

Fisheries Strategic Plan steering committee Meeting

March 3, 2020 Meeting Agenda

1pm–4pm, Maine Forest Products Council, Augusta

- I. Overview of the technical work group meetings and process used to develop draft goals, objectives, and strategies
 - II. Review of draft goals, objectives, and strategies for each species group
 - III. Next steps
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Attendees: Francis Brautigam, Joe Overlock, Matt Lubejko, Adam Gormley, Al Cowperthwaite, Bud Farwell, Carolann Ouellette, Don Kleiner, Eric Ward, Fern Bosse, Hannah Stevens, Kirby Holcombe, Ben Matthews (phone), Igor Sikorsky (phone)

Meeting minutes were not transcribed. This overview is intended to broadly outline the general sentiment of the steering committee and to identify next steps. The overview is intended to assist IFW with planning and meeting facilitation.

This meeting was held to provide the steering committee with an opportunity to review and discuss draft species goals presented by department staff, as outlined in a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Matt Lubejko. The presentation is available online and provides an outline of the subject matter covered.

Briefly, the goal development process for each of the species groups was presented followed by a review and discussion of the goals, objectives, and strategies. The steering committee was provided with draft G/O/S to review prior to the meeting to facilitate discussion. In the interest of the committee's time, some species groups were more broadly covered than others. To ensure that meeting time constraints did not limit discussions, the committee was provided additional time following the meeting to share any additional thoughts and correspondence by way of email.

The committee embraced the work completed to date by the Department and the public members serving on the technical work groups. No significant additional needs requiring further attention by the technical work groups were identified by the steering committee. A few minor revisions to existing drafts were made for clarification. Additional subsequent language revisions and restructuring is anticipated when the Department works with a technical writer to create a more user-friendly product, but the content and management direction should not change. The next steering committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for May–June 2020 and will likely focus on the review of additional sections of the Strategic Management Plan.