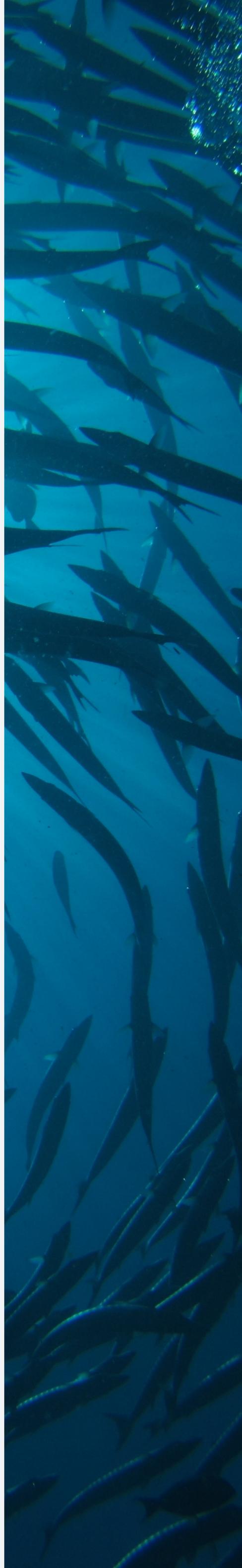




# Board Meeting Book

May 24, 2021 (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT)

ZOOM MEETING



## National Fish Habitat Partnership Board Meeting Agenda

**Monday, May 24, 2021  
1:00 – 3:00 PM ET**

Zoom Meeting Information:

<https://fishwildlife-org.zoom.us/j/95976464704?pwd=SUorK3VDbmVDeXlkQjJsVytyNHo1UT09>

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Time (PM ET)	Agenda Item	Board Book Tab	Lead(s)
1:00	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><i>Desired outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board staff</b> to take attendance.</li> <li>• <b>Board action</b> to approve the May agenda.</li> <li>• <b>Board action</b> to approve the April meeting summary.</li> <li>• <b>Board Chairman to re-orient Board members</b> to where we are in the process of implementing the ACE Act.</li> </ul>	Tab 1	<b>Ed Schriever</b> ( <i>Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Board Chairman</i> )
1:15	<p><b>2021 NFHP Board Meeting Schedule</b></p> <p><i>Desired outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> of the upcoming Board meeting schedule for June and July. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Next NFHP Board meeting will be Monday, June 14 from 2 – 4 PM ET.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Tab 2	<b>Mike Bailey</b> ( <i>US Fish and Wildlife Service, Board Staff</i> )
1:25	<p><b>Overview of NFHP Framework &amp; Operations</b></p> <p><i>Desired outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> of the general framework and operations of NFHP.</li> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> of the current Board Committees supporting the work of the Partnership.</li> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> the previous USFWS funding methodology.</li> <li>• <b>Board opportunity</b> for Q&amp;A.</li> </ul>	Tab 3	<b>Alex Atkinson</b> ( <i>NOAA Fisheries, Board Staff</i> ) & <b>FHP Representatives</b>

**1:50 Intro to Beyond the Pond**

*Desired outcomes:*

- **Board awareness of** the non-profit arm of NFHP, its Board members, and upcoming activities.
- **Board opportunity** for Q&A.

**Ryan Roberts** (AFWA, Board Staff)

**2:20 FY22 Fish Habitat Conservation Project Process Update**

*Desired outcomes:*

- **Board awareness of** allocation subcommittee members, timeline, and process.
- **Board awareness of** summary data of FY22 FHP project submissions and how to access materials.
- **Board opportunity** for Q&A.

**Tab 4**

**Bryan Moore** (Trout Unlimited, Board member) & **Stan Allen** (Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Board member)

**2:45 Update from USFWS**

*Desired outcomes:*

- **Board awareness of** the status of the list of Tribal member nominees.
- **Board awareness of** the status of the FY21 FHP project funds.
- **Board awareness of** the status of the Interagency Operational Plan development.

**Steve Guertin** (US Fish and Wildlife Service, Board member)

**3:00 Adjourn**

## National Fish Habitat Partnership Board Meeting Summary

**Monday, April 26, 2021**

**3:00 – 5:00 PM ET**

**Zoom Meeting Information:**

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### Attendees (56):

#### Board Members Present:

1	Allen	Stan	X
2	Austen	Doug	X
3	Bowden	Allison	X
4	Boyd	Douglass	X
5	Cantrell	Chris	X
6	Eischeid	Ted	X
7	Gilliland	Gene	
8	Guertin	Steve	X
9	Gyant	Barnie	X
10	Kinsinger	Anne	X
11	Kruse	Carter	X
12	LeCoq	John	X
13	Leonard	Mike	X
14	Moore	Chris	X
15	Moore	Bryan	X
16	Nygren	Doug	X
17	Perry	Steve	X
18	Plumer	Christy	X
19	Rauch	Sam	X
20	Schaeffer	Timothy D.	X
21	Schriever	Ed	X
22	Slaughter	Joe	X
23	Trushenski	Jesse	X
24	Wilson	Bobby	X

#### Board Staff Present:

- Alex Atkinson
- Ryan Roberts
- Mike Bailey
- Gary Whelan
- Daniel Wieferich

#### FHP & FWS Coordinators Present:

- Lisa Havel
- Debbie Hart
- Kevin Haupt
- Steve Krentz
- Branden Bornemann
- Jeff Boxrucker
- Gordon Smith
- Jessica Speed
- Lori Maloney
- Heidi Keuler
- Joe Nohner
- Jennifer Graves
- Therese Thompson
- Alicia Marrs
- Jessica Hogrefe
- Karin Eldridge
- Bill Rice
- Callie McMunigal
- Tripp Boltin

#### Others Present:

- Congressman Marc Veasey
  - Thaddeus Woody (Rep. Veasey Office)
- U.S. Representative Rob Wittman
  - Christopher Hall (Rep. Wittman Office)
- Eric MacMillan (USFWS)
- John Young (USGS)
- Kimberly Conley (USFS)
- Jess Newton (USFWS)
- Doug Beard (USGS)

### Board Business:

- April 26 NFHP Board Meeting agenda – motion by: Chris Moore, second by: Doug Austen
- March 22 NFHP Board Meeting summary – motion by: Doug Nygren, second by: Chris Cantrell
- 5 NFHP conservation priorities listed below – motion by: Chris Cantrell, second by: Alison Bowden

1. **Protect intact healthy waters**
2. **Restore hydrologic conditions for fish**
3. **Reconnect fragmented fish habitats**
4. **Restore water quality**
5. **Coordination and operational support for FHPs to make on-the-ground progress within program appropriations**

### Future Board Meetings:

- Monday, May 17 from 2-3:30 PM ET – Facilitated discussion with the NFHP Board
- Monday, May 24 from 1-3 PM ET – NFHP Board meeting
  - Monday May 24 from 3-5 PM ET – Meeting of the Board FHP Project Review Subcommittee
- Monday, June 14 from 2-4 PM ET – NFHP Board meeting
- Monday June 28 from 3-5 PM ET – NFHP Board meeting ***\*attendance is critical\****

### Summary:

Time (PM ET)	Agenda Item	Board Book Tab	Lead(s)
3:00	Welcome		<b>Ed Schriever</b> ( <i>Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Board Chairman</i> )
3:05	<b>Thank You to ACE Act Champions</b> <i>Desired outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board members</b> to thank the Congressional champions of America’s Conservation Enhancement Act.</li> </ul>		<b>Mike Leonard</b> ( <i>American Sportfishing Association, Board Member</i> )

The Board was joined by two members of Congress for the start of the meeting. Representatives Marc Veasey (D-TX) and Rob Wittman (R-VA) joined the meeting and the Board had an opportunity to hear what motivated the two original authors develop and advocate for the passage of Title II of the America’s Conservation Enhancement Act. Representative Wittman shared that in order to support fish populations, it is essential to have habitats that support those populations and that he views partnerships as the best path to success in this effort. Representative Veasey shared that he sees the benefits of preserving and conserving important areas for people as much as fish. Both Representatives emphasized the ripe timing to be working on these issues, recognizing that climate change is top of mind with this administration. Board Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mike Leonard shared a few remarks thanking the members for their recognition of the important work of the Partnership and highlighted the 15-year legacy of NFHP of which we are very proud. Chairman Schriever noted a few of the Board’s accomplishments to date since the passage of the Act and that we look forward to working together as partners to continue to advance the mission of NFHP to achieve benefits for both fish and the American public.

<b>3:20</b>	<b>Attendance and Business</b>	<b>Tab 1</b>	<b>Ed Schriever</b> ( <i>Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Board Chairman</i> )
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board action</b> to approve the agenda for this meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Board action</b> to approve the meeting summary from the March meeting.</li> </ul>		

See above for Attendance and Board Business sections.

<b>3:30</b>	<b>2021 NFHP Board Meeting Schedule</b>	<b>Tab 2</b>	<b>Alex Atkinson</b> ( <i>NOAA Fisheries, Board Staff</i> )
	<p><i>Desired outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The facilitated Board Visioning session will be held Monday, May 17 from 2 – 3:30 PM ET.</b></li> <li>• <b>Next NFHP Board meeting will be Monday, May 24 from 1 – 3 PM ET.</b></li> </ul>		

Alex Atkinson, Board staff, shared with the Board the upcoming Board meeting schedule, highlighting that this is a very busy time for the Board. Given there were some adjustments to the schedule since the distribution of the April Board book, the staff will circulate a revised Tab 2. Alex shared that the upcoming Board meeting schedule is driven by the July 1 deadline by which the Board must submit a list of recommended FHP projects for funding FY22.

The next meeting of the Board will be on **Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3:30 PM** and will be an AFWA Management Assistance Team-facilitated meeting focused on setting a foundation for the new NFHP Board from which to build upon moving forward. The staff will send an agenda out to the Board in advance of the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board will have a 2-hour meeting on **Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM ET**. A smaller subcommittee of the Board will meet on May 24 from 3-5 PM ET to begin a more in-depth review of the FHP project proposals that are due to the Board by May 17<sup>th</sup>.

In June, the Board will also have 2 meetings. Alex explained that the Chairman would like to add a meeting of the Board in mid-June so the Board has an opportunity to discuss the FHP project proposals that will be voted upon at the June 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The Board voted via Zoom poll and indicated that most Board members were available to meet on **Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM ET**. The Board subcommittee will have a presentation at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The Board will then meet on **Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 PM ET** to vote on the list of FHP project proposals to be submitted to the Secretary of Interior by July 1. Attendance is critical at the June 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting since the project list requires a 2/3 super-majority in order to pass. Board members may send proxies to the June 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting if necessary.

<b>3:35</b>	<b>NFHP Conservation Priorities &amp; FY22 FHP Project Submittal &amp; Review Process</b>	<b>Tab 3</b>	<b>Gary Whelan</b> ( <i>Co-Chair of the Science and Data Committee, Board Staff</i> )
	<p><i>Desired outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> of the legacy NFHP conservation priorities.</li> <li>• <b>Board vote</b> on adoption of legacy NFHP conservation priorities in the interim year of FY22.</li> </ul>		

- **Board awareness and discussion** of the planned FY22 process and timeline to submit and review FHP projects.
- **Request for Board member volunteers** to participate on the subcommittee to review FHP project submissions.

**Tab 4**

**Stan Allen** (*Partnerships Committee Tri-Chair*)

Chairman Schriever reminded the Board members that FY22 is the first year of appropriations under the ACE Act. Clearly outlined in the Act is that the Board will establish National goals and priorities and develop Board procedures. Given that it would likely require more time than we have to discuss brand new conservation priorities, the recommendation is that for FY22, the Board rely on the 15 years of legacy of NFHP's National set of goals and priorities.

Gary shared with the Board a brief history of the NFHP goals and priorities over the years and how and why they have shifted. Gary noted that the Act requires the Board's consensus on these conservation priorities. The staff recommendation to the Board would be that the Board adopt the four legacy priorities of NFHP as well as a new 5<sup>th</sup> priority that indicates the importance of FHP operational funds.

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There was some discussion among Board members about ensuring that water quantity is encompassed in our priorities along with water quality. The Board also needed clarification about why these are the recommended *interim* priorities and that there will be additional criteria to evaluate projects meeting the 5<sup>th</sup> priority. Since the FHPs are assembling their project proposals now for submission to the Board by May 17, the Board needs to act quickly to adopt a set of conservation priorities. After the FY2022 project submission and review process is done, the Board will revisit a more in-depth discussion about the conservation priorities at the end of 2021. The Board approved the recommended set of National Conservation Priorities.

Stan Allen then presented to the Board the materials the Partnerships Committee developed for FHPs to submit their project proposals to the Board. The Committee started with the USFWS funding methodology and materials since that is what FHPs are familiar with and made minor adjustments to suite the Board's needs in their review process. The timeline of the accelerated submission and review of FHP projects is driven by the Act's July 1 deadline by which the Board must submit the FY22 list of FHP project recommended for funding. The materials Stan presented were sent to FHPs on April 3 for them to begin assembling project proposals which are due to the Board by May 17. Stan reminded the Board not all 20 FHPs were previously eligible for funding using the USFWS funding methodology and as a result of the ACE Act, all FHPs will be eligible for project funding in FY2022.

There was some discussion to clarify how the Board will review the FHP project proposals and that the USFWS funding methodology used a tier system of levels based on FHP performance to allocate funds. Stan had an open call for volunteers to assist him and Bryan Moore with review of FHP project proposals and volunteers included: Steve Perry, Chris Cantrell, Alison Bowden, Doug Nygren, Doug Boyd, Jesse Trushenski. Joe Slaughter volunteered via email following the Board meeting. The members of this subcommittee will meet and review the FHP project proposals and provide a summary and list of recommendations to the full Board for their consideration.

**4:15 Partnerships Committee Update**

*Desired outcomes:*

- **Board awareness** of the Fish Habitat Conservation project definition accepted by the Board via virtual vote.
- **Board awareness** of the retrospective FHP match analysis.

**Tab 4**

**Bryan Moore** (*Partnerships Committee Tri-Chair*)

Bryan Moore briefly reminded the Board of the other two work plan priorities of the Partnerships Committee. Priority B will examine the historical FHP match in order to better understand the potential of the FHPs to meet the new 1:1 non-federal funding match requirement of the Act. The Committee will present initial findings related to FHP match at the May Board meeting. The other remaining Partnership Committee work plan priority D is to determine a Board approach to soliciting and reviewing FHP project proposals for FY2023 and beyond. The Board will have time to develop this process before spring 2022.

**4:30 NOAA Fisheries Announcement of FY21 Funded NFHP Projects**

*Desired outcomes:*

- **Board awareness** of FY21 NOAA-funded NFHP projects.

**Sam Rauch** (*NOAA Fisheries, Board Member*)

Sam Rauch shared with the Board an update about the unique partnership within NOAA Fisheries between the Office of Habitat Conservation and the Recreational Fishing Initiative to support work in coastal FHPs that supports both habitat and engagement with the recreational fishing community. NOAA is excited to fund four NFHP projects this year in coastal FHPs. NOAA has funded FHP projects in FY2019 and FY2020 and are excited to contribute \$234K this year. This year NOAA is funding the following projects:

- **Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP)** – Project will educate local charter boat captains about Louisiana habitat restoration and coastal planning and engage local high school students on recreational fishing trips to include a habitat restoration day where they will pot and plant black mangroves improving habitat for juvenile fish, shrimp, and crabs.
- **Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (ACFHP)** - Coastal Conservation Association (MD Chapter) and Living Reef Action Campaign (LRAC) will deploy four reef balls and expand the bilingual outreach and education at the Bill Burton Fishing pier - a highly trafficked access point to the Choptank River, visited by a diverse community (and a NOAA Habitat Focus Area) in Dorchester County, MD.
- **Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI)** – AK Department of Fish and Game and the Western Native Trout Initiative will survey potential Coastal Cutthroat Trout (CCT) streams with angler assistance throughout Prince William Sound. Survey findings will be used to nominate streams where CCT occur to the Alaska Anadromous Waters Catalog where they will receive water quality and quantity protections.
- **Pacific Marine and Estuarine Partnership (PMEP)** - Kitsap County Parks, Public Works, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, and others will restore a tidal influence and connectivity to include access to 32 acres of freshwater wetlands that were historically salt marsh by removing a malfunctioning tide gate. Restoring this area will provide critical nearshore habitat for juvenile Chinook Salmon and improve ecosystem processes that benefit them at a key site along migratory routes in and out of Puget Sound. The project supports the NOAA Fisheries Puget Sound Chinook Salmon Recovery Plan and is integrated with regional salmon recovery efforts.

Sam also shared that NOAA is hosting workshops to engage recreational anglers around habitat conservation. We have hosted one workshop so far this year on the Eel River, CA and will be hosting 3 similar workshops later this year in Puget Sound (WA), Southwest Florida, and Louisiana.

**4:40 USFWS Update**

*Desired outcomes:*

- **Board awareness** of any update from the March Board meeting discussion and clarification on match funding.
- **Board awareness** of the status of list of Tribal member nominees.
- **Board awareness** of the status of Interagency Operational Plan discussions.

**Steve Guertin** (*US Fish and Wildlife Service, Board Member*)

Steve Guertin shared with the Board that the Tribal Board member nominee list has cleared the Assistant Secretary's Office and awaits clearance from the Secretary's Office. He is hopeful that the Tribal Board members can be appointed by the May meeting. The USFWS is also working with the Federal family on the Interagency Operational Plan and will be able to share an update on progress at the May Board meeting. Since the release of the President's FY22 "skinny" budget, the USFWS is working on their budget estimation with the Office of Management and Budget. Steve noted that the USFWS is preparing for how they can support the Secretary of Interior to approve the FHP project list that will be submitted by the Board before July 1, 2021.

The Board Chairman reminded the Board that it will need to make a selection for the two Tribal Board members, once the nominee list is received from the Department of Interior and their qualifications are reviewed. The Board may choose both or one Tribal Board member from the Secretary's list. There was a recognition and thank you from the Board to the USFWS

**4:50 History of the Waters to Watch Campaign**

*Desired outcomes:*

- **Board awareness** of the history, mission and previous successes of this campaign.

**Tab 5**

**Ryan Roberts** (*Association of Fish and Wildlife, Board Staff*)

Ryan Roberts, Board staff, shared with the Board a brief overview of the Waters the Watch campaign. He highlighted for the Board that this campaign provides an annual opportunity NFHP has to showcase the on-the-ground work of the Partnerships. The Fish Habitat Partnerships submit nominations for "Waters to Watch" – rivers, lakes, or other water bodies where NFHP is actively working or a retrospective look back at a former NFHP project. The Board endorses a list of 10 to include in the campaign that often occurs in the spring. The Waters to Watch campaign gains the attention of local media and is sometimes coordinated with other spring aquatic campaigns such as World Fish Migration Day). NFHP uses social media to amplify the Waters to Watch campaign. This year, given the many ACE Act implementation items occurring in the spring, the Waters to Watch campaign will be delayed until late summer.

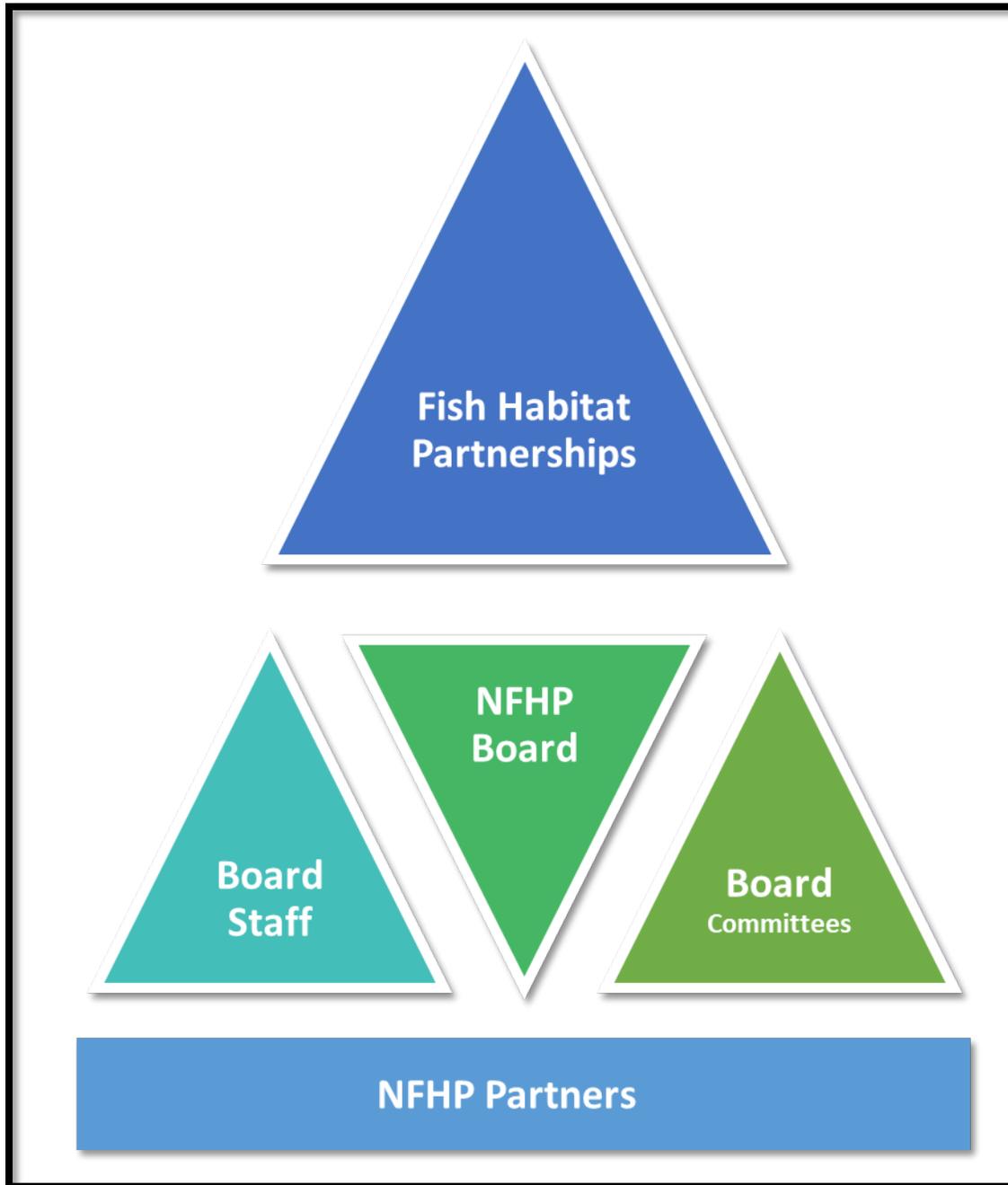
**5:00 Adjourn**

## 2021 National Fish Habitat Board Meeting Schedule

**Background:** The National Fish Habitat Board has many important actions to implement in short order following the passage of the ACE Act. Given this, the Board will be meeting monthly for the first portion of 2021. The meeting schedule for the latter portion of the year will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

### Meeting Schedule (through July 2021):

- **May 24, 2021 from 1-3 PM ET**
  - May 24, 2021 from 3-5 PM ET – meeting of the FHP Allocation Board Subcommittee
- **June 28, 2021 from 3-5 PM ET \*attendance is critical\***
- **July 26, 2021 from 3-5 PM ET**



**Figure 1** - Diagram of the organization of the National Fish Habitat Partnership. Fish Habitat Partnerships [top triangle], the main focus of on-the-ground efforts, are supported by the Board, staff, and committees which are supported by a wide range of NFHP partners.

# Former NFHP project selection process: Pre-ACE Act

## Components Of The

# Fish Habitat Partnerships' project selection process



\* Please note that this process is a high level explanation and the foundational level each FHP follows. Every FHP follows additional steps as determined by their governing body and would only amount in MORE people reviewing project applications.

**Summary of FY22 Fish Habitat Partnership Funding**

1	<b>FHP</b>	<b>Total NFHP funds requested</b>	<b>Total project costs</b>	<b>Total # of projects proposed</b>	<b>Operational support request</b>
2	Atlantic Coastal FHP	\$534,661.00	\$14,835,645.90	10	\$85,000.00
3	California Fish Passage Forum	\$244,769.20	\$2,128,034.57	5	\$85,000.00
4	Driftless Area Restoration Effort	\$205,000.00	\$755,068.00	5	\$85,000.00
5	Desert FHP	\$323,432.95	\$2,358,605.00	6	\$85,000.00
6	Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture	\$383,848.00	\$1,385,101.00	7	\$85,000.00
7	Fishers and Farmers Partnership	\$230,156.00	\$609,530.00	6	\$85,000.00
8	Great Lakes Basin FHP	\$85,000.00	\$0.00	1	\$85,000.00
9	Great Plains FHP	\$164,500.00	\$2,055,400.00	4	\$85,000.00
10	Hawaii FHP	\$544,530.00	\$2,169,058.00	7	\$0.00
11	Kenai Peninsula FHP	\$487,948.89	\$1,065,280.38	13	\$85,000.00
12	Mat Su FHP	\$430,163.00	\$1,371,421.00	9	\$85,000.00
13	Ohio River Basin FHP	\$540,945.00	\$1,484,752.00	9	\$85,000.00
14	Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership	\$439,648.36	\$2,238,363.63	8	\$85,000.00
15	Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiati	\$236,369.60	\$1,004,096.00	5	\$85,000.00
16	Pacific Marine and Estuarine Partner	\$316,780.00	\$1,400,827.00	6	\$85,000.00
17	Reservoir FHP	\$635,800.00	\$20,509,737.00	14	\$85,000.00
18	Southeast Aquatic Resources Partne	\$570,023.00	\$1,128,523.00	8	\$85,000.00
19	Southeast Alaska FHP	\$311,502.00	\$783,238.00	5	\$85,000.00
20	Southwest Alaska FHP	\$437,160.00	\$740,419.00	5	\$85,000.00
21	Western Native Trout Initiative	\$445,000.00	\$2,378,697.00	9	\$85,000.00
22	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,567,237.00</b>	<b>\$60,401,796.48</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>\$1,615,000.00</b>



## National Fish Habitat Partnership FY2022 FHP Allocation Subcommittee Update

### Subcommittee Members:

- Stan Allen
- Bryan Moore
- Allison Bowden
- Doug Boyd
- Chris Cantrell
- Doug Nygren
- Stephen Perry
- Joe Slaughter
- Jesse Trushenski

### Staff Support:

- Alex Atkinson
- Gary Whelan
- Ryan Roberts
- Mike Bailey

### Timeline:

#### Proposed Timeline for FY22 NFHP Projects Submittal and Review\*

<del>April 1, 2021</del>	<del>FY22 Reporting/Project preparation begins. All FHP's are eligible for project funding.</del>
<del>April 26, 2021</del>	<del>NFHP Board meeting.</del>
<del>May 17, 2021</del>	<del>FHPs submit completed spreadsheet with list of projects using template format provided to the NFHP Board.</del>
May 24, 2021	NFHP Board meeting: present overview of project proposals to the NFHP Board.
June 1-20, 2021	NFHP Board review of proposals (led by subcommittee).
June 14, 2021	Board meeting where the subcommittee presents funding recommendations to the Board. Opportunity for the Board to discuss recommendations and any questions or concerns.
June 21, 2021	Include draft submittal of project list to the Secretary of Interior in Board book for the June 28 Board meeting.
June 28, 2021	NFHP Board meeting: approval of projects for submittal to Secretary of Interior.
<b>July 1, 2021</b>	FHP project list submitted by July 1, 2021 from the Board to the Secretary of Interior.



## **Proposed Process for FHP Project Review:**

The FHP Allocation Subcommittee is a volunteer subgroup of Board members who will review all the FHP project submissions for FY22 and present a recommendation for FHP allocations with a list of FHP projects at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

To determine FHP allocations and project lists the subcommittee plans to use the following approach:

1. Utilize an average of the previous 5 years of USFWS scores, this year's project criteria, and conservation priorities to inform an allocation level for each FHP.
2. Narrow the project list to fit within the allocation before July 1.
3. Assemble a draft document package including a project summary table and cover letter to submit to Department of Interior by July 1, 2021.

## **Summary of FY2022 FHP Habitat Conservation Project Proposals:**

- 20 FHPs submitted requests for project funding
- FHP proposals total \$7,567,237 for 142 of projects
- 19 FHPs included base operational funds in their requests

## **Remaining Decision Points (to be determined):**

- How to handle the allocation for the 2 FHPs who have not previously received project funding from USFWS.
- Funding levels for each score level (linear vs. curve scale)