



National Fish Habitat Action Plan Revision Least Consensus Items

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Plan Objective Commitment

- **Action Plan Objective 4 and Commitment (5-5)**
 - "Fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and its associated database to empower strategic conservation action supported by broadly available scientific information, and integrate socio-economic data in the analysis to improve people's lives in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals."
 - **Commitment**
 - "NFHP recognizes the need for good socio-economic information to help guide priority setting, to include economic value of conservation projects and community benefits."



Plan Objective Commitment

- **Action Plan Objective 4 Commitment (5-5)**
 - **"NFHP recognizes the need for good socio-economic information to help guide priority setting, to include economic value of conservation projects and community benefits."**
 - **Comments/Edits**
 - **"NFHP recognizes the need for robust socio-economic information to help guide priorities, to include economic value and community benefits associated with fish habitat conservation projects."**
 - Rather than just recognizing the need for good socio-economic information, "NFHP will promote the generation and use of best available socioeconomic science and information to guide fish habitat conservation priorities and measure the economic value and community benefits from project investments."
 - This is long and you may want to consider breaking it into two.



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- **Action Plan Objective 4 Commitment (5-5)**
 - **"NFHP recognizes the need for good socio-economic information to help guide priority setting, to include economic value of conservation projects and community benefits."**
 - **Comments/Edits**
 - **"NFHP recognizes the need for good socio-economic data to help set priorities for resource management, including the need to determine the economic value of conservation projects relative to community benefits."**
 - **Unclear**



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- **Action Plan Commitment (5-5)**
 - “Board to coordinate and focus incentives at state/territorial level for fish habitat work.”
 - **Comments/Edits**
 - I’m not sure what this means. Coordinate and focus incentives? Incentives for what?
 - Is this consistent with working the regional partnerships? If so, then it’s fine, if not we should make this coherent.
 - incentives (what type)? Tribal, others?
 - My suggested edit is change ‘to’ to ‘will’ and add ‘the’ before ‘state’. One of the FHP Coordinators suggest this should be the role of the FHPs.
 - Not so much an edit, but a question-- what about cross-boundary work with Canada and Mexico? Should there be an international component in here?



Plan Objectives

- **Action Plan Objective 4 (6-4)**
 - "Fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and its associated database to empower strategic conservation action supported by broadly available scientific information, and integrate socio-economic data in the analysis to improve people's lives in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals."
 - **Comments/Edits**
 - I like the first part, but am not sure how integrating socio-economic data in the analysis will improve people's lives. The later part of this commitment statement needs refinement.
 - Might add that in the future may need to do another assessment.
 - I would like to see the actual gaps described in the Objective. We don't have much for lentic waters.



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 - "Fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and its associated database to empower strategic conservation action supported by broadly available scientific information, and integrate socio-economic data in the analysis to improve people's lives in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals."
 - **Comments/Edits**
 - "Complete fish habitat assessments within the boundaries of each Fish Habitat Partnership in order to 1) describe status and trends of fish habitats, 2) identify threats to fish habitats, 3) identify fish habitat conservation needs, and 4) prioritize fish habitat conservation activities. Integrate socioeconomic data in these assessments to improve people's lives in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals."



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 - "Fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and its associated database to empower strategic conservation action supported by broadly available scientific information, and integrate socio-economic data in the analysis to improve people's lives in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals."
 - **Comments/Edits**
 - The wording of Objective 4 (aka "fill gaps") is not compelling, especially to an outside audience, and relies on reader's understanding of the National Fish Habitat Assessment. The second part of the objective is the most important part and should be moved to the front of the objective.



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- **Action Plan Objective 4 (6-4)**
 - "Fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and its associated database to empower strategic conservation action supported by broadly available scientific information, and integrate socio-economic data in the analysis to improve people's lives in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals."
 - **Comments/Edits**
 - "Empower strategic conservation actions that are supported by broadly available scientific information and integrate socio-economic data in the analysis to improve people's lives in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals. This could include expansion of data available for application via the National Fish Habitat Assessment and its associated database."



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 - "Fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and its associated database to empower strategic conservation action supported by broadly available scientific information, and integrate socio-economic data in the analysis to improve people's lives in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals."
 - Recommendation – Board review options on language



Plan Objective Commitment

- **Action Plan Objective 5**
 - "Communicate the conservation outcomes produced collectively by FHPs, as well as new opportunities and voluntary approaches for conserving fish habitat, to the public and conservation planners."
- **Action Plan Objective 5 Commitment (6-4)**
 - “NFHP will use all traditional and digital channels available to communicate localized project results.“



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- **Action Plan Objective 5 Commitment (6-4)**
 - “NFHP will use all traditional and digital channels available to communicate localized project results.“
 - **Comments/Edits**
 - Does the Action Plan speak to the objectives or desired outcomes of these communication efforts? What are we trying to achieve and how can we measure progress/effectiveness of these communication efforts?
 - I’m not sure I have an edit, because I don’t know what this is in reference too.
 - Change “all” to “appropriate”.
 - NFHP will communicate localized project results using the most appropriate outreach tools available.
 - ‘all’ is a big commitment – I would recommend removing it.



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- **Action Plan Commitment (6-3)**
 - “Board to act as a catalyst for increased cooperation from all sources.”
 - Comments/Edits
 - Cooperation?
 - The Board will serve to increase cooperation from all sources.
 - change ‘to’ to ‘will’ and change ‘sources’ to ‘entities’



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- **Action Plan Commitment (6-4)**
 - “Continue to refine quantitative metrics to track conservation progress and issue a National Fish Habitat Assessment every five years to document and publicize progress.”
 - **Comments/Edits**
 - Has NFHP developed quantitative metrics to track conservation progress? Also, consistent with previous comments, recommend consider focus to be on completing fish habitat assessments within the boundaries of each FHP as opposed to a national assessment. This recommendation is based on the relatively limited funding available to the NFHP program (under the current model and proposed legislation) and that FHPs are well positioned to be able to identify their own assessment needs on a scale that is useful in prioritizing conservation actions within their boundaries.



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 - **Comments/Edits**
 - We should probably discuss timing and metrics to measure.
 - We may need to put a caveat in about this being contingent of funding availability.
 - Continue to track conservation progress quantitatively and issue a National Fish Habitat Assessment every five years to document and publicize progress”.
 - Replace “National Fish Habitat Assessment” with “National Fish Habitat Progress Report”



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- **Action Plan Commitment (6-4)**
 - “Board to coordinate work, identify opportunities, and follow up with successful strategies with existing federal efforts to benefit fish habitat through the Federal Caucus.”
 - **Comments/Edits**
 - I understand this effort ended a few years ago. Would like to know more about the intent of this group and what the Board would like to see out of it.
 - Could be worded a little clearer
 - Board to coordinate work, identify opportunities, and support successful strategies with existing federal efforts to benefit fish habitat through the Federal Caucus.”



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 - **Comments/Edits**
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 - My suggested edit is change ‘to’ to ‘will’ and change the second ‘with’ to ‘to improve’.



Revision Schedule

- June 2019 – Board approved strategy
- September/October 2019
 - Surveyed Board on needed changes
- October Board Meeting
 - Action Plan review and revision
- March Board Meeting
 - Action Plan review and revision
- Plan completion – June/October 2020



Thank You!

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