



Fish and Aquatic
CONSERVATION
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Interagency Operational Plan

PL 116–188– Title 2, Section 208

Legislative Mandate

- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 5 years thereafter, the Director, in cooperation with...other federal agencies mentioned in the Act...shall develop an interagency operational plan that describes—
 - (1) the functional, operational, technical, scientific, and general staff, administrative, and material needs for the implementation of this title; and
 - (2) any interagency agreements between or among Federal departments and agencies to address those needs.

Strategies and Resources Contributed by Federal Agencies to the National Fish Habitat Partnership

2012 Federal Caucus member agencies	Leadership	Funding	Data sharing / database development	Education	Recruiting partners	Monitoring/ evaluation	Strategic planning	Technical expertise	Projects on federal lands
Department of Commerce									
NOAA Fisheries Service	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
National Ocean Service			●					●	
Department of the Interior									
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
U.S. Geological Survey	●		●		●		●	●	
Bureau of Land Management	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Office of Surface Mining		●		●	●	●		●	
National Park Service			●	●	●	●		●	●
Bureau of Reclamation	●				●			●	
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management			●	●	●	●		●	●
Department of Agriculture									
Forest Service	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Natural Resources Conservation Service		●		●	●		●	●	
Farm Service Agency					●			●	
Environmental Protection Agency		●	●	●	●			●	
Department of Defense (DoD)									
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	●	●	●		●			●	
DoD Natural Resources Program								●	●
Department of Transportation									
Federal Highway Administration		●		●	●			●	
Department of Homeland Security									
Federal Emergency Management Agency		●		●	●				

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Current Status and Near-Term Plans

- The IOP Core Development Team met in November and December to discuss the content and format
- Jason reached out to each agency representative in January to discuss the effort, seek buy-in, and share the format
- Agency representatives were asked to submit their agency's information by late March/early April
- Initial draft of Chapters 1-3 submitted to Board in late July with discussion at Summer Board meeting

IOP Development Timeline



Agencies Included in IOP So Far

Agency	
USFWS	NASA
NOAA	BPA
USGS	BOEM
USFS	DIA
BLM	NRCS
EPA	USACE
NPS	FHWA
BOR	FEMA



Final Points

- The IOP will fulfill the mandate from the ACE Act and will address all of the Board's concerns from the response letter following the previous version
- The IOP will be a useful resource for everyone planning to conduct aquatic habitat conservation work in the U.S., whether NFHP-related or not

A large school of salmon swimming in clear, shallow water. The fish are densely packed and moving in various directions, creating a sense of a busy, natural environment. The water is a vibrant blue-green color, and the bottom of the tank is visible, covered in a layer of light-colored gravel or sand. The lighting is bright, highlighting the scales and fins of the fish.

Questions?