Title: Joint Meeting with the RAE Board

Desired Outcomes: National Fish Habitat Board understanding of RAE Board make-up, function, and operations and Board discussion with RAE Board members regarding opportunities for collaboration (e.g. restoration, legislation, etc.)

Background:
(Text from: http://www.estuaries.org/about-us)
Restore America's Estuaries is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1995 as an alliance of eleven community-based conservation organizations working to protect and restore the vital habitats of our nation's estuaries. RAE's work includes the following:

- On-the-ground restoration projects that engage local communities.
- Production of an array of collaborative tools, reports and resources to guide the restoration process
- Address emerging issues relevant to our mission: Advancing Blue Carbon; Living Shorelines; Coastal Waters Acidification
- Uniting the national restoration community, key decision makers and local citizens through our biennial national conference, National Estuaries Week, and through our national outreach efforts.

Agenda Item Schedule:

10:00 **NFHP Board Presentation**

1- Where we are
2- What we do
3- Board composition
4- New 501(c)3

10:10 **Questions for the NFHP Board**

10:20 **RAE Board Presentation and Questions**

1- Make-Up and Function:
   a. Advocacy and Legislative efforts
   b. Process for priority setting -- nationally and with individual partners
   c. What role if any, does the Board play in implementing restoration projects (ie. assistance to partners)

d. What projects beyond on-the-ground restoration does the RAE Board or partners implement and how are these activities measured/promoted (ie. summits, workshops, etc.)

2- Operations
   a. Frequency of meetings
   b. Individual board member responsibilities – fundraising, marketing, partner building
   c. 501(c)(3) tips

3- Questions from the NFHP Board

11:00 Additional Discussion (led by RAE)

1- Is there a nexus for RAE and NFHP implementing projects with mutual priorities through the Boards or through individual partners and FHPs?

2- Is there a nexus for RAE and NFHP in advocating for habitat legislation?

3- Next steps