

## Proposed 2005-2006 DFO-NGO Coalition Work Plan

Task	Lead	Action Items and Timelines
<b>Stewardship</b>		
1. Develop a common definition of 'stewardship' to focus programs and ensure consistent application within the DFO-NGO Coalition partnership.	Wildlife Habitat Canada	Plan by July 29 Definition by September 30
2. Inventory and assess existing Internet portals or networks designed to centralize and share fish habitat conservation resources, to help identify gaps in information management and areas for improvement.	Wildlife Habitat Canada & Nature Canada	Plan (purpose, resources, actions) by September 30
<b>Integrated Planning</b>		
3. Prepare a status report of watershed planning activities to identify key stakeholders (that are and need to be involved), available tools and success stories, and provide a model for engaging people in the watershed planning process.	Ducks Unlimited Canada (Jim Anderson to follow up)	Update by August 30 (while not identified as a priority by the group, Jim Anderson identified this activity as a strategic opportunity for the group to link its work with the National Watershed Stewardship Coalition)
4. Identify watersheds-at-risk at the ecoregion level and assign priorities in each jurisdiction for integrated watershed management plans.	Trout Unlimited Canada, Nature Conservancy of Canada & Atlantic Salmon Federation	Plan by September 30
<b>Regulatory</b>		
5. Prepare background document on DFO's habitat management program—including role of the program, Environmental Process Modernization Plan, regional set-up, and contacts—to improve understanding among Coalition members.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Plan by July 29 Final document by September 30
6. Provide regional workshops to facilitate communication among members about DFO's habitat management program and the DFO-NGO Coalition partnership, build regional relationships, provide input on DFO policy and operations, and create cooperative initiatives.	Pacific Salmon Federation & Nature Conservancy of Canada with DFO	Plan for regional workshops (purpose, agenda, resources) by September 30
7. Organize an EPMP update meeting with NGO Coalition members, other major national conservation NGOs (i.e., Canadian Wildlife Federation and World Wildlife Fund) and major advocacy NGOs.	DFO	Early-mid September
<b>Education and Awareness</b>		
8. Prepare a news article about the DFO-NGO Coalition initiative to promote the objectives, current projects, and results to NGO memberships and the public, and for use in strengthening collaboration, financial support, and regional buy-in.	Ducks Unlimited Canada & Nature Canada	Plan by July 29 Final article by September 30
9. Prepare a PowerPoint presentation about the DFO-NGO Coalition initiative that synthesizes the goals and objectives of the collaboration, the opportunities it provides, accomplishments to date and next steps, for use by members to communicate the initiative to national and regional offices.	DFO	Plan by July 29 Final presentation by September 30

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10. Translate and post English and French versions of Workshop Report on web site and circulate links to Steering Committee for posting on NGO Coalition web sites.	DFO	July 29
<b>Governance &amp; Membership</b>		
11. Invite the Canadian Wildlife Federation and World Wildlife Fund, Canada to join the DFO-NGO Coalition initiative.	Co-Chairs	August 30
12. Prepare a draft agreement, using the NRIA model. Main elements of the agreement to include objectives and goals for collaboration, mechanisms and methods to achieve common interests, and governance and reporting structures.	DFO Steering Committee	July 30 Early September
13. Prepare Briefing Note and use above PowerPoint presentation at a meeting with senior DFO managers to present progress and promote the DFO-NGO Coalition initiative and its formal agreement of collaboration.		October