



Science & Data Committee Update

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Science and Data Committee Items

- 2025 National Fish Habitat Assessment
- National Conservation Priorities
- Board Project Tracking System



2025 National Fish Habitat Assessment

- Development Plan

- High level prospectuses for each option have been drafted

- Under review with SDC at this time

- Provide to Board and FHPs for comment by late September.

- Request all comments and preferences by late October

- Determine Assessment option at December meeting.



SDC Selected Options for Further Evaluation

- 2015 approach with updated data layers and current coastal assessments to include filling known gaps in hydrology, grazing intensity, timber harvest and socioeconomics.
- 2015 approach in Option 1 and incorporate missing mesohabitats of lakes, impoundments, reservoirs and coastal areas.
- 2015 approach in Option 1 and incorporate a climate/resiliency component.



National Conservation Priorities

- Requested Board vote on NCP Decision Document in August
 - Decision – Whether to keep NCPs the same through the FY2025 project cycle
- Received the needed 2/3 affirmative vote from Board and existing NCPs will remain in place for FY2025



Board Project Tracking Database

- Working with USFWS on Fisheries Information System (FIS) interaction and coordination with Board Project Tracking System
- Working to reduce duplicate efforts on data entry



Questions and Comments

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