

Little Tennessee Native Fish Conservation Partnership
Executive Committee Meeting
May 9, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Attendees

- Gary Peeples
- Andrea Leslie
- Fred Harris
- Erin McCombs
- Jason Meador
- Janet Mizzi
- Shannon O'Quinn

Notes

- **Action item – Gary -Be sure everyone has updated conference call number**
- Did not get Duke grant

Conservation team updates

Implementation/assessment combined team

- Call last week of joint implementation/assessment group to talk about what to do and share update on Duke grant
- Will start figuring out the different partner's priorities, and will use a survey to do that. If anyone has anything they think should be included in survey, now is the time to let Erin McCombs know. Education/outreach team is open to include content.
- Without Duke grant, don't have internal capacity to get a close look at where to do, so this is an effort to identify low-hanging fruit

Outreach

- Jim Herring updating people on Buffalo run
- Videos – Freshwaters Illustrated are in the basin and filming
- Google Drive has folder with information to help Freshwaters Illustrated get on the ground filming events
- Snorkeling – Wetsuits and masks ordered, working with Fred
 - Decontamination procedures? Jason working on it. Action item – **Jason and Andrea will talk**

Fundraising

- Got money together for wetsuits/masks, etc.
- Duke – Things to hit hard – how videos will be disseminated, how many people will see videos, over what time period that will occur
- Next big task will be looking at potential funding sources

Communications

- New American Rivers staff person is in place and can support planning the steering committee meeting.
- This week AR will release Citico Creek dam removal video. **Action item – Gary – Distribute video through partnership/website**
- Dave Stagliano (NCWRC) helping with website.
- Planning for June steering committee meeting underway

Review of strategic documents

Conservation team goals

- Action item – Andrea will send back out to team leaders for adjustment
- Action item – Andrea is compiling team goals into a single document

Roles and responsibilities

- New executive committee chairs can come from sitting vice-chairs, but it is not obligatory
- Check in with team leads once a year to provide them an opportunity to explicitly remain in that role, or vacate it
- Executive committee, especially outgoing members/team leads, identify potential replacements and reach out to them
- Question remains, what are Friends of the Partnership and what is their role
- Action item – Executive Committee – Everyone reviews roles and responsibilities document and gets comments back to Gary by COB, Friday, May 20

Roster

- Action item – Andrea and Gary will develop draft membership roster and send out for review

Policy on using the partnership identify in fundraising

- Andrea shared previously-developed draft
- Agreed to change phrases “whole partnership” and “all partnership members” with “steering committee”
- Additional role for steering committee – supporting rejection use of the partnership identify in grant applications
- Issues: Should consent be unanimous, majority, or some form of super-majority; is silence consent; can we get feedback from steering committee in a timely manner?
- Action item – Gary will develop an updated draft policy for discussion at steering committee meeting

Steering committee agenda

- Start with AM business - including policy discussions and discussion of streamside forests as a theme; in PM do snorkeling exercise to learn more about recently-funded project, with snorkeling opened up to people beyond the steering committee
- Explore adopting streamside forests as an issue for all conservation teams. Action item – Andrea will reach out to Shannon and Erin on this
- Action item – Andrea will reach out to Jim Herrig about leading snorkeling
- Action item – Jason, Andrea, and Gary will meet on May 20 to discuss agenda and how to address Shade Your Stream
- Action item – Gary will invite Tom Martin and Ben Prater to steering committee meeting