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National Fish Habitat Partnership

October 2021 CCC Meeting

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Mission

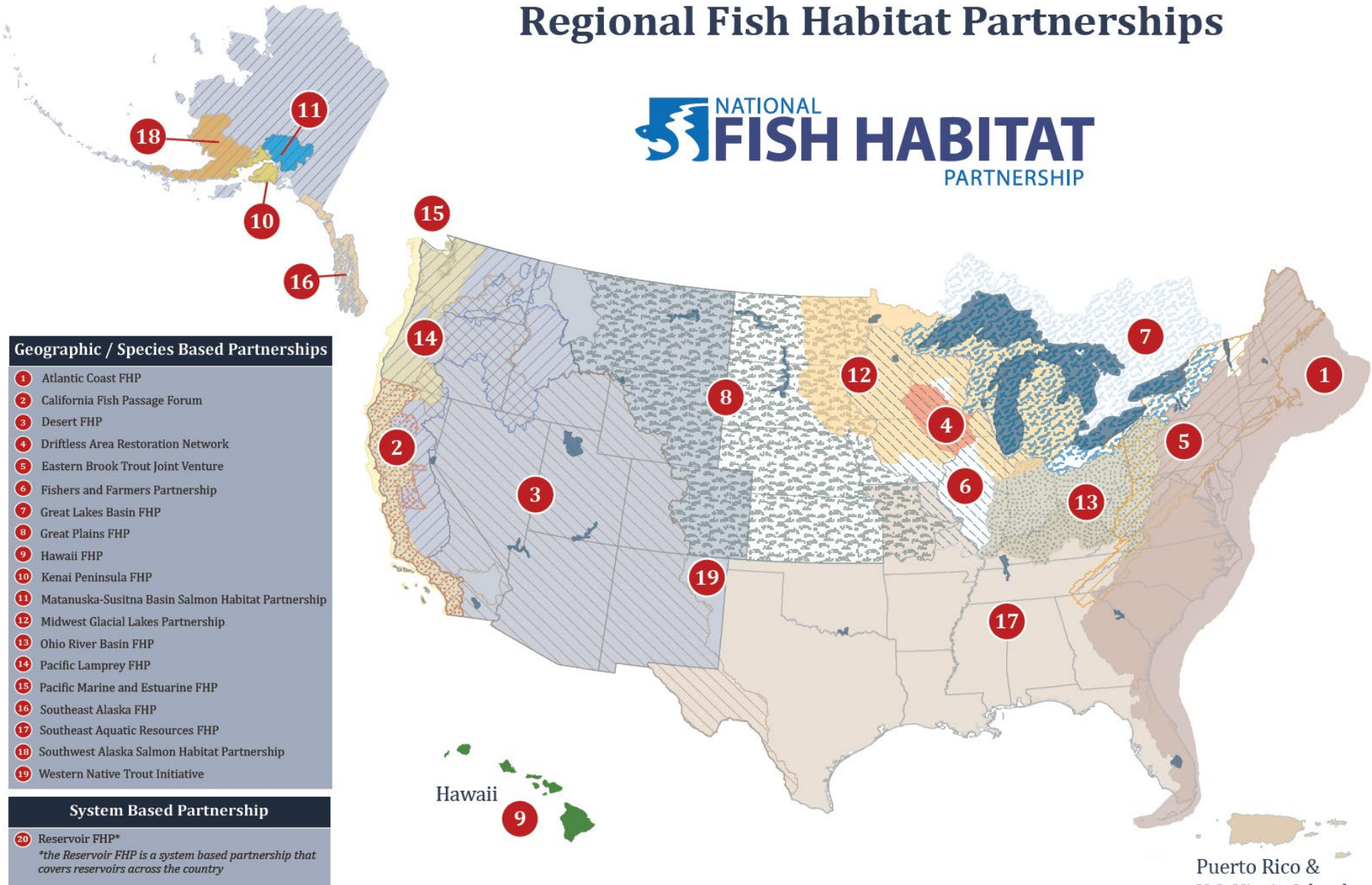
To **protect, restore, and enhance** the nation's fish and aquatic communities through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation and improve the quality of life for the American people.



Goals

1. Protect and maintain intact and healthy aquatic systems
2. Prevent further degradation of fish habitats that have been adversely affected
3. Reverse declines in the quality and quantity of aquatic habitats to improve the overall health of fish and other aquatic organisms
4. Increase the quality and quantity of fish habitats that support a broad natural diversity of fish and other aquatic species

Regional Fish Habitat Partnerships



Geographic / Species Based Partnerships

- 1 Atlantic Coast FHP
- 2 California Fish Passage Forum
- 3 Desert FHP
- 4 Driftless Area Restoration Network
- 5 Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture
- 6 Fishers and Farmers Partnership
- 7 Great Lakes Basin FHP
- 8 Great Plains FHP
- 9 Hawaii FHP
- 10 Kenai Peninsula FHP
- 11 Matanuska-Susitna Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership
- 12 Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership
- 13 Ohio River Basin FHP
- 14 Pacific Lamprey FHP
- 15 Pacific Marine and Estuarine FHP
- 16 Southeast Alaska FHP
- 17 Southeast Aquatic Resources FHP
- 18 Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership
- 19 Western Native Trout Initiative

System Based Partnership

- 20 Reservoir FHP*
*the Reservoir FHP is a system based partnership that covers reservoirs across the country

Hawaii 9

Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands

Note: Alaska and islands not to scale
Includes current fish habitat partnerships, approved by the NFHP Board, June 2016.



NFHP Project Examples



Lynnhaven River, VA

- Enhancing recreational fishing opportunities
- Construction on one-acre Oyster Reef





NFHP Project Examples



- **Wildcat Creek Fish Passage & Community Engagement Program**
 - Historic barrier replacement project providing additional spawning habitat for steelhead and anadromous species.



2021 Waters to Watch Projects

- **Applegate Watershed, Oregon – Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative**
- **Bear Creek, Wisconsin – Driftless Area Restoration Effort (Retrospective Project - 2012)**
- **Beaver Lake, Arkansas – Reservoir Fish Habitat Partnership**
- **Buckhorn Ranch Alum Fork River Saline River, Arkansas – Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership**
- **Cannon River Watershed (Heath, Rice, and Wolf Creeks), Minnesota – Fishers & Farmers Partnership**
- **Eklutna River, Alaska – Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership**
- **Holly Creek, Georgia – Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership**
- **Jordan Creek, Alaska – Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership**
- **Lawrence Creek, California – California Fish Passage Forum**
- **Monatiquot River, Massachusetts – Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership**



America's Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Act 2020

- Codifies the National Fish Habitat Partnership
- Expands the Board membership to 26
- Authorizes funding to partner organizations
- Adds Congressional reporting requirements
- Among others



Conservation Priorities for FY22

1. Protect intact healthy waters
2. Restore hydrologic conditions for fish
3. Reconnect fragmented fish habitats
4. Restore water quality
5. Coordination and operational support for FHPs



NFHP Resources

- <https://fishhabitat.org/news>
- <https://bit.ly/3BgKrKY> (YouTube)
- <https://facebook.com/NFHAP>
- <https://twitter.com/fishhabitat>