

Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership
Steering Committee Conference Call, July 30, 2009

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Ron Payer
Earl Cook
Gary Whelan
John Lott
Maureen Gallagher
Joe Ferencak
Bill James
Mike McGhee
Mike Staggs

STEERING COMMITTEE ADDITIONS

ACTION: Pat, Mike and Ron will follow up with Barb Pardo, Dave Nomsen and Bill Jones about joining the Steering Committee.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVISIONS

ACTIONS for Tom Landwehr's comments:

1. Add definitions of protection, restoration, rehabilitation from the Action Plan.
4. Add creation/formation of aquatic habitat based NGOs as a strategy to the Social Marketing and Outreach Appendix II. This should be an umbrella group that speaks to aquatic habitats, analogous to wildlife groups.
5. Add a statement about how the interim priority watersheds were chosen (best professional judgement, great latitude, and prior to the assessment).

ACTION for GLIFWC ceded territory ecoregion comment:

Pat should talk to Neil about incorporating GLIFWC's concerns, but not add an ecoregion based on political boundaries.

ACTION for Greg Power suggestion re: removing fishable populations from the goal definition on p. 4:
Return the definition to the current form, including some form of "fishable populations of game fish (or sport fish)."

All other ACTIONS as outlined in the MGLP Strategic Plan revisions.pdf were agreed to by the Steering Committee.

PROJECTS FOR FY 2010

ACTION ITEM: each Steering Committee member should send 1 or 2 FONS formatted projects to Pat by September 25. Pat will submit FONS proposals to support a web-based shoreland restoration website and assessment/lakeshed delineation work.

NOTES

- Welcome to new Steering Committee Members (Currently @16 members)
 - Earl Cook, WI Assoc. of Lakes
 - Erin McDonough, Michigan Unites Conservation Clubs
 - Kate Zurlo-Cuva, Gathering Waters
 - PENDING- Barb Pardo, Dave Nomsen, Bill Jones
 - DECLINED- Stephen Quinn

- Strategic plan revise and accept

GLIFWC- suggestion of a Ceded Territory Ecoregion. What is important to the tribes is why the lakes are important to tribal members comes across in this document.

Ron- lays the foundation of the importance of ceded territories.

Mike Staggs- tribes are big into sovereignty...okay to acknowledge that ceded territories create challenges (as all gov't to gov't relationships do). Maybe we could talk about challenges of using ecoregions that cut across all governmental lines.

Bill James- participation in a FHP neither commits a partner to anything nor gives up the rights of any one, nor interferes with jurisdictional authority. Yes, we want to break down political boundaries, but the realities are its challenging to work across political boundaries.

Ron-put it in a positive light. We are all concerned about aquatic resources.

Gary- they are another government that we are trying to work with. One potential solution is to list ceded territory dates/acres in each ecoregion. Intergovernmental boundaries include ceded territories.

Ron- tribes have a vested interested and have status in managing and the outcome of aquatic habitats. I am comfortable with the discussion that has gone on here. Steering committee recommends Pat contact Neil. Try to accommodate GLIFWC's request in some form other than adding an ecoregion.

GREG POWER- suggested change to remove fishable populations of game fish.

A lot of support for including some form of "fishable populations" in the definition.

Bill James- go back to the CURRENT FORM.

Gary- move "including fishable populations of sportfish" to the end of the sentence.

Mike Staggs- including fishable populations of fish (game fish, sportfish, or other appropriate wording).

Find the right wording.

- Projects for Federal FY 2010
 - a. Shoreland restoration website

Earl Cook- John Haack (U of WI Extension)and I have talked about this for a long time and his thinking is fairly mature.

Bill- I like this idea, it's a good product and hope it won't be terribly expensive...uniting partners, gets our name out there and produces a product that can be used across the partnership area. A great first project.

Gary Whelan- MI doesn't have anything similar to this so it would be very helpful.

Maureen- comment from the NFHAP view. In a lot of people's minds, to have that "strategic focus" you have to pick a spot on the map. This project illustrates that we do not have to have a spot on the map. Educate as many landowners as possible. Also gets to a major tenet of NFHAP by reaching out to people we normally don't talk with on a daily basis. Excellent example of going away from that model. Incorporate individual landowners. Also figures out how to export good ideas across state lines.

Earl Cook- this product will need to be astutely marketed.

Bill- Touches on one of the greatest aspects of the partnerships, nontraditional partners.

Gary- The NFHB has communications that could be tapped into as well (Ryan Roberts).

Maureen- the issue of getting the lakesheds/delineations completed. Maybe you should put some project dollars into the lakeshed delineations.

Pat- yes, this is a good idea and I will include lakeshed delineation as a project for FY 2010.

Gary -National assessment is going to proceed because it has to....some shortcuts will be taken out of necessity. More and improved systems can be plugged in.

Maureen- Start thinking about what your priorities are. There likely will only be enough funding for two or three projects. Is it worth it to have everyone go through the exercise of developing projects that won't be funded?

Ron- it would be valuable to have a log of projects. Pursue the top 1 or 2 , fund other ones as additional opportunities arise.

- FYI- update on multi-state conservation grant
\$398.5 K over two years. Pat will send the proposal with these call notes.

- Letters of Support for ORBFHP, GLBFHP, and GPPF FHP

Mike- Letters were fine, but work in Kelly Helper's intent about sharing strategic plans, coordinating etc.

Maureen- while the geographic boundaries overlap, the resources you are interested in impacting are different resources. What we do in lakes will help out in some of the streams, but the focus of each partnership is unique. Make sure to highlight the different resources and focus.