



Partnerships Committee Update

National Fish Habitat Board Meeting
October 18, 2017

Priority I: Complete the Document of Interdependence

- Describes and clarifies the current roles, responsibilities, and relationships among the major components of the NFHP.
- Underwent review and input from Partnerships Committee, FHPs, State and Federal agencies, NGOs, and other interested parties.
- Approved by the Board June 28, 2017.

Priority J: With USFWS, develop guidance for how the Board provides input during the USFWS-NFHP Project Funding process

- Board member co-chairs of Partnerships committee met with USFWS representatives (via conference call) to provide feedback on 2017 FHP submissions.
- Agreed to follow-up on how the Board provides feedback during the FY18 process.

Priority K: Consider and recommend improvements to the FHP Performance Evaluation measures and process

- The FHP Performance Evaluation Work Group has made significant progress towards recommending improvements to the FHP Performance Evaluation measure wording and overall process.
- Review by the Partnerships Committee and Fish Habitat Partnerships is expected in late 2017.
- The Board will be presented with recommended revisions for approval in January 2018.

Priority L: With the Budget and Finance Committee, develop a strategy for combining multiple FHP proposals and submitting to a funding source

- Initial discussions to identify funding sources beyond MSCGP began in 2017 and will continue into 2018.

Priority M: Review 2015 FHP performance evaluation response forms and identify linkages between FHP priorities and NFHP National Conservation Strategies

- The FHP Performance Evaluation Work Group is considering a revision that will make this evaluation possible by the 2018 Review Team.

Priority N: Review current NFHP National Conservation Need and amend as needed

- Members of the Committee were comfortable with the 2018 NCN drafted by staff.

Partnerships Committee 2018 Priorities

- **Priority A:** Complete recommended improvements to the FHP Performance Evaluation measure wording and overall evaluation process for Board approval.
- **Priority B:** Develop an approach for future Multistate Conservation Grant Program submissions (in collaboration with the Budget and Finance Committee).

Partnerships Committee 2018 Priorities

- **Priority C:** Develop strategies for multiple FHPs to jointly submit project proposals to alternative funding sources and programs (in collaboration with the Budget and Finance Committee).
- **Priority D:** Work with staff to develop purpose and agenda and implement a 2018 Fish Habitat Partnership workshop.