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**Habitat Goal Implementation Team Fall Meeting**

**Monday, November 14, 2015**

National Conservation Training Center, 114 Instructional East

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**Theme:** Alignment of shared resources to implement actions identified in the 2-year workplans.

**Meeting Objectives:**

1. Share habitat restoration/protection tools and determine best path forward for applying them to our work

2. Share information on funding sources and discuss how to most efficiently leverage capacity to support our work

**10:00 Welcome & Introductions** — Christine Conn (MD DNR) and David Whitehurst (VA DGIF), Co-Chairs

*\*Workgroup Chairs & Action Team leads will each provide a 2-minute (maximum) status update*

**10:30 Resource Conservation Opportunity Areas (RCOAs) Overview**— Steve Fuller (North Atlantic LCC)

\**Please be familiar with tools in advance of the meeting by watching***:** [RCOA Overview and Application](http://rcoa.cicapps.org/news-and-info/)

**11:00 Applied RCOA Use Case Scenarios in the Chesapeake** — Steve Fuller (North Atlantic LCC)

* Where should we restore/protect brook trout habitat to increase long term occupied patch size?
* Where should we restore forest buffers in order to increase ‘flow’ for terrestrial/aquatic wildlife?
* Where should we target NRCS practices to preserve potential marsh migration corridors adjacent to high value black duck wintering/nesting habitat?

**11:45 Applying tools/funding to local implementation -** Mike Lovegreen(Upper Susquehanna Coalition)

Group discussion to share what’s worked well and what’s needed at the local level

**12:00 Lunch** (Dining Commons)

**1:00 Habitat & Fisheries Goal Teams Collaboration –** Kara Skipper and Paige Hobaugh (CRC staffers)

Presentation of draft joint project proposal on *Shoreline and Tidal Wetland Habitats for Fish*

**1:30 Reporting Progress toward Outcomes** – Dave Goshorn (MD DNR)

Expectations and proposed process for Goal Teams to update the Management Board

**2:00 Break**

**2:15 NFWF Business Plan Refresh and Chesapeake Small Watershed Grants –** Jake Reilly (NFWF)

**•** Alignment of the RCOA information with regional funding and other planning efforts

**2:45 Review of Action Items** (Jennifer Greiner, HGIT Coordinator, and Kyle Runion, HGIT staffer)

**3:00 Adjourn** – *Optional short hike down to the river for fly-fishing demonstration (weather permitting)*

*5:00 ‘Fish Bowl’ mixer in NCTC pub. Meet Gina Hunt, new Fish Habitat Coordinator on detail to the CBP!*