Policy Committee

- **Board awareness** of Policy Committee activities and objectives for FY 24

- **Board awareness and discussion:** Federal agency contribution summary

- **Board awareness and discussion:** ACE Act reauthorization budget request

Policy Committee Activities

- Welcome Austin Booth to the committee!
  - Ali Schwaab, AFWA, attending meetings
  - Still searching for FHP representative

- Upcoming Hill Visits
  - Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

- FHP engagement with NFHP Policy Committee
  - Drafting Hill visit talking points for NFHP partners

- Collaborating with Partnerships Committee on FHP Survey about ACE Act challenges

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Federal Agency Contribution Summary

- Summary of Policy Committee discussion:

  - Estimating Federal agency activities contributing to NFHP in support of Sections 206 & 212 of the Ace Act will be helpful for Policy Committee's conversations with authorizing committees on the Hill

  - Enumerating Scientific and Technical Support, and (if any) additional NFHP support provided by all 5 agencies

  - Back of the envelope calculation

ACE Act Reauthorization Budget

- Current NFHP budget outlined in ACE Act
  - $7.2 million in project / operations funding
  - $2 million in Federal agency scientific and technical support

- FY 23 Funding Summary
  - $7.2 million in funds for NFHP from Congress
    - $5.2 million for projects
      - 94 projects funded
    - $360K funding for NFHP Board and Science & Data Committee
    - $400K for USFWS
  - Total of $9 million for 144 in funding requested for projects / operations
    - **$3 million in unfunded projects**
    - **48 unfunded projects in FY 23**

ACE Act Reauthorization Budget

Board discussion on potential ACE Act budget requests

- Opportunity to *request* a larger budget in ACE Act re-authorization

- Considerations

  - Request enough to cover the amount of unfunded projects (additional ~$3 million)

  - Request should consider an increase in FHP operational support from current level ($85K)

*noting request may not be granted during re-authorization

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