

Joint SARP Science and Data Committee-SIFN WebEx, May 26, 2010

The joint conference was held around a discussion of flow alterations assessment, which was a priority task for both the SARP S&D committee and Southern Instream Flow Research Network. Scott Robinson opened the meeting with a summary of the recent SARP Steering Committee meeting in Little Rock. Emily Watson gave an update on the SARP S&D Riparian Buffer Assessment. Steven Hambry, the new USFWS GIS Specialist supporting SARP/SIFN, gave a presentation on the approach to assessing flow alterations from impervious surfaces, water consumption, and dams. He and Mary Davis led a discussion on data needs and other approaches. The second half of the meeting addressed two other priority research needs under the Research Agenda. John Faustini, the new USFWS hydrologist, discussed progress on the river classification. Robert Burgholzer of VA-DEQ and Mary Davis discussed progress on the Data Sprint. An introduction to the Wiki site (http://sifn.bse.vt.edu/sifnwiki/index.php/Main_Page) was given and participants were asked to contribute. More than 25 people participated throughout the 2 hour meeting. For more information, contact Mary Davis, SIFN Technical Coordinator (mdavis@tnc.org).