



Fish Habitat Action Team

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday , April 6th · 1:00-3:00 PM

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bhr-dhce-mmk>

Or dial: (US) +1 985-300-5655 PIN: 489 789 946#

[\(LINK to current Logic and Action Plan\)](#)

Introduction & Announcements: *(Chris Moore, Chair, CBF: 5 min)*

Regional Funding Opportunities: Supporting Fish Habitat Projects in the Bay and Watershed
(Multiple presenters, 1 hour)

- Background on current opportunities *(25 min)*
 - NFWF Small Watersheds Grant Program/ USFWS Chesapeake WILD
 - *Presenters: Kristen Saacke Blunk (NFWF Field Liaison) & Mike Slattery (USFWS)*
 - *Deadline: Thursday, April 21st*
 - *Link to [RFP](#)*
 - Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership General Habitat Conservation Proposals
 - *Presenter: Lisa Havel (ASMFC)*
 - *Deadline: Rolling*
 - *Link to [RFP](#)*
- Fish Habitat Action Team's strategy for supporting potential restoration projects *(35 min)*
 - *Presenters: Chris Moore (CBF) & Bruce Vogt (NCBO)*
 - *Chris and Bruce will contextualize this habitat funding conversation by providing historical examples of FHAT-supported restoration projects and highlighting new potential project concepts that align with workgroup priorities. When developing the current Action Plan, the FHAT committed to supporting at least one near-shore restoration project (Action 5.2). This presentation will transition to a group discussion focused on identifying project concepts, defining the FHAT's "role" in supporting a project, and brainstorming additional partners that this team may be well-equipped to support.*

Project Update: USGS Watershed Fish Habitat Assessment (Kelly Maloney, USGS: 30 min)

- *USGS will update the team on the recently-completed freshwater assessment of fish habitat condition. This product/action dates back to the previous and Action Plan, and its innovative methods will be used to help guide the exploratory joint tidal/nontidal assessment in the Patuxent River (Action 2.2 of the current work plan). This finer-scale assessment can better highlight locations where restoration/conservation investment should be targeted, a core focus of this Bay Program Action Team.*
- *A summary webpage can be accessed [HERE](#)*

Mussel Conservation and Restoration Update (Joe Wood, CBF: 20 min)

- *The current Action Plan highlights FHAT interest in exploring regional mussel conservation/restoration efforts (Action 3.1). CBF will provide an update on regional work and opportunities for workgroup collaboration.*