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RECREATIONAL FISHERIES UPDATE

Council Coordination Committee

May 18th, 2022

March 29th & 30th, 2022

Agenda Topics:

- Climate Resilient Fisheries
- Balancing Ocean Uses
- Data Collection & Use
- Management Flexibility & Optimum Yield



Keynote: Whit Fosburgh, President & CEO, TRCP

175 in-person participants & ~90 on-line/day

Steering Committee: Anglers & Interstate Fisheries Commissions

Summit Discussions – Climate

Primary Concerns:

- Adverse impacts to natural resources
- Lack of scientific baseline to fully understand climate driven changes
- Loss of access to fishery resources
- Loss of revenue (for-hire and shore-side businesses)
- Pace of change exceeding pace of management & science processes

Interest In:

- NOAA leadership on inter-council species allocation/jurisdictional issues
- Regulatory and scientific nimbleness
- Additional climate engagement (incl. data collection) & education

Summit Discussions – Ocean Uses

Primary Concerns:

- Impacts to target species, forage fish, habitat, access, etc
- Lack of comprehensive understanding of baseline conditions
- Lack of recreational data needed for planning & development

Interest In:

- Monitoring short and long-term impacts
- Early stakeholder involvement in project siting, design & development
- Identifying secondary/ancillary benefits of new infrastructure
- Maintaining structures long-term after decommissioning

Summit Discussions – Recreational Data

Primary concerns:

- Data being used beyond its capability
- Angler concerns over data are not heard / addressed
- Uncertainty is undermining trust among anglers
- Climatic shifts may be adding to uncertainty
- Funding for data collection

Interest in:

- Better recreational fishery dependent data
- More fishery independent data
- Understanding how to incorporate citizen science and angler data into the federal system
- Greater fed/state public engagement re: data collection and application, and dissemination of results

Summit Discussions – Recreational Management

Management Flexibility & Reform:

- Highly variable concepts
- Support for management flexibility; concerns over understanding of associated risks
- Increase speed/responsiveness of management; incorporate backstops
- Flexibility vs. stability

Optimum Yield:

- Highly variable concept
- Account for human dimensions aspects
- Need to understand angler motivations
- Quantify socio-economic impacts and value of fish left in the water
- Concerns that leaving fish in the water seen as failing to achieve MSY

Summit Next Steps

- Internal agency feedback discussions (*in progress*)
- Develop website outlining next steps (*under development*)
- Final Summit Report (*June 30*)
- Feedback discussions with external science and management partners
- Develop recreational fisheries initiative strategic plan
- Initiate review of National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy

HABITAT RESTORATION PARTNERSHIPS



Increasing Recreational Fisheries Engagement through the FHPs

Goal: enhance collaboration with recreational, subsistence, cultural, and non-commercial fishing communities and to protect and restore habitat.

Funding projects with both habitat & recreational community engagement.

FY	NOAA Support	# Projects	FHPs Supported
FY18	~\$40,000	2	SARP
FY19	~\$120,000	3	SARP, ACFHP, Kenai
FY20	~\$170,000	4	SEAKFHP, WNTI, PMEP, ACFHP
FY21	~250,000	4	SARP, ACFHP, PMEP, WNTI
FY22	~\$150,00	TBD	TBD

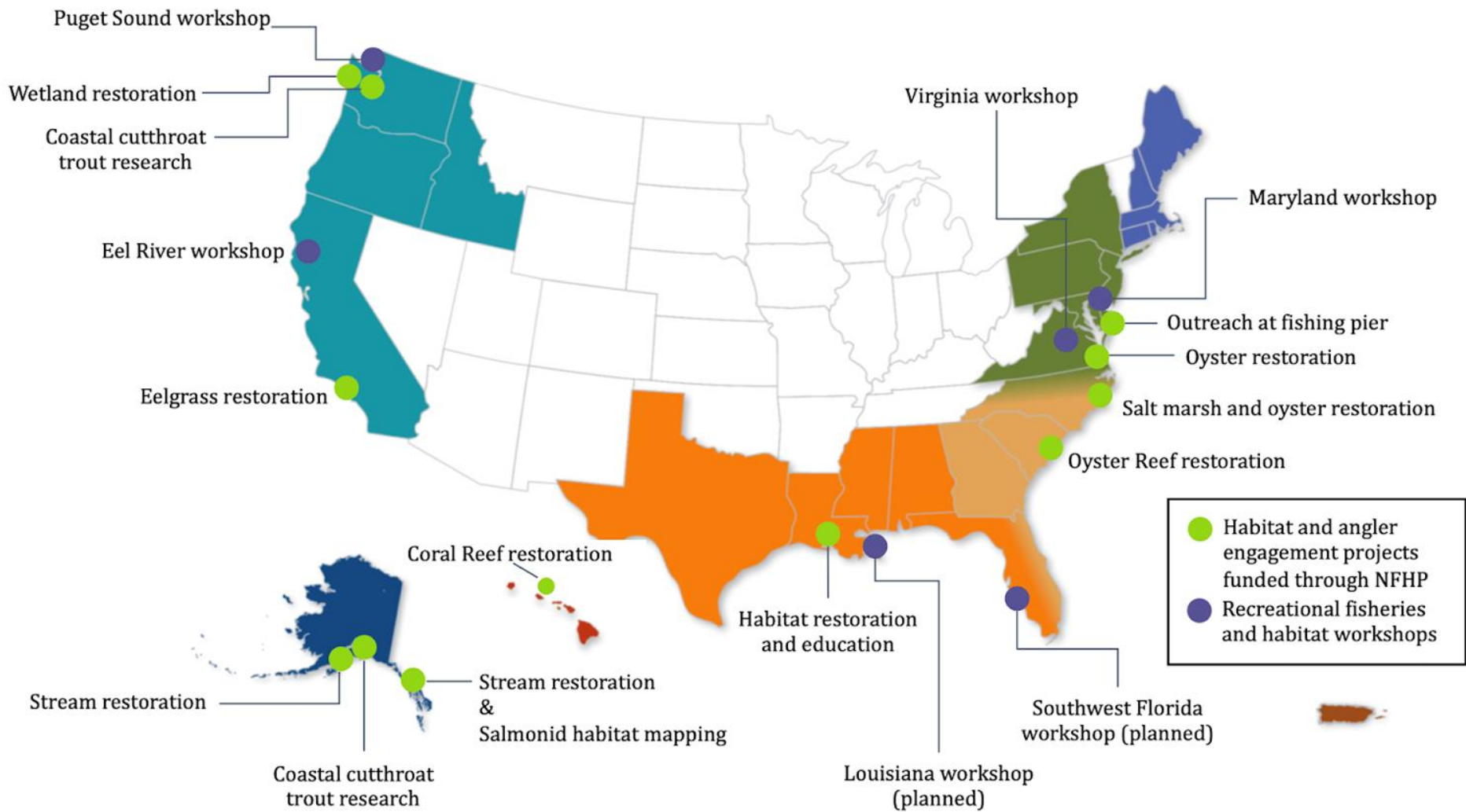
Recently Funded Projects

2021

- **Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership:**
Recreational engagement and ecological series in Louisiana
- **Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership:**
Outreach and education at Bill Burton Fishing Pier in Cambridge, MD
- **Pacific Marine Estuarine Partnership:**
Estuary restoration at Point No Point Estuary in Puget Sound, Washington
- **Western Native Trout Initiative:**
Documenting coastal cutthroat trout distribution in Prince William Sound, AK



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COMMENTS and QUESTIONS

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Photo Contest

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- Bracket Style Contest
- Over 1,200 photo entries
- 12,382 votes cast
- 2,445,000 impressions



Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

TITLE VIII—SPORT FISH RESTORATION AND RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY

Section 28001

(d) SPORT FISHING AND BOATING PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL.—

IN GENERAL.—The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council established by the Secretary of the Interior shall be an advisory committee of the Department of the Interior and **the Department of Commerce** subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

(2) FACA.— The Secretary of the Interior and **the Secretary of Commerce** shall jointly carry out the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) with respect to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council described in paragraph (1).

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall take effect on **January 1, 2023**.



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