Fishers & Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin

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Members of the National Fish Habitat Partnership Board,

Fishers & Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin exists to support landowner-led, voluntary conservation projects that add value to farms while restoring aquatic habitat and native fish populations in the Upper Mississippi River Watershed. In March 2010, it was named as one of the full 17 Fish Habitat Partnerships of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan.

Fishers & Farmers hosted one of their annual steering committee meetings November 1-2, 2011, and included two new steering committee members: Rich Sims (Iowa State Conservationist from NRCS), and Sara Strassman (American Rivers). During the beginning of the meeting, Martin Konrad (Iowa Department of Natural Resources), and Roger Wolf (Iowa Soybean Association) stepped down as co-chairs. We thank both of them for all their hard work and dedication to Fishers & Farmers, especially during the formation of our Partnership and Strategic Plan. Both Martin and Roger went above the call of duty and we are very appreciative of their time and resources they have contributed, and continue to contribute, to the Partnership.

Fishers & Farmers welcomed two new co-chairs on November 2, 2011. We are excited to move forward with representatives from both the natural resources and agricultural perspective. Chris Vitello is the Fisheries Division Chief from the Missouri Department of Conservation and Steve Taylor is the Executive Director of Missouri Agribusiness Association. Please help Fishers & Farmers welcome both of them as we move forward with NFHP: to conserve the nation's fish and aquatic communities through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation and improve the quality of life.

Thank you,

Heidi Keuler

Fishers & Farmers Partnership Coordinator