

## National Fish Habitat Board Meeting

July 31 – August 2, 2024 Anchorage, AK

Hosted by: Alaska Partners of NFHP

Clarion Inn & Suites 1110 W 8th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501

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### Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Time (AKDT)	Agenda Item	Tab	Lead(s)
9:00 AM	<b>Welcome, Introductions, &amp; Land Acknowledgement</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Board action</b> to approve agenda and June meeting summary.</li> </ul>	1	<b>Chair Robert Boyles &amp; All Attendees</b>
9:20 AM	<b>Welcome from Alaska Department of Fish and Game</b>		<b>Doug Vincent Lang</b> (Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Commissioner)
9:30 AM	<b>Congressional Designation of FHPs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Board vote</b> on designation packet to be transmitted to Congressional Committees of Jurisdiction.</li> </ul>	2	<b>Stan Allen</b> (NFHP Board Vice-Chair)
10:00 AM	<b>Non-federal Match Waiver for Native Hawaiians</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Board vote</b> on sending a letter to the Secretary of the Interior requesting a waiver of the 1:1 non-federal match for projects conducted by Native Hawaiians.</li> </ul>		<b>Jason Olive</b> (NFHP Board Staff)
10:20 AM	<b>BREAK</b>		
10:40 AM	<b>Policy Committee Update</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Board awareness</b> of ACE Act Reauthorization and Policy Committee activities</li> <li><b>Board discussion</b> on next steps with scientific and technical support</li> </ul>	3	<b>Ian Nakayama</b> (Policy Committee Chair)

11:00 AM	<p><b>NFHP Action Plan 3.0 Update and Options</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board discussion</b> of approach and timing for next Action Plan.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Alex McOwen &amp; Jason Olive</b> (NFHP Board Staff)</p>
11:30 AM	<p><b>USFWS Update</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> of USFWS FY 2025 budget outlook and upcoming FAC program strategic plan development.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Steve Guertin</b> (NFHP Board Member) and <b>David Miko</b> (USFWS FAC Assistant Director)</p>
12:00 PM	<p><b>LUNCH (On Your Own)</b></p>		
1:30 PM	<p><b>The Alaska NFHP Story</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> of the work of the six FHP's that cover parts of Alaska.</li> </ul>	4	<p><b>AK FHP Coordinators and Key Partners</b></p>
2:55 PM	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>		
3:10 PM	<p><b>North Pacific Research Board Presentation</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> of the North Pacific Research Board mission and opportunities to engage with NFHP.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Lynn Palensky, MPA</b> (NPRB Executive Director) or <b>Matt Baker, PhD</b> (NPRB Science Director)</p>
3:25 PM	<p><b>NFHP Interagency Operational Plan Update</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> of progress on IOP development.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Jason Olive</b> (NFHP Board Staff)</p>
3:50 PM	<p><b>Science &amp; Data Committee Update</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> of National Fish Habitat Assessment progress.</li> <li>• <b>Board awareness</b> of rollout plan for public-facing NFHP Project Tracking Dashboard and Dashboard demonstration.</li> </ul>	5	<p><b>Gary Whelan, Daniel Wieferrich, and Kate Sherman</b> (NFHP Board Staff)</p>
4:10 PM	<p><b>Governance Committee Update</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board to provide feedback</b> on the draft Code of Conduct developed by the Committee.</li> </ul>	6	<p><b>Doug Austen</b> (NFHP Governance Committee Chair)</p>

- 4:20 PM     **NOAA Fisheries Update**  
*Desired Outcomes:*
- **Board awareness** of the FY24 NOAA-funded NFHP projects.

**Sam Rauch** (*NFHP  
Board Member*)

4:30 PM     **Adjourn**

5:00 –  
7:00 PM     **Happy Hour Hosted by Trout Unlimited @ King  
Street Brewery** (9050 King St, Anchorage, AK  
99515)

**Thursday, August 1, 2024**

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9:00 AM	<b>Welcome Back</b>		<b>Chair Robert Boyles</b>
9:05 AM	<b>Alaska Tribal Interests in Fish Habitat</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Board awareness</b> of Tribal interests in Alaskan fish habitat and opportunities for engagement.</li> </ul>		<b>TBD</b>
9:40 AM	<b>Bureau of Land Management Aquatics Program &amp; NFHP Engagement</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Board awareness</b> of BLM's Aquatics Program and NFHP engagement.</li> </ul>		<b>Sharmila Jepson</b> ( <i>Lead Fisheries Biologist, BLM</i> )
10:10 AM	<b>NFHP Webinar Follow-Up</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Board awareness</b> of follow-up from Board members, staff, and others following Christopher's NFHP talk in December 2023.</li> </ul>		<b>Christopher Estes</b> ( <i>NFHP Science &amp; Data Committee Member</i> )
10:30 AM	<b>BREAK</b>		
10:45 AM	<b>Upcoming NFHP Board Meeting Schedule</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Board awareness</b> of 2024 Board meeting schedule.</li> <li><b>Board discussion</b> of potential 2025 meeting dates.</li> </ul>	<b>7</b>	<b>Alex McOwen</b> ( <i>NFHP Board Staff</i> )
11:00 AM	<b>Kenai Peninsula and Mat-Su FHP Field Trips Preview</b> <i>Desired Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Board awareness</b> of field trips planned for August 1 afternoon and full day on August</li> </ul>	<b>8</b>	<b>Jessica Speed</b> ( <i>Mat Su Salmon Habitat Partnership Coordinator</i> ) & <b>Ben Meyer</b> ( <i>Kenai</i> )

2. Local experts will preview what Board members will see and who they will meet.

- **Board staff** to obtain a final headcount for August 2 field trip.

*Watershed Forum  
Water Quality  
Coordinator) or Trent  
Dodson (Kenai  
Watershed Forum,  
Executive Director)*

12:00 PM     **Adjourn** – Box lunch will be brought into the meeting room at 11:30.

12:30 PM     **Depart Hotel for Mat-Su Basin Field Trip**

**\*\*See Tab 9 for the Communications Committee update and Tab 10 for the Partnerships Committee update**