

Science and Data Partners Workshop

Sunday, September 2nd, 2007

8:00 am-12:00 pm

AFS Annual Meeting

Marriott Hotel --Nob Hill Rooms A & B, San Francisco, California

Open and **free** to all! **PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER** as soon as possible on the AFS Annual Meeting Registration Form; this activity can be found on the "Other Activities" webpage, and is listed as "National Fish Habitat Science." The AFS Annual Meeting Registration is at the following website:

http://web.fisheries.org/sf/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=31.

Registration is required for planning purposes and to receive background materials prior to the meeting.

Description: Partnerships established under the National Fish Habitat Action Plan (NFHAP) are expected to adopt the science assessment framework established by the NFHAP Science and Data Committee for resource assessment and project evaluation. The 2004 NFHI workshop and 2006 Fisheries Data Summit were initial steps toward establishing national criteria for measuring aquatic health, addressing scaling issues, and identifying mechanisms to integrate regional joint partnership information systems. **This workshop will build upon the outcomes of the earlier workshops** and aid in developing a detailed strategy of how the Partnerships will engage in this work with the Board's Science & Data Committee. Topics to be addressed include:

- How to link national and regional scale assessments of aquatic habitat condition
- The roles of the Science and Data Committee and Partnerships in evaluating success of the NFHAP
- Development of the NFHAP Database Network

This will be an *intensive* and *interactive* forum where participants will be asked to share their expertise in regional and national habitat assessment, and perspective of working with regional and national partnerships. This workshop will provide an intellectually stimulating prelude to the AFS Meeting and great networking opportunity with conversation that one will want to continue into the afternoon and evening as you sample California's great wines!

Fisheries professionals of all types will benefit from participating in the workshop, but it is a "must" for anyone engaged in, or contemplating, a partnership under the NFHAP!

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