

Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership

Steering Committee Conference Call and Webex, October 13, 2009

8:00-9:30 Central Time

On the call:

Stu Shipman	Ron Payer	Mike Staggs	Joe Larscheid
Nick Schmal	Pat Rivers	Mike Duval	Greg Power
John Lott	Gary Whelan	Earl Cook	
Jana Stewart	Maureen Gallagher	Lizhu Wang	

Lake Assessment – Li Wang (MI DNR) and Joe Larscheid (IA DNR) gave presentations on how their respective states have assessed lakes. Li's approach is able to classify all lakes, even though many lakes lack data. Joe's method sampled IA's 132 priority lakes annually for five years prior to the assessment. The MGLP assessment will likely contain elements of both approaches. Socio-economic factors (e.g., public access, distance to urban center, unique fishing opportunity, etc.) need to be considered and included in assessments. At the recent National Fish Habitat Board meeting, the Board stated they will be asking FHPs to identify what socio-economic factors should be considered. Gary Whelan mentioned resource damage models as a potential source of socio-economic data we may want to consider. Nick Schmal asked if invasive species would be considered when prioritizing lake conservation.

Updates

- The MGLP strategic plan was sent to the NFHB on September 30, 2009.
- The multi-state conservation grant will fund some of the assessment work for MGLP.
- 2010 NFHAP projects
 1. Lakeshed delineations for ND, likely through MoRAP \$48k
 2. Regional shoreland restoration website \$15k
 3. SD shoreland restoration demonstration sites \$15k
- Maureen Gallagher was not sure the final amount available to MGLP for fish habitat projects, although the amount will be at least \$90k. The deferral of two candidate FHPs applying for recognition in October (California Fish Passage Forum; Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership) may make \$180k available for recognized FHPs. There has been no resolution on the final percent Region 3 of FWS will receive from MGLP's \$90k. It may be as high as 30% (\$27k).
- Two letters of support were written in the past month. These include: Fishes and Farmers (December FHP application) and for the USFS- Chippewa Nat'l Forest (MN) re: removal of a fish passage barrier. Copies are attached to the email sending these notes.
- Ron Payer, MN DNR Fisheries Chief and co-chair for MGLP, will be retiring from state service on November 2, 2009. He appointed Mike Duval to replace him as the MN DNR representative on the Steering Committee and left it to the committee to take up the role of a co-chair.

Attachments:

F&F Letter of Support.pdf	(Letter of support for Fishes and Farmers' FHP application)
USFS LOS Wabana Bridge2009.pdf	(Letter of support to the Chipp.Natl. Forest)