

NATIONAL FISH HABITAT ACTION PLAN UPDATE





**ACTION
PLAN
REVISION
TEAM
MEMBERS**

- Anne Kinsinger (Federal Agency)
- Pat Rivers (State Agency)
- Adam Ringia (Tribes)
- Gene Gilliland (Recreational Fishing)
- Chris Moore (Board At-Large)
- Steve Perry (Board At-Large)
- Todd Ewing, Lori Maloney, Holly Steindorf (FHP Coordinators)
- Jason Olive and Alex McOwen (Board Staff)

PROCESS TIMELINE

Action	Deadline
AP Team Formed, Draft Mission and Goals Developed	November 2024 Board Meeting
Survey NFHP Board Members and FHP Coordinators to Inform Objectives	November-December 2024
Survey Key Stakeholders to Inform Objectives	January-February 2025
Draft AP Introductory Materials, Mission and Goals, and Implementation Strategies	January 2025 Board Meeting
Revisions to Draft Intro, Report on Stakeholder Input and Development of SMART Objectives	June 2025 Board Meeting
Completion of External Reviews	Fall 2025 Board Meeting
Final Draft for Board Approval	December 2025 Board Meeting
Graphic Design and Printing	April 2026- 20 th Anniversary Celebration

NFHP MISSION

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

Proposed new
element of AP!

ACTION PLAN PURPOSE STATEMENT

- The purpose of this Action Plan is to provide a blueprint to define and measure successful implementation of the National Fish Habitat Partnership.

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The purpose of this title is to encourage partnerships among public agencies and other interested persons to promote fish conservation—

- 1) **to achieve measurable habitat conservation results through strategic actions of Fish Habitat Partnerships that lead to better fish habitat conditions and increased fishing opportunities by—**
 - (A) improving ecological conditions;
 - (B) restoring natural processes; or
 - (C) preventing the decline of intact and healthy systems;

- 2) **to establish a consensus set of national conservation strategies as a framework to guide future actions and investment by Fish Habitat Partnerships;**

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- 3) **to broaden the community of support for fish habitat conservation** by— (A) increasing fishing opportunities; (B) fostering the participation of local communities, especially young people in local communities, in conservation activities; and (C) raising public awareness of the role healthy fish habitat play in the quality of life and economic well-being of local communities;
- 4) **to fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and the associated database of the National Fish Habitat Assessment**— (A) to empower strategic conservation actions supported by broadly available scientific information; and (B) to integrate socioeconomic data in the analysis to improve the lives of humans in a manner consistent with fish habitat conservation goals; and
- 5) **to communicate to the public and conservation partners**— (A) the conservation outcomes produced collectively by Fish Habitat Partnerships; and (B) new opportunities and voluntary approaches for conserving fish habitat.

CONNECTION TO THE ACTION PLANS

- The five key points in Section 201 were taken from the five “Objectives” in the 2012 Action Plan
- The five “Objectives” in the 2012 Action Plan were derivatives of the five points in the 2006 Action Plan outlining how the mission will be achieved.
 - One exception was that, “Provide national leadership and coordination to conserve fish habitats” was replaced by “Communicate to the public and conservation partners...”

DRAFT GOALS



Provide national leadership and coordination.



Mobilize and focus national, regional, and local support for fish habitat conservation.



Achieve measurable, science-based fish habitat conservation outcomes.



Evaluate and communicate the status of fish habitats and address gaps in scientific knowledge.

BOARD MEMBER AND FHP COORDINATOR SURVEY

- Five open response questions
- Will be distributed on November 7
- Please complete survey by December 10
- Responses will be used by the Action Plan team when developing strategic objectives and actions

DISCUSSION