



EBTJV Subcommittees & Workgroups

A. Conservation Strategy/Habitat Subcommittee

Chair: Doug Besler (NC)

Vice-Chair: Hannibal Bolton (FWS)

Current Members: Jim Habera (TN), Lee Keefer (GA), Mike Shingleton (WV), Todd Richards (MA), Alan Heft (MD), Steve Reeser (VA), Steve Perry (NH), Pat Hamilton (NJ), Jarrad Kosa (FWS), Tom Oldham (WV), Larry Mohn (VA), Steve Moyer (TU), Andrew Madden (MA), Mike Millard (FWS), Mark Staley (MD), Tom Greene (PFBC), Michael Owen (FS)

The EBTJV Steering Committee established 3 regional workgroups (Northern, Mid-Atlantic, and Southern) under the Conservation Strategy/Habitat Subcommittee and so in his capacity as Chair of this Subcommittee Doug Besler will serve as the overall coordinator for these Regional Workgroups.

The charges for the regional workgroups are to:

1. Develop annual action plans that address short-term regional habitat objectives identified in the Brook Trout Conservation Strategy;
2. Develop accurate estimates of brook trout conservation costs at the state and regional levels; and,
3. Participate in reviewing and scoring proposed EBTJV projects

Northern Regional Workgroup (ME, NH, VT, NY, MA, RI, CT)

Chair: Jim Daley (NY)

Mid-Atlantic Regional Workgroup (NJ, PA, OH, WV, MD)

Chair: Alan Heft (MD)

Southern Regional Workgroup (VA, NC, SC, GA, TN)

Chair: Steve Moore (NPS)

B. Data Subcommittee

Chair: Shelaine Curd-Hetrick (IIA)

Vice Chair: Andrea Ostroff (USGS)

Current Members: Doug Beard (USGS), Mark Hudy (FS), Todd Richards (MA), Dianne Timmins (NH), Jeff Waldon (CMI), Lila Borge Wills (CMI) Lee Keefer (GA), Jim Daley (NY), Lisa Barno (NJ)

The charges for the Data Subcommittee are to:

1. Engage brook trout management agencies to develop minimum data standards to facilitate data sharing and reporting.
2. Assess current data gaps.
3. Create a centralized, web-based, data access system to query brook trout data owned and maintained by the management agency. This would permit biologists to access other organizations' data from a central location while allowing the state and federal data owners to maintain full ownership and control of their data.
4. Develop a web-based map server (ArcIMS) application to view brook trout distribution, abundance, and habitat information.
5. Establish a web-based system for the efficient dissemination of EBTJV related data, maps, reports, and outreach material

C. Outreach and Education Subcommittee

Chair: Dianne Timmins (NH)

Current Members: Gary Berti (TU), Tom Sadler (TPL), Lisa Barno (NJ), Chris Van Maaren (NY), Brett Billings (FWS), Hannibal Bolton (FWS), Jarrad Kosa (FWS)

The charge for the Outreach and Education Subcommittee is to develop a comprehensive work plan that includes outreach and education targets, timelines, and metrics for both short-term (2012) and long-term time scales (2025); a focused educational component designed to provide the public and policymakers with relevant information regarding the status of brook trout, current EBTJV projects, and opportunities to become involved; and, a process for measuring the effectiveness of EBTJV outreach and education programs.

D. Science and Research Subcommittee

Chair: Doug Beard (USGS)

The charges for the Science and Research Subcommittee are to:

1. Establish monitoring programs that measure the effectiveness of EBTJV conservation actions taken to improve the status of brook trout; and,
2. Develop a research plan that identifies key brook trout research needs and establishes priorities for research funding.

E. Grants and Development Subcommittee

Chair: Tom Sadler (TMRG)

The charge for the Development Subcommittee is to build long-term EBTJV partnership support that results in consistent, reliable funding for both short-term projects and the achievement of long-term goals. This work group will work closely with CMI and the Steering Committee to develop grant proposals to public and private entities and will pursue financial support from private individuals, corporations, and foundations.