

2024 Science Committee Vacancy Work Group Charge

Background: The Stakeholder Committee and the Implementing Committee each are charged, pursuant to Subsection 7.9.1 of the FMA, with appointing an equal number of members to the Science Committee, with one appointment made jointly. Currently, there is a vacancy, resulting from the resignation of Megan Bean, for one of the positions appointed by the Stakeholder Committee. Megan, who previously worked for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and has extensive knowledge of the biology and ecology of fishes, has taken a position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and will be involved in the Service's ongoing oversight responsibilities for the EAHCP.

Work Group Membership: TBD following Stakeholder Committee discussion on July 25th, 2024, goal of at least five members including the Work Group chair.

- Kevin Mayes (willing to serve)
- Rachel Sanborn (willing to serve)
- Kimberly Meitzen (willing to serve)
- Patrick Shriver (willing to serve)
- Shaun Donovan (awaiting response on willingness to serve)
- Others?

Charge: The Work Group is charged with reviewing nominations to fill the vacancy for a Stakeholder-Committee-appointed position on the Science Committee and with presenting a recommendation to the Stakeholder Committee at the December 19, 2024, meeting for filling the vacancy. Anyone can submit a nomination by providing relevant information about the nominee, including contact information and confirmation of the nominee's willingness to serve, to EAHCP staff, preferably by August 23rd, 2024. We are tentatively planning for a virtual meeting of this Work Group the week of August 26th-30th to discuss nominations and recommend a specific nominee.

Term: The term of membership on the Work Group is initially set to extend until the end of the Stakeholder Committee meeting held on December 19, 2024.

Procedures: Pursuant to Subsections 8.1 and 8.7 of the Stakeholder Committee Program Operational Rules, the Work Group is authorized to conduct its business and hold meetings, with appropriate notice and opportunity for public input, entirely through virtual communication channels, including, but not limited to, Zoom or Microsoft Teams. For purposes of approving the final text of a Work Group report and/or approving meeting minutes, the Work Group also is authorized to rely solely on email communications or individual conversations, including by phone call, in lieu of a meeting. Adopted by the EAHCP Stakeholder Committee on July 25, 2024.