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Memorandum

To: Regional Directors
Assistant Regional Directors – Fish and Aquatic Conservation

From: Director 

Subject: FY15 FWS NFHAP Project Funding

Working with others to protect, conserve, and enhance fish and their habitats is an essential component of the Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) mission. To help achieve this, the FWS is committed to supporting the National Fish Habitat Action Plan (NFHAP or Action Plan) and the Fish Habitat Partnerships (FHPs) that implement it. The Action Plan is a science-based, voluntary effort to address fish and aquatic habitat issues. In fiscal year (FY) 2015, the FWS is providing \$3,176,149 to support cost-shared, strategic fish and aquatic habitat projects that address the goals of the Action Plan.

Eighteen FHPs will receive \$75,000 each in stable operational support totaling \$1,350,000. The remaining \$1,826,149 of the project funds will be distributed based on each FHP's performance level (PL) score for FY15. Each FHP's PL score was determined by applying the FWS's NFHAP Allocation Methodology, adopted in December 2013. The resulting PL scores and respective funding amounts for each FHP can be found in the attachment.

FWS funds will be used to support FHP operations, conduct aquatic habitat assessments, and implement on-the-ground conservation projects that address the goals of the Action Plan and align with the mission of the FWS. Specifically, the FHP's will use the funds to implement proposed projects identified in their Work Plan and Accomplishment Reports. In case of delays, funds may be carried over to FY16 and used as soon as possible. Additionally, all projects will be tracked and project accomplishments will be reported in the FWS's Fisheries Information System –Accomplishments Module.

The FWS looks forward to continuing its support of the Action Plan and partnering with the FHPs. If you have questions regarding FY15 Action Plan allocations, please contact Mr. David Hoskins, Assistant Director for Fish and Aquatic Conservation, at 703-358-2250 or David_Hoskins@fws.gov.

Attachments

Table 1. Number of Fish Habitat Partnerships (FHPs) at each performance level (Level) and respective project funding amount for FY15

Performance Levels	Number of FHPs at each Level	Project Funding at each Level
Level 1	7 FHPs	\$53,710
Level 2	9 FHPs	\$161,131
Level 3	N/A	N/A

Table 2. FY15 performance levels and the corresponding funding amount for each FHP

Lead FWS Region	Fish Habitat Partnership Name	Performance Level ¹	Funding Amount ²
1	Hawaii Fish Habitat Partnership	1	\$128,710
	Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership	2	\$236,131
2	Desert Fish Habitat Partnership	1	\$128,710
3	Driftless Area Restoration Effort	2	\$236,131
	Fishers and Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin	2	\$236,131
	Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership	N/A	\$75,000
	Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership	N/A	\$75,000
	Ohio River Basin Fish Habitat Partnership	2	\$236,131
4	Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership	2	\$236,131

¹ FHP performance levels are applicable to the 2015 federal fiscal year, only

² FHP funding amounts include \$75,000 of operational support for each Fish Habitat Partnership

Attachment 1 –FY15 National Fish Habitat Action Plan (NFHAP) Project Funding

Lead FWS Region	Fish Habitat Partnership Name	Performance Level ¹	Funding Amount ²
5	Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership	2	\$236,131
	Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture	2	\$236,131
6	Great Plains Fish Habitat Partnership	1	\$128,710
7	Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership	1	\$128,710
	Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership	2	\$236,131
	Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership	2	\$236,131
8	California Fish Passage Forum	1	\$128,710
	Western Native Trout Initiative	1	\$128,710
HQ	Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership	1	\$128,710

Total FY15 NFHAP Project Funding \$3,176,149