

Promoting Strategic Fish Habitat Conservation through Regionally-Coordinated Science and Collaboration (ASMFC/EBTJV Contract #.....)

Scope of Work:

2014 MSCGP Grant Objective 1: Fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and its associated database to empower strategic conservation action supported by broadly available scientific information.

2014 MSCGP Grant Action 1.1: Advance each partnership's habitat assessments and assist the National Fish Habitat Science and Data Committee in improving the 2015 status report by filling major data gaps with regional-specific fish population, habitat, and human impact monitoring data.

2014 MSCGP Grant Task 1.1.1: In partnership with LCCs, continue to collect, and compile regional fish population and aquatic habitat data for use in decision support tools for aquatic habitat restoration and conservation actions, and share data of mutual need.

2014 MSCGP Grant Objective 2: Broaden the community of support for fish habitat conservation by effectively communicating the conservation outcomes produced by the Eastern Fish Habitat Partnerships, as along with advancing new opportunities and voluntary approaches for conserving fish habitat.

2014 MSCGP Grant Action 2.1: Coordinate ACFHP, SARP, and EBTJV partner engagement and outreach activities to strengthen and expand an already robust base of on-the-ground conservation partners. Implement strategies developed previously by the Whitewater to Bluewater partnership and via the National Fish Habitat Partnership Fish Habitat Excellence Workshop, to enhance their organizational capacity to engage and sustain partners.

2014 MSCGP Grant Task 2.1.1: Communicate the results of NFHP, FHP, and partner-led habitat conservation projects via web, print and in-person outreach, aided by strategies previously developed via the Whitewater to Bluewater partnership.

2014 Task MSCGP Grant 2.1.2: Complete development and begin to implement Sustainable FHP plans developed through a previously conducted organizational review/capacity assessment with knowledge gained via participation in the national workshop to enhance the effectiveness and capacity of the FHPs to achieve their missions and goals.

2014 MSCGP Grant Objective 3: Achieve measurable habitat conservation results through strategic actions of the Eastern Fish Habitat Partnerships that improve ecological condition, restore natural processes, or prevent the decline of intact and healthy systems leading to better fish habitat conditions and increased fishing opportunities.

2014 MSCGP Grant Action 3.1: Retain and enhance critical capacity to implement each of the individual FHP's Partnership Strategic Plans by facilitating completion of prioritized, on-the-ground, partner-led fish habitat conservation projects that achieve measurable results towards National Fish Habitat Action Plan goals and strategies.

2014 MSCGP Grant Task 3.1.1: Support regular meetings of the individual FHP Steering Committees to engage with partners, identify opportunities to implement the FHP Strategic Plans, and prioritize actions toward protection and restoring function of eastern aquatic habitats.

2014 MSCGP Grant Task 3.1.2: Support FHP staff who facilitate implementation of Strategic Plan activities towards protecting and restoring function of eastern aquatic habitats, communicating those accomplishments to stakeholders, and coordinate science objectives supporting fish habitat conservation efforts.