Title: Partnership Committee

Desired outcome: An informational briefing to the Board on the Partnership Committee's 2013 work plan activities.

Background: The Partnership Committee is tasked with addressing the following issues during 2013:

Task A - Develop guidance that assists Fish Habitat Partnerships in establishing strategic priorities and processes that allow the partnerships to document milestones and targets that track progress and outcomes.

Task B - Develop a process that builds consensus support among Fish Habitat Partnerships for Multi-state Conservation Grant proposals, and other pertinent funding sources, submitted by the National Fish Habitat Board on their behalf.

Task C - Establish a vetting process for fish habitat conservation projects submitted to non-NFHP funding sources that need endorsements from Fish Habitat Partnerships.

Task D - Identify approaches for estimating the costs for FHPs to achieve their priority conservation outcomes.

2013 Work Plan Activities

- The Partnership Committee hosted a half-day session in conjunction with the FHP Excellence Workshop in Portland, OR to talk to FHPs about strengthening their strategic priorities and tracking progress towards outcomes (Task A).

- The Partnership Committee met twice by conference call (4-26-13 and 5-10-13) to initiate the development of a process that builds consensus support among FHPs for MSCGP proposals submitted by the Board on their behalf (Task B). An initial framework was roughed out, which includes: keeping with a regional based approach (which may differ from the regional breakouts currently being used); establishing a long-term list of priority needs that are best suited for multi-FHP approaches to addressing those needs; and, engaging with processes used for developing National Conservation Needs at the front end in an effort to ensure proper alignment.