

June 10, 2025  
NFHP Board Meeting



# Governance Committee

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CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY	DRAFT	FINALIZE
Bylaws	Bylaws for NFHP Board		0	DONE	Dec 2023
Code of Conduct	Board member code of conduct including policy on conflicts of interest	Governance Committee	1	DONE	Nov 6, 2024
Congressional Designation of FHPs	Description of the process for obtaining Congressional designation of existing FHPs and the process for approving new FHPs	Partnerships Committee	2	DONE	Jan-Feb 2025
Committee Governance Documents	All standing committees of the Board are required to have their own guidance document that describes how they will operate	Each committee develops their own, Governance Committee reviews, and Board approves	3	PC – done GC - done CC - done PoIC - done SDC - done	Jan 28-30, 2025
FHP Evaluation Process	Description of how the annual FHP evaluation process is to be conducted	Partnerships Committee	4	Ongoing	Early 2025





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Interagency Operational Plan (IOP)	Include the IOP itself in the procedures manual to outline the collaboration of Federal entities within NFHP.	Jason Olive (USFWS)	5	ongoing	TBD
National Conservation Priorities	Description of how the Board develops/modifies the National Conservation Priorities	Science & Data Committee	6	Fall 2025	TBD
Budget	Description of the annual project funding cycle and how the FHP allocations are determined once USFWS receives its budget	Stan Allen & NFHP Board Staff	7	January 2025	Spring 2025
NFHP Staffing Plan	Description of the Board’s staffing needs and how the Board will interact with Board staff relative to duties and accountability	EXCOM	8	Fall 2025	Summer 2025





# Next Steps

- **Continue to work with Committees to document processes including:**
  - FHP evaluation
  - IOP
  - Staffing plan
  - Designation process for new FHPs
- **Board evaluation process is on hold**





# Updating NFHP Bylaws

- ACE Act Reauthorization (through 2030) was signed into law December 2024.
- Reauthorization requires an update to the NFHP bylaws.
- Board Tab 8 includes the revised, track changes version of the NFHP bylaws.



# Updating NFHP Bylaws

- **NFHP Bylaw revisions include changes to:**
  - Board membership
  - Quorum and voting numbers based on total membership changes
  - Board reporting requirements
  - Technical and scientific assistance funds section
  - EXCOM role of discussing and voting on Board budget items





# Proposed Motion

**It is moved that the revised NFHP Bylaws, as presented by the Governance Committee (*Tab 8 of the Board meeting book*), be approved and adopted by the NFHP Board.**