

Adaptive Harvest Management Task Force

Meeting Summary for January 9, 2003

The newly appointed AHM Task Force met for the first time on January 9, 2003 in Herndon, Virginia. The meeting focused on three tasks:

1. Fine-tuning the Guidelines for the Task Force;
2. Getting an update on the current technical work on AHM; and
3. Determining immediate next steps, tasks, and a schedule for carrying-out the work of the Task Force.

Guidelines

The Guidelines document was updated to reflect the Task Force is now up and running. The Task Force emphasized that their mission is to foster understanding and support for continued strategic development and implementation of AHM.

Technical Update

Fred Johnson from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Mike Johnson from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department attended the meeting representing the AHM Working Group. They provided an update on the efforts of the Working Group. They emphasized the need for the Task Force to provide guidance on policy level issues that went beyond the expertise and responsibility of the Working Group.

Next Steps

Task Force members agreed that although their work is long-term in nature, the Task Forces needs to provide recommendations to the IAFWA on issues relating to the 2003-04 regulations cycle.

A brief update on the Task Force will be provided to the SRC at their meeting on January 23. The Task Force Guidelines document along with this meeting summary will be distributed widely to keep people informed of Task Force work.

The Task Force will meet by conference call on February 24 with another meeting to follow in March.

Facilitator Contact

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