



# NFHP Board FY2022 National Conservation Priorities

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# 2020 ACE Act Requirement

- Title II Section 201 (2) requires establishment of a consensus set of national conservation strategies as a framework to guide future actions and investment by Fish Habitat Partnerships



## November 2007 Conservation Strategies

- Strategies to conserve the fish habitat, support broad natural diversity of fish and other life, to promote self-sustaining fish populations, and provide successful fishing opportunities:
  - **Protection** - Identify and protect intact and healthy waters.
  - **Hydrology** - Restore natural variability in river and stream flows and water surface elevations in natural lakes and reservoirs.
  - **Connectivity** - Reconnect fragmented river, stream, reservoir, coastal, and lake habitats to allow access to historic spawning, nursery and rearing grounds.
  - **Water Quality** - Reduce and maintain sedimentation, P and N runoff to river, stream, reservoir, coastal, and lake habitats to a level within 25% of the expected natural variance in these factors or above numeric state water quality criteria



# November 2007 Conservation Strategies

- All strategies had specific numeric targets and how to measure success
  - Protect 1000 miles of intact and healthy river and stream habitat including natural stream flows
    - Success measure – Miles protected
  - Restore river and stream flows to within 10% of natural flow variation on 200 miles of degraded rivers and streams
    - Success measure – Miles rehabilitated
- Assumed funding of \$75-100 million annually



## February 2013 Conservation Priorities

- Strategies
  - Protect intact and healthy waters
  - Restore hydrologic conditions for fish
  - Reconnect fragmented fish habitats
  - Restore water quality
- All strategies were qualitative and examples for each were provided
- Recognized the available funding level \$6-7 million+ annually



## Staff Recommendation

- Use legacy priorities and strategies for FY2022
- Fully develop Board conservation priorities starting with option review in October
- Interim Priorities
  1. Protect intact healthy waters
  2. Restore hydrologic conditions for fish
  3. Reconnect fragmented fish habitats
  4. Restore water quality
  5. Coordination and operational support for FHPs to make on-the-ground progress within program appropriations



## Decision Requested on Staff Recommendation

- **Yes**, the Board approves the staff recommended interim National Fish Habitat Conservation Priorities for use with the FY2022 FHP project selection process and will review future options for the Board's National Fish Habitat Conservation Priorities in October 2021.
- **No**, the Board does not approve the staff recommendation for interim National Fish Habitat Conservation Priorities for the FY2022 FHP project selection process. The Board will develop a set of interim National Fish Habitat Conservation Priorities for use with the FY2022 project selections and will review future options for the Board's National Fish Habitat Conservation Priorities in October.



# Questions or Comments

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