

**KS Wetland and Aquatic Resources Plan Team Meeting
July 9, 2007**

Teleconference

Tim Christian, KAWS, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the conference call and welcomed attendees. Attending were Christian, Doug Blex, and John Bond, KAWS; Deb Baker, KWO; Dan Zerr, KDHE; Paul Liechti, KBS; Frank Norman, AES; Rob Reschke, SCC; John Silovsky, KDWP; Mike Rich, US FWS; and Eliodora Chamberlain, EPA.

Apologies, still no contact with NRCS relative to mapping and other resources. Tim will make the contact and apprise the Team.

The Team reviewed the EPA wetland definition provided by Eliodora. The group consensus is to add this to the document for a jurisdictional definition and to include the Kansas Water Plan definition for wetlands outside regulation. Tim reviewed the KWP definition for riparian areas from the 1993 WRAP document, page 5. There were concerns noted regarding the use of this definition, but again consensus is to use this definition. Tim then asked if a definition for streams is needed. The Team discussed and determined that the definitions in the USACE nationwide permit would cover jurisdictional needs and that a couple of other definitions will be reviewed. Paul Liechti and Frank Norman will provide the definitions. It was noted that we will want definition that includes the hydrological, chemical, and biological components.

The Team reviewed the Minnesota update to their plan. Everyone agreed that we need a plan of action or mechanism to make sure that the KS plan is reviewed and followed. Dan Zerr pointed out the detailed plan of action for each goal area in the MN plan and that we could begin with something similar.

The Team provided input on the 1993 KS WRAP. It was suggested:

- To condense the information into one document and use appendices and other resources for the lesser used or less critical information,
- To review the goals and strategies as many of them are still applicable, then add any new ones,
- To update the agency guide,
- To use a county-level, general inventory reference similar to 93, and
- To update all components and add new areas.

John Bond indicated that he had talked with Lynn Thurlow, NCS, about using current unused Wetland Reserve Program funds (about \$500,000) to

complete a statewide inventory of wetland and potential wetlands. Dan noted that we should make statements in the plan document about under use of federal funds for wetland programs including WRP and CCRP.

Interim work (prior to the next meeting)

Send USACE definitions for streams to Tim – Paul Liechti

Other stream definitions to Tim – Frank Norman

Provide much more detail to the framework (outline) – Tim

The **next session** will be a teleconference to be set in August to review the framework. Tim will query the group for teleconference dates and times, then provide the conferencing numbers, passcode, etc. along with the agenda and other materials.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.