austen *(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)/*Kelly Hepler *(AKFG)*
11:15-12:00	NOAA Habitat Blueprint *Desired outcome:* • **Informational** update on NOAA's Habitat Blueprint and opportunities to coordinate with NFHAP.	Tab 12	Brian Pawlak *(NOAA-Fisheries)*

12:15-1:30 Lunch

2:00-3:00 Memorandum of Understanding Ceremony (at The Nature Conservancy Headquarters building)

3:00-4:00 Trout Unlimited sponsored reception (at The Nature Conservancy Headquarters building)

6:00-8:00 *Fishing for the Future* Hill Reception

Showcase and recognize fish habitat conservation efforts in the U.S. for Congressional members and their staff. Rayburn House Office Building, Room B340. Sponsored by the National Fish Habitat Partnership, American Fly Fishing Trade Association, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, American Sportfishing Association and Trout Unlimited. (See Tab13 for directions)

Additional Information:

- Board Members and Staff Contacts (Tab 14)

- Conference call and Web-ex instructions:

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