



NFHP Partnerships Committee Update

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National Fish Habitat Board Meeting
June 13, 2023





Outline of Partnerships Committee Updates

- 1. FHP Congressional Designation Process (Stan)**
 - Board vote

- 2. FHP/Board member Buddy System (Joe)**
 - Initial discussion & feedback

- 3. 2023 FHP Workshop (Joe)**
 - Awareness & feedback



FHP Congressional Designation Process

- ACE Act requirement (Sec 204(g)):

(1) DESIGNATION REVIEW.—Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, any partnership receiving Federal funds as of the date of enactment of this Act shall be subject to a designation review by Congress in which Congress shall have the opportunity to designate the partnership under subsection (f).

(2) INELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS.—A partnership referred to in paragraph (1) that Congress does not designate as described in that paragraph shall be ineligible to receive Federal funds under this title.

- Recommendation to submit all FHPs seeking Congressional designation at one time to Congress.
- Board would submit template form that all FHPs have completed, a summary letter describing how all FHPs in the package meet the necessary requirements to seek Congressional designation.



FHP Congressional Designation Process

- FHPs would have from June 13, 2023 to June 1, 2024 to do the following:
 1. Submit a draft application to the Board by December 31, 2023.
 2. Solicit Board feedback on application.
 3. Revise application & adjust FHP operations.
 4. Submit final application to Board (to be submitted to Congress).



FHP Congressional Designation Process

Potential Motion:

It is moved that the Partnerships Committee recommended process, timeline, and application form for FHPs to seek Congressional approval by 2025 be approved by the Board.



2. FHP/ Board Member Buddy System

- Board Members & FHPs could be paired
 - FHPs have a Board member point of contact
 - Board members have opportunity to gain understanding of FHP-level operations
- Partnership Committee is willing to develop this idea further and propose it at a future Board meeting if the Board is supportive.



2. FHP/ Board Member Buddy System

- **How it could work:**
 - 1-2 Board members assigned to each FHP, based on geography and expertise.
 - Point of contact for Board Member's questions about FHPs in general or that FHP in particular.
 - Option to sit in on FHP activities such as committee meetings, grant reviews, or other activities.



2. FHP/ Board Member Buddy System

- **Pros of the buddy system:**
 - Mutual relationship building.
 - Board member opportunity to engage and learn more about specific FHP activities, operations, challenges, etc.
 - Board member awareness of FHP context for Board activities and decisions
 - Relationship & investment of time could be flexible & at the discretion of each Board member/FHP.
 - FHPs gain a Board member point of contact.
- **Cons of the buddy system:**
 - Time



3. December 4-5, 2023 FHP Workshop

- Previous FHP workshops:
 - October 2020 virtual
 - October 2018 in Hunt, Texas
 - October 2015



Charleston, SC

- Board meeting would follow the FHP workshop.
- 2 FHPs coordinators have volunteered thus far to assist with agenda development.
- The Partnerships Committee will be convening the FHP planning team to start agenda development following this meeting.
- FHPs will provide a workshop report out at the Board meeting.

