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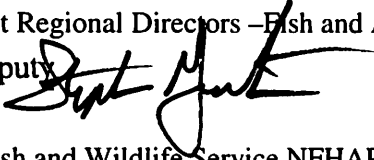
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## Memorandum

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

From: Principal Deputy  
Director 

Subject: FY18 Fish and Wildlife Service 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 (Service) mission. To help achieve this, the Service is committed to supporting the National Fish Habitat Action Plan (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 across the US. In fiscal year (FY) 2018, the Service is providing \$3,966,000 to support cost-shared, strategic fish and aquatic habitat projects that address the goals of the Action Plan. This is an increase of \$794,125 from the FY 2017 funding level.

In FY18, the Service will provide operation support to all twenty FHP's. They each will receive \$75,000 in stable operational support totaling \$1,500,000. The remaining \$2,466,000 of the project funds will be distributed based on each FHP's performance level (PL) score for FY18. Each FHP's PL score was determined by applying the Action Plan Allocation Methodology, adopted in December 2013 and revised in November 2015. The resulting PL scores and respective funding amounts for each FHP can be found in the attachment.

Service 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 Service. 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 FY19 and used as soon as possible. Additionally, all projects will be tracked and project accomplishments will be reported in the Service's Fisheries Information System.

The Service looks forward to continuing its support of the Action Plan and partnering with the FHPs. If you have questions regarding FY18 Action Plan allocations, please contact David Hoskins, Assistant Director for Fish and Aquatic Conservation, at 703-358-2250 or [David\\_Hoskins@fws.gov](mailto:David_Hoskins@fws.gov).

Attachments

Table 1. Number of Fish Habitat Partnerships (FHPs) at each performance level (Level) and respective project funding amount for FY18

Performance Levels	Number of FHPs at each Level	Project Funding at each Level
Level 1	3 FHPs	\$46,528
Level 2	10 FHPs	\$139,585
Level 3	4 FHPs	\$232,641

Table 2. FY18 performance levels and the corresponding funding amount for each FHP

Lead FWS Region	Fish Habitat Partnership Name	Performance Level <sup>1</sup>	Total FY18 FHP Funding <sup>2</sup>
1	Hawaii Fish Habitat Partnership	1	\$121,528
	Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership	2	\$214,585
	Pacific Lamprey FHP	N/A	\$75,000
2	Desert Fish Habitat Partnership	2	\$214,585
	Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership	2	\$214,585
3	Driftless Area Restoration Effort	2	\$214,585
	Fishers and Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin	1	\$121,528
	Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership	N/A	\$75,000
	Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership	3	\$307,641

<sup>1</sup> FHP performance levels are applicable to the 2018 federal fiscal year, only

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

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	Ohio River Basin Fish Habitat Partnership	1	\$121,528
4	Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership	2	\$214,585
5	Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership	2	\$214,585
	Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture	3	\$307,641
6	Great Plains Fish Habitat Partnership	2	\$214,585
7	Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership	2	\$214,585
	Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership	3	\$307,641
	Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership	2	\$214,585
	Southeast Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership	N/A	\$75,000
8	California Fish Passage Forum	2	\$214,585
	Western Native Trout Initiative	3	\$307,641