



# Science and Data Committee Report

- Status of 2017 Priorities
- Proposed 2018 Priorities

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# 2017 Priorities

- Enhancement of the 2015 National Assessment (Priority O).
- Planning and Initiation of Future Assessment Work (Priority P).
- National Project Tracking Database Development (Priority Q)
- Ensure the functions of the Board's Science and Data Committee and provide outreach on Board work (Priority R).
- Maintaining and improving the NFHP Data System (Priority S).



# Enhancement of the 2015 National Assessment (Priority O)

- Added features
  - Permanent streams layer
  - Improved data layer retrieval
  - State results
- Report tracking
- Outreach and Education
  - Multiple webinars – November next with FHPs
  - NAFWC and AFWA meetings
  - AFS Workshop
  - AFS Symposium
  - Wild Trout Symposium



# Planning and Initiation of Future Assessment Work (Priority P)

- Board approved Assessment Direction in June
  - Inland – Update with current layers and add connectivity and hydrology
  - Great Lakes – Spatial system, habitat classification and fish response to habitat analysis
  - Coastal – No changes to 2015 Assessment, regional assessments based on EFH constructs.
- Initiated scoping for hydrology and connectivity
  - 6 FHPs responded to initial request
  - Coastal proposal developed



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## **SDC functioning and Outreach on Board Science and Data Work (Priority R)**

- Ensured SDC was informed on Board and FHP work through email and conference calls
- Provided outreach presentations at NAFWC, AFWA, AFS, and Wild Trout Symposium



# Maintaining and Improving NFHP Data System (Priority S)

- System maintenance and hosting
- Added new datasets for downloading
- Dynamic querying for FHP and state level





# 2018 Priorities

- Continue outreach efforts on the 2015 National Assessment
- Planning and Initiation of Future Assessment Work
  - Budget need - \$156K from USFWS and \$50K from NOAA
- Continue work on National Project Tracking Database Development
  - Budget need - \$20K
- Maintaining and improving the NFHP Data System
  - USGS in-kind support
- Science and Data Committee operations
  - Budget need - \$15K for SDC meeting and \$12K for Chair support
- Develop evaluation standards for FHP projects