

Aquatics Data Conference Call, November 3, 9 – 10:30 AM.

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1. Aquatic criteria for Focus Areas: There was general agreement that we need to add a criteria to the Focus Area 'spokes on the wheel' diagram to reflect aquatic data. It's not yet clear how those criteria will be specified – it will depend on the outcome of our analyses, which data sources we select, etc.
2. The overall goal of this exercise is to determine which high quality aquatic habitats are captured in FA's, what we might have missed, and whether any new FA's need to be identified.
3. We discussed a list of data sources that had been previously identified. The attached spreadsheet provides details on each of these sources. We did NOT seek agreement on which of these data sources should be used, and if so, how. Those decisions will be a goal of our next meeting.
4. Next steps and time frame: We decided it would be useful to see much of this data on a screen before deciding whether and how to use it. This effort could be combined with reviewing the various attributes in TNC's aquatic portfolio and deciding how to use that data. So we need to start gathering data!

Josh will send GIS data layer of TNC aquatic portfolio water bodies and TNC's 'coldwater seeps and springs' data layer.

Bethany and/or Bill will track down relevant IFW data layers (heritage brook trout waters, EBTJV data, etc.) and follow up with Phillip regarding spring salamander and blue-spotted salamander data,

Merry will check with Phillip on Fishless Pond data, send along to Andy and Bethany.

Andy will do further investigation into a few data layers: NALCC geospatial analysis, and LUPC lake/pond classifications. Andy will also will type up meeting minutes, distributed, and schedule a follow up meeting.

Andy or Bethany serve as liaison with coastal group to make sure there is consistency and no duplication of effort.

Please let me know if I have omitted or mis-characterized anything on the call. Thanks!