

**Little Tennessee Native Fish Conservation Partnership
Executive Committee Monthly Check-In, January
January 11, 2016; 10:30 a.m.**

Participants

- Andrea Leslie – N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission
- Damon Hearne – Trout Unlimited
- Erin McCombs – American Rivers
- Fred Harris – N.C. Wildlife Federation
- Gary Peeples – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Janet Mizzi – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Jason Meador – Mainspring Conservation Trust
- Shannon O’Quinn – Tennessee Valley Authority

Agenda

- Team goals for 2016
- Duke Water Resources Grant application
- Check-ins from team leaders
 - o Outreach & Education
 - o Implementation
 - o Assessment
 - o Communication
 - o Fundraising
- Other

Notes

- Additions to the agenda: none

2016 team workplans

- Andrea Leslie encourages team leads to submit 2016 goals, which she will submit to the steering committee
- Jason Meador waiting until the end of the month to have meeting with the team
- Andrea Leslie looking for what the team leaders are looking to accomplish this year, to provide an idea of what we’re hoping to do. These can be tweaked after checking in with teams.
- Target date is January 29 to get something to Andrea Leslie who will send an update to the steering committee in early February

Duke Water Resources Grant Application

- Andrea Leslie thanks everyone for jumping on it
- Should be a robust, well-thought out application
- Andrea Leslie, Fred Harris, and Dom (NCWF) met before Xmas break
- NCWF is the applicant, with Dom taking lead on compiling and submitting application
- Pieces to Andrea Leslie/Fred Harris/Dom by the 18th and they’ll take a week to compile and polish application

- Erin McCombs – Wrangling folks around mapping project. Emailing with conference call on tap. Plenty of good ideas, decision on how to move forward on tap. Should have by Jan. 18, no problem.
- Jason Meador – Collecting information on status of video money from partners. Prospectus from Freshwaters Illustrated in hand, Jason will tweak for the Duke grant. Andrea will have everything by the 18th.
- Andrea Leslie– Need to be sure matching funds offered are accurate
- Fred Harris – Helpful to distinguish between cash and in-kind matches as we work through this
- Andrea Leslie– Really excited about the work being done developing the online mapping tool

Team check-ins

Outreach and education

- Meeting planned for the 25th
- Looking at growing shade your stream, and also possibility for videos for that effort as well. Questions about geography and who would have responsibilities, but possibility for materials to be non-basin specific, and therefore sharable across multiple basins. Currently the shade your stream effort is local enough there's still a good community of supporters/practitioners, but could go beyond that.

Implementation/on-the-ground

- Haven't made a lot of progress since last meeting – looking to meet in early February, which would include the assessment team. Location TBD

Assessment

- Working with implementation team to get a joint meeting
- Smaller subset of folks have been looking at assessment Little TN barriers. All dams have been re-conned in NC, now comes TN. Then weights and ranks will be worked through, including dams and culverts. This being some by an assessment team subcommittee

Communications

- Looking ahead to planning next steering committee meeting as well as stakeholder outreach event. Outreach materials to be up on the website soon.

Fundraising

- Group of one. Looking to include Steve Johnson on the committee. Working on the Duke grant. Also working on application for funds from Fisheries Conservation Foundation for operational money & possibly match for Duke grant. Wants to develop a fundraising strategy, including coordinating fundraising efforts with partnership NGOs.
- Andrea Leslie– Anybody interested in helping with committee?
- Damon Hearne -Happy to sit on calls and help.
- Shannon O'Quinn – Seems on-the-ground team needs a connection to the fundraising team
- Andrea Leslie – During conservation team meetings, each team should identify one person as link to fundraising committee

Other items

Erin McCombs – American Rivers looking to hire conservation associate. Establishing a Tuck blue trail and helping Erin with restoration

Andrea Leslie – Available as support