



FY2024 Recommended NFHP Projects

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Outline

- Board responsibility & requirements
- Recommendation development
- Final recommendation summary
- Staff recommendation
- Potential motion



Board Responsibilities & Requirements

- Key ACE Act requirements
 - Section 203(a)(1)(D) – Board duty to review and make recommendations regarding fish habitat conservation projects.
 - Section 203(e)(1)(B) – No recommendations may be adopted by the Board, except by the vote of 2/3 of all members.
 - Section 205(b) – Board shall submit to the Secretary a priority list of projects including a description and estimated cost of each project for Secretary approval and funding by July 1.



Thanks to the Board Review Team & Staff!

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Recommendation Development

- Two groups scored 12-13 FHPs each (10 per group + 2-3 more randomly assigned)
- Developed 3 tiers of funding based on FHP scores
- FHPs were scored on:
 - “Hard” & “soft” ACE Act criteria
 - Justification for operational funds
 - Overall application
- New this year - All FHPs received a report card with their score & reviewer comments



NFHP Proposed Project Review (FY24)

Select a FHP

None

Tribal lead?

None

Projects

132

NFHP Funds Requested

8.1M

Federal Leveraged Funds

4.1M

Non-Federal Match Funds

19.7M

All Leveraged Funds

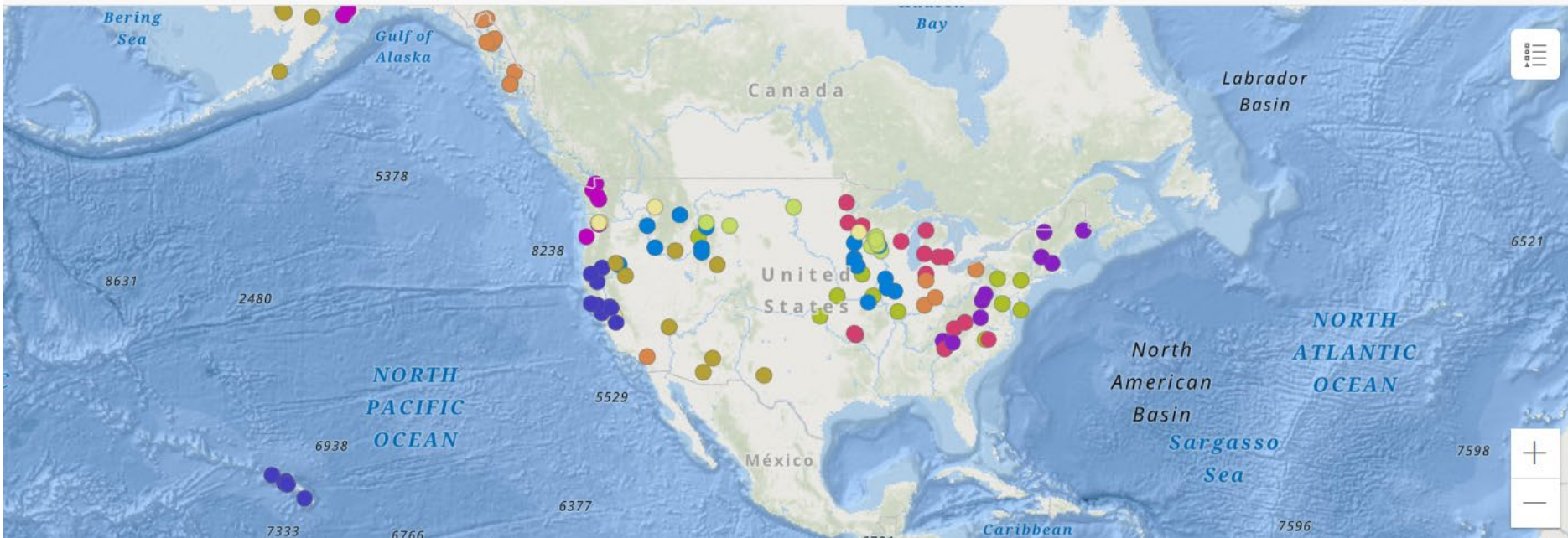
25.8M

Other Leveraged Funds

2.2M

Non-Federal Match Ratio

 **2.42**





Board Review Team Recommendation

- All proposed projects should be included in Board recommendations to DOI with implementation contingent on available funding.
- Three levels of funding presuming ~\$6.1 million in project funding including operational funding for 20 FHPs of \$85K
 - Tier 1 - \$300,000
 - Tier 2 - \$200,000
 - Tier 3 - \$85,000
- Matched by ~\$20 million in non-federal funds
- Recommending 134 conservation projects be advanced for Sec. of Interior consideration (incl. Board funding)



Board Operations Project Proposal

Component	Cost	Match
Board Travel and Meeting Support	\$ 18,000	\$ 105,000
SDC Travel and Meeting Support	\$ 32,000	\$ 62,000
Communications and Program Support	\$ 199,119	\$ 199,119
Project Tracking Database	\$ 85,055	\$ 85,055
Board Assessment Data System Maintenance	\$ 175,000	\$ 30,000
Total	\$ 509,174	\$ 481,174



Board Recommended Project

Component	Cost	Match
FHP Projects (134)	\$8,600,000	\$20,200,000
Board Operations	\$ 509,174	\$ 481,174
Total Cost and Non-Federal Match	\$ 9,109,174	\$ 20,681,174



Board Staff Recommendation

- Board staff recommends that the complete Board Recommended Project be approved by the Board.



Recommended Motion

- It is moved that the Board Recommended Project including both the FHP Projects and the Board Operations components be approved to be submitted by July 1 to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior by the Board Chairman.