National Fish Habitat Board Meeting
June 25 and 26, 2013
Draft Agenda

Utah State Capitol Building (Kletting Room),
350 N State St., Salt Lake City, UT 84103

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

Tuesday, June 25th (8:30AM – 5:15PM EST)

8:30-8:45	Welcome and Introductions	Kelly Hepler (Board Chair) Greg Sheehan (Director, Utah DWR)
8:45-9:15	Housekeeping	Kelly Hepler (Board Chair) and Mike Stone (WAFWA)

Desired outcome:

- Board action to approve draft agenda and draft minutes. (Tab 1a)
- Board review of future meeting schedules. (Tab 1b)
  - Board discussion on the appropriate number of meetings per year.
  Coordinating NFHP meetings with State Fish Chiefs meetings

9:15 – 9:25	Election of Vice-Chair	Kelly Hepler (Board Chair)

Desired outcome:

- Election of a Board Vice-Chair

9:25 – 9:55	Executive Leadership Team (ELT) Report on Board Membership	Sam Rauch (NOAA) and Rowan Gould (FWS)

Desired outcome:

- ELT to discuss upcoming changes in Board membership

- Identification of those federal agencies that should fill the vacant federal agency Board positions
- Discuss the need for an improved strategy to increase engagement with those agencies not on the Board

9:55 – 10:10 Partnership Committee Summary Report Tom Busiahn (FWS)

Desired outcome:

- Update Board on Partnership Committee Activities (Tab 2)

10:10 – 10:25 2014 Funding Allocation Process Update Tom Busiahn (FWS/NFHP Staff)

Desired outcome:

- Update Board on FWS Funding Allocation Process (Tab 3)

10:25 – 10:40 BREAK

10:40 – 11:25 Board Proposal for Multi-State Grant Conservation Funding Matt Menashes (AFWA)

Desired outcome:

- ACTION ITEM Based on:
  -Define the primary purpose for the funding:
  FHP operational support or science and data needs?
  -Establish a process on the how the Board will rank projects for funding and possible reductions in project budget requests
  -Discuss how best to frame NCN and how to work in concert with FWRPC
  -NCN Timeline (Tab 4)

11:25 – 11:40 2013 US Fish and Wildlife Service Project Funding Tom Busiahn (FWS/NFHP Staff)

Desired outcome:

- Review of joint project review team project decisions (Tab 5)

11:40 – 12:00 501 (c)(3)- introduction Matt Menashes (AFWA/NFHP Staff)

Desired outcome:

- Understanding of options and Q&A on explanation of 501 (c)(3) (Tab 6)

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 2:00 501 (c)(3) Matt Menashes (AFWA)

Desired outcome:

- Board decision on establishment of the Board as 501(c)(3) non-profit

2:00 – 2:30 Proposal for a Board Performance Evaluation Tom Busiahn (FWS/NFHP Staff)

Desired outcome:

- Board decision to endorse the evaluation (Tab7)
- Key questions from Partnership questionnaire

2:45 – 3:15 Update from Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership Tim Troll (TNC)

Desired outcome:

- Informational update (Tab 8a)

3:15 – 3:30 BREAK

3:30 – 4:00 Update from Southeast Alaska (candidate) Fish Habitat Partnership Neil Stichert (FWS)

Desired outcome: (Tab 8b)

- Informational update

4:00 – 4:30 FHP Organizational Development Needs Wendy Wilson (River Network)

Desired outcome:

- Update Board on FHP Organizational Development Workshop (Tab 9)

4:30 – 4:45 Managing Our Nation's Fisheries III Conference Sam Rauch (NOAA)
Desired outcome: (Tab 10)

- Informational update on the outcomes from Managing Our Nation's Fisheries III Conference and opportunities for Board engagement

4:45 – 5:15 Report on Corporate Engagement Chris Horton (CSF)
Desired outcome: (Tab 11)

- Update Board on opportunities for Corporate engagement

6:00 – 7:00 The Vault Bar at the Hotel Monaco, Social hour, complimentary wine

Wednesday, June 26th (8:30AM – 12:00 PM)

8:30 – 9:00 Science and Data Committee Update Gary Whelan (MI DNR/NFHP Staff)
Andrea Ostroff (USGS/NFHP Staff)

Desired outcome: (Tab 12)

- Update on the FHP Assessment Survey and committee membership changes
- Update on the 2015 Assessment
- Update on the Data System

9:00 – 9:30 Communications Committee Update Ryan Roberts (AFWA/NFHP Staff)
Desired outcome: (Tab 13)

- Update to Board on Waters to Watch and other communications initiatives
- Update on MOU Federal Reports Document
- Update on National Fish Habitat Awards

9:30 – 10:00 FWS Strategic Visioning Update Whitney Tilt
Desired Outcome:

- Update Board on Latest SFBPC Activities on FWS Fisheries Visioning

10:00– 10:10 BREAK

10:10 – 10:40 <u>Congressional Affairs Committee Update</u> Steve Moyer (Trout Unlimited)
Desired outcome: (Tab 14)

- Update and seek input of Board on National Fish Habitat Conservation Act legislation

10:40 – 11:10 <u>Utah DWR Blue Ribbon Fisheries Program</u> Craig Walker (UDWR, Special Projects Coordinator)
Desired outcome:

- Provide program overview of Blue Ribbon Fisheries Program (Tab 15)

11:10 – 11:30 <u>Utah Rivers Council Update</u> Nick Schou (Utah Rivers Council)

11:30 – 12:45 Lunch at Capitol
(Briefing on Field Trip and NFHP Initiatives in Utah)

NFHP Initiatives in Utah:

Desert Fish Habitat Partnership: Krissy Wilson (UDWR Native Aquatic Species Coordinator)

Western Native Trout Initiative: Paul Birdsey (UDWR Cold Water Sport Fish Coordinator)

Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership: Craig Walker (UDWR Special Projects Coordinator)

- Field Trip briefing: Paul Burnett, Trout Unlimited. The Weber River Restoration Project was named as one of the "Ten Waters to Watch" in 2012 and was implemented to protect native fishes and improve water use efficiency for water companies in the Weber River drainage. It will re-connect 17.5 total river miles and allow native trout and sucker species to pass one mainstem diversion and two culvert barriers in two tributaries.

12:45 – 1:00 Depart Capitol and Board Shuttle buses to Weber River

2:00 – 4:30 Weber River, UT site visit

5:30 Return to Hotel Monaco

<u>Additional information</u>

Conference call and Web-ex instructions:
Note: Board members who wish to participate by conference call must get prior approval from the Chair.

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