## Federal Interagency Fish Passage Task Force June 13, 2023 NFHP Board Meeting Update

### Opportunity for Transformational Change

**\$2 billion in the Bipartisan** Infrastructure Law

**\$1 billion** in America the Beautiful

**\$2 billion** in the Inflation Reduction Act

**\$X billion** in the Farm Bill

(estimates)







#### **PARTNER WORKSHOP** Fish Passage Opportunities through

the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

National Conservation Training Center Shepherdstown, WV JULY 18-20, 2022



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Develop a foundation for a more holistic, collaborative, and efficient approach among federal agencies working with stakeholders, tribes, and partners to effectively award BIL funding, maximize conservation objectives, and create co-benefits.





## Task Force Objectives

- 1. AVOID DUPLICATION to make conservation impact
- 2. CREATE interagency and organizational efficiencies
- 3. **DEVELOP** long term policy change to reduce future fish barriers
- 4. COORDINATE national efforts to raise awareness about problem, potential, and results
- 5. CONTINUALLY IMPROVE and share lessons learned
- 6. ENSURE that the benefits of projects meet the needs of tribes and other disadvantaged communities



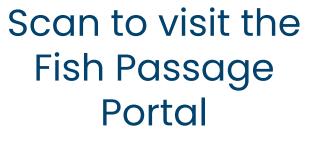
## **Task Force Activities Underway**

- 1. Fish Passage Portal
- 2. Streamlining Federal Application and Reporting Requirements
- 3. Improving and Aligning Project Selection Processes
- 4. National Aquatic Barrier Inventory
- 5. Expand the Fish Passage Family and Telling the Fish Passage Story
- 6. Interagency Cadre of Experts
- 7. Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

### **Fish Passage Portal**

The portal will be expanded over time but currently includes the following key elements:

- One-stop shop for BIL fish passage funding opportunities
- Links to funding application sites
- Project related information including a project dashboard
- Resources for fish passage practitioners including information on training, links to barrier inventories, etc.
- Agency points of contact





## Support Coordination and Implementation through Stakeholder Engagement

Employ existing partnerships and mechanisms

Broaden group of stakeholders that consider fish passage/aquatic connectivity part of their mission

Create benefits for disadvantaged or tribal communities



#### Ongoing Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

- Fall 2023 Fish Passage Workshop
- "Quarterly" Stakeholder Webinars
- Outreach to Tribes and Tribal Consortia
- Ongoing outreach at conferences, association meetings, and with various stakeholder groups



## Fish Passage Partner Workshop

October 10–11, 2023 Denver, CO Save the Date coming soon.



## Thanks!

# Questions, comments, feedback?

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### Scan to visit the Fish Passage Portal