



ATLANTIC COASTAL FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIP

Spring Steering Committee Meeting

May 20 – 22, 2025

Portsmouth, NH

Note: Times may be subject to change.

Meeting link: <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/462557844>

Day 1: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – Urban Forestry Center

Urban Forestry Center

45 Elwyn Rd, Portsmouth, NH 03801

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| 1. Welcome & Introductions (<i>J. Coakley</i>) | 1:00pm |
| ○ <i>Newest Member: Bennett Paradis (NCDEQ - DMF Shellfish Rehabilitation)</i> | |
| 2. ACFHP-Funded Project Updates (<i>S. Kaalstad</i>) | 1:15pm |
| ○ Recently Completed Projects | |
| ○ FY25 Approved Projects/FY26 Proposed Projects | |
| ○ New NFHP funding timeline for FY27 and on | |
| 3. Guest Speaker | 2:00pm |
| ○ <i>Brianna Group (TNC-NH) – Oyster Restoration in the Great Bay Estuary</i> | |
| 4. Break | 2:45pm |
| 5. Review of Science & Data Monitoring Survey | 3:00pm |
| ○ ACFHP Project Monitoring Survey - Google Docs | |
| 6. 2025-2026 Action Plan (<i>S. Kaalstad</i>) | |
| ○ Finalize and approve 2025-2026 Action Plan (Google Doc: ACFHP Subcommittee/Working Groups + Action Plan) | |
| ▪ Updated priorities, Science & Data initiatives, etc. | |
| 7. Adjourn Day 1 | 5:00pm |

Day 2: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – GBNERR Discovery Center

Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (GBNERR) Discovery Center

89 Depot Rd, Greenland, NH 03840

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| 1. Reconvene | 9:00am |
| 2. National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) Updates (<i>J. Olive, USFWS</i>) | 9:30am |
| 3. Beyond the Pond Update (<i>T. Thompson, Nonprofit Management Solutions LLC</i>) | 10:00am |
| 4. Science & Data Updates (<i>E. Schneider, RI DEM</i>) | 10:30am |
| ○ SAV Seed-Transfer Policy Guidance Document | |
| ○ Workshop Planning | |
| 5. Lunch | 12:00pm |
| 6. Restoration Site Visits (<i>R. Atwood, NH Fish & Game</i>) | 1:00pm |
| ○ ACFHP-funded oyster restoration site | |
| ○ ACFHP-endorsed dam removal; Exeter, NH | |
| ○ Winnicut Dam removal site | |
| ○ Fish ladder and eel ramp; Newmarket, NH | |
| 7. Adjourn Day 2 | 5:00pm |
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Day 3: Thursday, May 22, 2025 – GBNERR Discovery Center

Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (GBNERR) Discovery Center

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| 1. Reconvene | 9:00am |
| 2. Guest Speaker | 9:30am |
| ○ <i>Nancy Pau (Wildlife Biologist, Parker River Wildlife Refuge)</i> | |
| 3. Break | 10:15am |
| 4. ACFHP ArcGIS StoryMap Development (<i>S. Kaalstad</i>) | 10:30am |
| ○ Discuss format, content, narrative, etc. | |
| ○ <i>Other</i> ACFHP Outreach & Communications Updates | |
| 5. Next Steps & Other Business | 11:30am |
| 6. Adjourn | 12:00pm |