***TRBN Steering Committee Call – Tuesday, October 15, 2019 – 1:30 pm EST***

Attendees: Gillian Bee, Duncan Elkins, Danny Sells, Brad Collett, Rob Bullard, Kat Dierson, Andrea Leslie, Elizabeth Smith

**\*Bold = action items for next call**

* Website working group call on 10/15/2019
  + Discussed
  + NRCS Award
    - Kat, Danny, Rob, Shannon to work on this with Gillian
    - Be on the lookout for the email in regard to this
* Will work on web presence (FB, IG, Twitter) once the webpage is finalized
  + **Form social media workgroup after webpage finalized**
* **SEAFWA**
  + Shannon and Gillian will make contact with agencies for potential funding
    - Mallory Martin with USFWS (SECAS)
  + Gillian and Shannon to speak at the Wildlife Diversity Session
    - Introduce Network
    - How the Network can assist state wildlife agencies
* Report Card
  + How the report card is distributed and how it is updated in the future
  + **Ask Network as a whole to know how the report card is being used**
    - If not using it, why and how can we get them to use it
    - Always discuss in the monthly newsletter
    - Discuss in the November webinar
      * Form work group/task force (Kathy Hawes, John McFadden)
      * Discuss specific project to use the report card
  + Gillian to discuss with Director of Clean Water Network
    - Director, Kathy Hawes, excited about the report card and learning about its uses
    - Reach out to those Network members in Research and Land Management
* **November Webinar 11/19/19 at 11 am EST**
* Action Plan
  + Kat, Andrea, Shannon subcommittee
  + Gillian to check with TCF about meeting summary
  + How the Network may achieve Goals and Objectives
    - **Poll/email sent to Network members to understand better what resources within the Basin we want to focus on**
    - How to identify priorities and develop a framework to determine what the Network wants to work
    - **Gillian to review notes from in-person steering committee mtg and develop timeline for 2020 meeting**
    - Conservation needs list
      * Determine species most in need of basin-wide collaboration
* **Gillian to schedule first in-person mtg in Asheville**
  + Will update Steering Committee on discussion
* **Gillian will look into locations for the 2020 meeting in Chattanooga**
  + Mtg Planning Subcommittee – Elizabeth, Shannon, ???
  + Dates for TRBN Meeting, late July; early August 2020
  + VW site visit
  + Hotel with meeting accomodations
    - The Chattanoogan
    - The ChooChoo
    - Tennessee River Place
    - Chattanooga Conference Center
* **Gillian to send Doodle Poll on reoccurring meeting day/time**

\*\*Member Happenings

* Kat looking for partners for hellbender RCPP (ag-focused Network members)
  + **Gillian to send email to Network members**
  + Co-leveraging opportunity for NRCS will match the funding towards habitat restoration on agricultural lands (~ funding $1 million)
  + Will prioritize ag land specifically for habitat restoration
* Danny retiring; Executive Director for TACD (part-time position, 50-75% time involved)