Title: Executive Leadership Team Update

Desired Outcome: Board awareness of recent ELT decisions

Background: The Bylaws allow for up to five federal agency representatives, which must include the Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries and the Director of USFWS. Additional federal agencies currently on the Board include the US EPA and USDA Forest Service, which leaves one remaining seat for a Federal agency representative.

On September 19, 2014 a letter was received from Dr. Claude Gascon, Chief Science Officer, NFWF relinquishing NFWF's seat on the Board. According to the Bylaws, NFWF has a standing seat on the Board. The ELT could leave the seat unoccupied and reserved for NFWF, or open this seat to a representative from another organization. Pursuing the latter option could require a modification of the Bylaws.

Update: The National Fish Habitat Partnership Executive Leadership Team met via conference call on December 11, 2014 to discuss vacant Federal and NFWF seats. On this call, the ELT decides to invite Dr. Doug Beard, representing USGS, to sit on the National Fish Habitat Board. The ELT decides not to take action on the vacant NFWF seat and will reach out to NFWF before making a decision.

Since the ELT call, Dr. Beard has agreed to serve as the USGS representative on the Board. His term will begin July 2015. He has been invited to participate in the January 2015 teleconference and March 2015 meeting, should he be available.

Briefing Book Materials: Tab 2b NFH Board Membership (January 2015)