











# National Fish Habitat Action Plan Revision Status

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#### **Plan Revision Team**

- Plan Team
  - Board Staff
    - Eric Macmillan
    - Alex Atkinson
    - Ryan Roberts
    - Daniel Wieferich
    - Gary Whelan
  - Board Members
    - Peter Aarrestad
    - Doug Beard













## Plan Status and Principles

- Writing team reviewing and updating text
- Guiding Principles
  - Make the plan timeless
  - Move all mission and goals language out of the objectives
  - Simplify language
  - Remove redundancies
    - Example Objectives 3 (Community) and 5 (Communications)















#### **Plan Status**

- Guiding Principles
  - Move supporting text from objectives into explanatory area
  - Simplify organization chart
  - Keep FHP vignettes and map
  - Annual workplan enabling
  - Move roles to other documents or places















## **Specific Plan Revisions**

- Mission Unchanged
- Goals
  - Mostly unchanged
  - Combining two to reduce redundancy
- Objectives
  - Simplifying existing language
  - Removing Objective 2 as it was completed
  - Combining Objective 3 and 5
  - Add objective to increase fish habitat investment













#### **Plan Timeline**

- Late January Complete mission, goals and objectives updating and revision
  - Send to Board Plan Team members
  - Request to FHPs for vignettes and photos
- February Complete rest of supporting text
- Mid March Provide full draft of revised plan to Board
- April Board review of revised plan















# Thank You!

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#### **Mission**

The mission of the National Fish Habitat
 Partnership is to protect, restore, and enhance
 the nation's fish and aquatic communities
 through partnerships that foster fish habitat
 conservation and improve the quality of life for
 the American people.















#### **Draft Goals**

- Protect and maintain intact and healthy aquatic systems.
- Prevent further degradation of fish habitats that have been adversely affected.
- Increase the quality and quantity of aquatic habitats that support a broad natural diversity of fish and other aquatic species.















# **Draft Objectives**

- Achieve measurable habitat conservation results through strategic actions of Fish Habitat Partnerships, consistent with the Board's National Conservation Strategies.
- Broaden the community of support for fish habitat conservation.
- Complete fish habitat assessments that are necessary to strategically identify and prioritize implementation of fish habitat conservation actions.
- Increase public and private investments in fish habitat conservation.