Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership

Interim Steering Committee (ISC)
March 20, 2008
Annapolis, MD

Draft Agenda

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Welcome   **9:00 am**
- ❖ Welcome and introductions, *G. Schuler*

Update on Progress Since October Meeting   **9:10 am**
- ❖ Science and Data Working Group
  - ▪ Species-habitat matrix
  - ▪ Assessment RFP
- ❖ Communications Working Group
  - ▪ Logo
  - ▪ Website outline and RFP
- ❖ NFHAP Board Information
- ❖ NFHAP Science and Data Team
  - ▪ Workshop summary, *K. Chytalo and others*
  - ▪ Other updates
- ❖ Anticipated Presentations in 2008
- ❖ Coordination with Atlantic Coast Joint Venture
- ❖ ACFHP T-Shirts

Discussion on Involvement of Canadian Maritime Provinces   **9:45am**
- ❖ Introduction to issue, *J. Thomas on behalf of CWG*
- ❖ Pros and cons of Canadian involvement at this time
- ❖ Decision or deferment?
- ❖ If yes, how do we involve them?

Discussion on Subregions   **10:05 am**
- ❖ Inland and offshore boundaries
- ❖ Subregion delineation

Break   **10:45 am**

ACFHP Management Structure Documents   **11:00 am**
- ❖ Approval of ACFHP Charter and Bylaws
  - ▪ Determining who can join the Steering Committee- how to add new members once we have 25
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding
  - ▪ Approval of MOU
  - ▪ Signing process

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Lunch	**12:00 pm**
ACFHP Management Structure Documents Continued	**1:00 pm**
Progress Gathering Assessment Related Reports and Plans	**1:30 pm**
Revised Timeline	**1:45 pm**
Demonstration Project	**2:15 pm**

Demonstration Project
- ❖ Potential NFHAP funds available
- ❖ NMFS and MA DMF harbor project, *L. Chiarella*

Break	**3:00 pm**
Projects for the New Coordinator and Transition Plan	**3:15 pm**
ACFHP Annual Meeting Planning	**4:00 pm**

- ❖ Should we have an annual meeting?
- ❖ What would be the function/objective of the annual meeting?
- ❖ When should it be?
- ❖ Where should it be?
- ❖ How long should it last?
- ❖ Who should be invited?
- ❖ Identification of a subcommittee to flesh out a scope for the meeting

Creating a Standard ACFHP Informational Presentation	**4:30 pm**
Other Working Group Issues	**4:40 pm**
Plan for Next Meeting/Other Issues	**4:50 pm**
Adjourn	**5:00 pm**

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