Title: Multi-State Conservation Grant Program Overview

Desired outcome: Board awareness of the outcome of the 2015 Multi-State Conservation Grant Program (MSCGP) cycle and process for determining an approach to the Multi-State Grant Program in 2016 (and beyond).

Background: Through the Multi-State Conservation program, NFHP and the FHPs have received $490,617 in 2013, $544,500 in 2014 (Science and Data and FHPs) and $521,600 (to be allocated in 2015). The 2015 Full proposal is included in the supplemental Board Book materials. The 2015 grant cycle marks the final year of an originally envisioned 3-year time frame during which the FHPs and Board applied jointly for MSCGP funding.

The Timeline for the 2016 Multi-State Conservation Grant Program is as follows: National Conservation Needs (NCN) solicitation through AFWA Committees (November 2014 – February 2015), NCN's Selected in March by AFWA Grants Committee, Letters of Intent (LOI) (April 2015), LOIs selected for full proposal (June 2015).

A joint Board Staff – Partnership Committee recommendation for an approach to the 2016 Multi-state Grant Program (and beyond) will be provided to the Board at the March meeting, after feedback from FHPs has been solicited and considered (workshop discussion and follow-up survey).

Future Needs: It is anticipated that the NFHP Board and Committees will need operational funds in 2016 through the MSCGP.

Board Book Materials:
2015 NFHP Multistate Conservation Grant Program Full Proposal
2015 MSCGP Priority List of Projects