

# Policy Committee Update

Tim Schaeffer, NFHP Board Chair

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# Appropriations Update

- The President's budget proposes a decrease for NFHP (FY 27).
  - \$5.5 million total, resulting in *approximately \$1.3 million reduction*.
- Previously, NFHP received \$6.8 million for projects and \$400K in technical support for USFWS.
- Many other programs are facing more severe budget cuts.
- NFHP Appropriations Strategy:
  - Continue to seek ACE Act authorization level of funding (which is more than what was previously appropriated).
  - AFWA submitted letters FY 27 appropriations request letters to relevant Senate and House committees on behalf of NFHP.
  - NFHP Policy Chair submitted approximately 10-15 additional appropriation request letters to House and Senate offices.
  - Continue with Congressional visits in conjunction with the NFHP Board meeting in support of NFHP.
  - Create state and/or congressional district fact sheets as well as briefing documents to use during agency meetings and Congressional visits.



# DC Board Meeting Hill Schedule

- Tentative schedule
  - Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>: *Hill briefing (working on Hill sponsor).*
  - Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> (day): Board meeting.
  - Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> evening: *off-site reception, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.*
  - Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> (morning): Board meeting.
  - Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> (afternoon): *Hill visits.*
  - Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> (all day): *Hill visits / agency and other partner visits.*
- Contact Ian Nakayama (Policy Chair) and Kate Sherman (NFHP staff) if interested in participating in Hill visits in July.

