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## Field Office Checklist and TSP Certification Sample Plan Review

### Conservation Activity Plan – Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan Practice Activity Code (142)

(Refer to National Bulletin 450-11-1 for a complete listing of CAP Criteria)

**Purpose:** The purpose of this checklist is to provide guidance for components that need to be addressed or included in a Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan. This checklist is designed for use by NRCS staff as well as Technical Service Providers. Please refer to CAP Development Criteria for specific elements to be addressed.

**Instructions:** Note: The Fish & Wildlife Habitat CAP sample plan should be reviewed at the State level and is not required to be reviewed by National Headquarters. However, should the State not have the technical specialist to conduct the review, requests can be submitted (by the State Office) to NHQ for review. Submit the completed checklist and sample plan by mail or email to Tim Pilkowski, Natural Resources Specialist, TSP Team. See below for address info.

Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan	
<b>State/County:</b>	<b>Date Plan Submitted:</b>
<b>Producer/Owner:</b>	<b>Technical Service Provider:</b>
<p><b>A Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan</b> is a site-specific plan developed for a client who is ready to plan and implement decisions with consideration for fish and wildlife habitat and other biological resources.</p> <p>Technical Guidance, Criteria, and Content for the Fish &amp; Wildlife Plan is found at the URL: eDirectives <a href="http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/">http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/</a>. Navigate to: Handbooks Title 190 Ecological Sciences, Part 620 – National Biology Handbook.</p> <p><b>Minimum components of a Fish &amp; Wildlife Habitat Plan shall include:</b></p>	

1.	Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan Criteria
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>A. Background and Site Information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Landowner information – name, address, operation, size;</li> <li>2. Location and plan map of parcel;</li> <li>3. Documentation of existing practices/history;</li> <li>4. Resource inventory;</li> <li>5. Fish and wildlife resource concerns.</li> </ol>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>B. Client Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manage working lands for fish and wildlife habitat;</li> <li>2. Increase populations of selected species or groups;</li> <li>3. Maintain populations of selected species or groups;</li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Improve habitat for aquatic, wetland, and terrestrial species;</li> <li>5. Considerations for pollinator habitat and pollinator protection.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>C. Document Existing Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conservation plan map – boundaries, fields, streams, surface waters, wetlands, fences, riparian areas, land uses, etc.</li> <li>2. Soils map - legend, interpretations for fish and wildlife resources;</li> <li>3. Client’s decisions – conservation practices needed to achieve objectives;</li> <li>4. Habitat assessment, evaluations, or Habitat Suitability Index (HIS) models;</li> <li>5. Current management activities;</li> <li>6. Carry capacity for selected species/resources.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>D. Desired Future Conditions/Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fish and wildlife population levels;</li> <li>2. Restoration of fish and wildlife species or habitat types</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>E. Assessing/Monitoring of fish and wildlife populations using state specific habitat assessment guides.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>F. Conservation Practices and/or Activities and Support Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fish and wildlife-related Conservation Practice Standards;</li> <li>2. Habitat assessment guides (State specific);</li> <li>3. Requirements from State-specific Field Office Technical Guide.</li> </ul>

Yes	No	Checklist Approval
		I have reviewed this Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan and it meets all the criteria of the Conservation Activity Plan 142 in accordance with Section 2508 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008.
NRCS Representative Name and Title (print or type):		
NRCS Representative Signature		Date:
Notes (If “No” is checked, include reasons for denial, comments, missing items that need to be added, etc.):		

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