



American Fisheries Society
Fisheries Administrators Section

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TO: Fisheries Professionals Interested in Restoring Our Declining Fish Habitat

RE: Invitation to a National Fish Habitat Action Plan Workshop, Sept. 10, 2006

We need your help to make sure the recently approved National Fish Habitat Action Plan (NFHAP) will be successful in its mission to reverse the decline of American's fish habitats. As you may know, the NFHAP was created by a partnership of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, American Fisheries Society (AFS) and many other State and Federal agencies, tribes, foundations, conservation and angling groups, businesses and industries. Our collective vision is similar to that undertaken for waterfowl habitat through the North American Waterfowl Management Plan which is to make significant improvements in fish habitat at a regional and national level. Complete information and a copy of the approved plan can be found at <http://fishhabitat.org/>.

It is critical that NFHAP be rolled out and implemented in a timely and effective manner over the next few years. That is where you come in. *You are cordially invited to attend a one day facilitated workshop and poster session on NFHAP implementation strategies being organized by the AFS Fisheries Administrators and Fisheries Management sections at the upcoming 2006 AFS Annual Meeting in Lake Placid, NY.* The workshop will provide critical insight to AFS members who want more information about NFHAP, identify issues related to implementation of NFHAP, define components of a successful NFHAP partnership for use in making future funding decisions, and identify national or regional fish habitat partnerships that need to be developed.

This invitation is being extended to the membership of the AFS Fisheries Management and Administrators Sections, participants in existing successful fisheries partnerships, key agency, NGO and business leaders, and other fisheries professionals who have an interest in restoring America's critical fisheries habitat. This is your opportunity to learn more about this exciting plan and to have a say in how NFHAP will be implemented.

We have enclosed a copy of the workshop prospectus. Additional information and registration materials for both the NFHAP Workshop and the 2006 AFS meeting can be found at: <http://www.afslakeplacid.org/>. There is no cost for the workshop thanks to the generous support of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, BASS/ESPN Outdoors and several other sponsors.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

Sincerely,

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