

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

Committee Report

for

Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP)

Committee Chairs

John Biagi (state) and Allan Brown (federal)

Annual in-person business meeting

April 26-28, 2016

Roosevelt State Park, Morton, MS

Meeting Convened: April 26th @ 1:00, April 27th @ 8:30 am, April 28th @ 8:00 am

Chaired by: Timothy Birdsong (chair until August 2016) and Allan Brown

Committee Members Attending: John Biagi (GADNR), Scott Robinson (GADNR), Timothy Birdsong (TPWD), Allan Brown (USFWS), Bill Posey (ARGFC), Jason Henegar, Jim Burroughs, Larry Bull, Angelyn Mewborn, Jimmy Johnson, Ross Self, Steve Rockwood, (Cynthia Edwards-April 27 only), Angela Erves (April 27 only), Jessica Graham

Scheduled Discussion Items: (see below)

Agenda

Day 1

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Review previous meetings tasks and discussions.
- Review Agenda and Desired Outcomes
- NFHP Discussion
 - Allocation Report and projects
 - Legislation-Energy bill
 - NFHP Board updates
 - NFHP Fund-(Chapter agreement discussion)
 - Pros and cons to the NFHP agreement
 - Benefits of a 501c3
- MOU update
- State Co-chair Selection Committee
 - Co-chair roles and responsibilities
 - Process for selection
- LOGO
- SARP's guiding principles
 - Review and discuss draft principles for SARP as a whole.
- Workgroup overview and meeting goals specific to workgroups
 - Preparations for workgroup sessions over the next day.
 - Decision on format
- ANS Presentation (Allan Brown on behalf of Tim Strakosh-USFWS)
- Discussion on State ANS efforts, needs and potential regional project ideas.

Day 2

- Guest Presentation: Southeastern Conservation Adaptation Strategy (SECAS) Presentation-Cynthia Edwards-SECAS Coordinator)
- Workgroup sessions overview/questions
 - Large group discussions on workgroups
 - Riparian and Physical Habitat
 - Regional and state specific threats, actions, research needs, potential funding options and projects, limitations leading to goals and objectives.

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Day 3

- Selection/refinement of SARP's Aquatic Conservation Focus Areas
 - Goals from here (filling gaps, project lists, potential workshops, needs?)
- Development of a SARP Business Plan
- SEARS-Southeastern At-Risk Species
 - Summary of the effort
 - Ideas for integration based on state needs.
- Wrap up and other business

Action Items and Recommendations:

A) MOU

- MOU (with requested revisions incorporated)
- Membership due structure

Please review the MOU and membership due structure language.

In the meantime, please work with your agency and with your Director before the May 13th SEAFWA Board of Director's meeting. Any bit of help to brief your Director before the meeting on SARP's activities and direction as well as your support will go a long way!

If there are any concerns please let me know ASAP!

B) State Co-chair position

Timothy Birdsong is nearing the end of his three year term as the SARP State Co-chair. Tim has been extremely active as a state co-chair facilitating a SARP operational assessment and garnering support for the continuation of SARP operations as well as facilitating the hiring of the next coordinator. He has been and will continue to be a SARP ambassador and represent SARP at the many meetings and in the numerous initiatives in which he plays a critical role. Tim's leadership has been greatly appreciated and he has helped direct SARP into a new direction while raising awareness of what SARP can do!

If you are interested in serving as the next state chair, please let myself or Tim know before the end of May.

C) Fall Meeting

SARP generally has a Fall meeting in conjunction with the annual SEAFWA conference. Because this conference has continued to grow over the years it has been difficult to find time

during the conference that does not compete with other important venues. Therefore, the Steering Committee voted to forgo the in-person Fall meeting and instead hold a teleconference (Date/Time TBD).

The spring meeting will remain the annual business meeting to be held in person.

D) Populating Workgroup Members

We discussed threats, actions, limitations and goals for 4 of the 6 workgroups last week. Now we need to work to populate these workgroups with knowledgeable and interested members. These members can be the Steering Committee themselves or agency staff, partner agencies, NGOs etc. These folks will serve as points of contact for potential projects, grants, and review of Workgroup products. I have created a fillable form to facilitate designation of members found here. Please provide contacts before the end of June.

Committee Recommendation for Chair: John Biagi was unanimously approved as the next state chair via email following the spring meeting. His term starting August 2016.

Meeting adjourned: April 26 @ 7 pm, April 27 @ 5 pm, April 28th @ 11:00 am

List of current state committee members and contact information: (Appendix 1)

List of interested other committee members and participants and contact information:
(Appendix 2)

Submitted by: Jessica Graham (SARP coordinator) with approval from John Biagi and Allan Brown (Co-chairs)

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