Title: Multistate Conservation Grant Program (MSCGP)

Desired Outcome: Board awareness of progress towards development of 2016 (and beyond) MSCGP recommendations.

Background: At its November 2014 meeting, the Board charged staff and Partnership Committee with addressing the following task:

- Staff will work with Partnership Committee to put together a survey to solicit feedback from the FHPs regarding future MSCGP applications before the Board's January teleconference.

The survey questions have been developed and will be delivered to the FHPs via Survey Monkey during the week of January 5, 2015 with feedback expected by January 23, 2015. Recommendations will be developed jointly by Partnership Committee and staff for Board consideration at the March meeting. Survey Questions to be administered to the FHPs via survey monkey are as follows:

1) In your FHP's opinion, should the FHPs and the NFHP Board continue to submit a combined proposal for MSCG funding?

2) Is your FHP satisfied with the previous (combined) proposal development process and subsequent allocation of Multistate Conservation Grant (MSCG) funds the NFHP Board used during the past three years?

3) Would the FHP you represent like more involvement or oversight in the Board's MSCG proposal development process?

4) Should the NFHP Partnership Committee be more involved in overseeing or completing the Board's MSCG proposal? If yes, please describe what role the Partnership Committee should have as well as the extent of its involvement.

5) Is your FHP satisfied with the focus of MSCG from the past three years? If not, what alternative focus do you advocate?

Additionally, attached is the proposed NFHP NCN for adoption considerations during the 2016 MSCGP funding cycle. This proposal was reviewed by the Board's Partnership Committee and incorporates input received from its members.

Briefing Book Materials: Tab 4b – Proposed NFHP NCN for 2016 MSCGP