

2018 Fish Habitat Partnership Workshop October 15 – 16, 2018

Kerr Wildlife Management Area 2625 FM 1340 Hunt, Texas
Hosted by: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Workshop Objectives & Outcomes:

1. Improve and maintain inter-FHP communication and strengthen relationships and collaboration.
2. Build upon individual FHP strategies to expand to broader NFHP goals.
3. Share best practices among FHPs.
4. Identify and develop strategies for expanding non-NFHP funding sources.
 - a. Identify/discuss a theme across FHPs around which to rally additional fundraising efforts.
 - b. Develop a process to enable multiple FHPs to leverage funds around a thematic topic.
5. Strengthen relationship between FHPs and with the NFHP Board.

Facilitator: Daniel Oppenheimer (Hill Country Alliance)

Note-takers: Ryan Roberts, Gary Whelan, Therese Thompson, and Debbie Hart

Monday, October 15, 2018

Theme: Meeting our conservation goals – focus on *capacity and communication*.

Time	Topic	Desired Outcomes	Session Format	Presenter
9:00 AM	Welcome, Introductions, & Ground Rules	All FHP coordinators introduce themselves. Daniel outlines facilitator ground rules for the meeting.		Chris Moore (<i>Acting NFHP Board Chair</i>) and Daniel Oppenheimer
10:15 AM	Practical tools for FHPs <i>Communication & Outreach</i>	FHPs share lessons learned about communication and outreach efforts or techniques: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FHP Films (<i>Blueheads & Bonneville</i>s, AFS Film festival) • Marketing Campaign • Science Symposium & Site Tours • Storyboard & Tools Group to discuss where are top FHP communication challenges and potential solutions.	Case study presentations followed by discussion	Therese Thompson (<i>Western Native Trout Initiative FHP</i>), Stephanie Vail-Muse (<i>Desert FHP</i>), Debbie Hart (<i>Southeast Alaska FHP</i>)
				Jeff Boxrucker (<i>Reservoir FHP</i>)
				Jessica Speed (<i>Mat-Su FHP</i>)
				Kate Sherman (<i>Pacific Marine & Estuarine Partnership</i>)
11:30 AM	BREAK			
11:45 AM	NFHP Project Tracking Database Update	Preview and update on the progress of the NFHP Project Tracking Database.	Presentation & discussion	Kate Sherman (<i>Pacific Marine and Estuarine Partnership</i>)
12:15 PM	LUNCH			

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1:15 PM	Applying USGS Data	Discuss how USGS expertise and information, including existing NFHP data, can be used to support management decisions at regional or FHP scales.	Presentation & discussion	Daniel Wieferich (<i>US Geological Survey</i>)
1:45 PM	USFS Rise to the Future – National Fish and Wildlife Aquatic Strategy	Overview of the USFS strategy with a focus on how we can meet NFHP goals partnering with the USFS.	Presentation	Dan Shively (<i>Board Member proxy for the US Forest Service</i>)
2:15 PM	BREAK			
2:30 PM	FHP Capacity & Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing and capacity challenges discussed in small groups. FHPs share & brainstorm solutions to increasing FHP capacity. Discussion about shared FHP capacity (outreach staff, publication staff, marketing) & identify gaps and follow up actions. 	Small group discussion and report outs	Daniel Oppenheimer
3:45 PM	2018 FHP Evaluation Update	Overview of results from the FHP Evaluation and opportunity to share thoughts on strategies to improve the process.	Presentation	Stan Allen (<i>Board Member, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission</i>)
4:15 PM	FHPs & the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities for FHPs to share and discuss requests, concerns, and recommendations for the Board. Aim to improve communication and interaction between FHPs & Board. How can the NFHP staff be more helpful? 	Group discussion	Daniel Oppenheimer
4:45 PM	Wrap up and next steps			Daniel Oppenheimer

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Theme: Meeting our conservation goals – focus on *funding & fundraising*.

Time	Topic	Desired Outcomes	Session Format	Presenter
9:00 AM	Welcome	Finish up any overflow discussions from Day 1 and preview day 2.		Daniel Oppenheimer
9:30 AM	Practical tools for FHPs <i>Fundraising, engagement, & planning</i>	FHPs share lessons learned about strategies that have helped them increase operational capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Request for Proposals • Business Planning • Engaging Steering Committees/Boards • Engaging Partners 	Case study presentations followed by discussion	Jeff Boxrucker (<i>Reservoir FHP</i>)
				Debbie Hart (<i>Southeast Alaska FHP</i>)
				Heidi Keuler (<i>Fishers & Farmers Partnership</i>)
				Christina Wang (<i>Pacific Lamprey FHP</i>)
10:30 AM	BREAK			
10:45 AM	Legislation & Education Toolkit Update	Update on legislation and the education toolkit for FHPs. Discuss FHP opportunities and strategies for education.	Presentation & Q&A	Christy Plumer (<i>Board member, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership</i>)
11:45 AM	USFWS Update	Update on FWS internal adjustments and what FHPs should expect in FY19.	Presentation & Q&A	Susan Wells (<i>US Fish and Wildlife Service</i>)
12:15 PM	LUNCH			

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1:15 PM	Beyond the Pond Update	Update on the Beyond the Pond Strategic Plan and outcomes from July meeting.	Presentation & Q&A	Chris Moore (<i>Acting Board Chair, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council</i>)
1:45 PM	Driftless FHP (USDA RCPP funding)	Driftless FHP will share their experience applying for and receiving a USDA RCPP grant.	Presentation & Q&A	Jeff Hastings (<i>Driftless FHP</i>)
2:00 PM	Multistate Grant Funding	Develop a plan for a 3-year agreement for future FHP applications to multistate grant application process.	Presentation & discussion	Ryan Roberts (<i>NFHP Staff</i>) and Steve Perry (<i>Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture</i>)
3:15 PM	BREAK			
3:30 PM	Alternate Funding Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion amongst FHPs about alternate funding sources. • Identify messages for the Beyond the Pond Board from FHPs. 	Group discussion	Daniel Oppenheimer
4:30 PM	A Fundraising Theme for NFHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to brainstorm potential fundraising theme ideas for NFHP. • Identify and hone 1-2 primary themes around which to focus future fundraising efforts. 	Presentation, brainstorm & discussion	Debbie Hart (<i>Southeast Alaska FHP</i>)
5:15 PM	Wrap up and next steps			Daniel Oppenheimer
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception			