



National Fish Habitat Partnerships

Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office



Overview

Nearly 40% of North American fishes, 700 species in total, are imperiled. More than two-thirds of these are listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Habitat alteration is the motivation for the development of the National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP).

Through the NFHP, federal, state, tribal, and privately-raised funds are leveraged through regional partnerships to address the nation's biggest fish habitat challenges. Twenty, unique Fish Habitat Partnerships have been established across the country that focus on protecting, restoring, and enhancing specific regions, native species, or ecosystems.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is a key partner and funding agency in NFHP, since habitat protection and restoration are central to the mission.

The Pacific Marine and Estuarine Partnership



PMEP is composed of a group of partner organizations focused on West Coast (California, Oregon, and Washington) fish habitat in the region's estuaries and nearshore marine waters.

With its partners, PMEPE synthesizes the best available information to help protect and restore West Coast fish habitat, including compiling datasets that enhance understanding of this habitat. PMEPE also provides, with partners, targeted restoration and conservation funding to support on-the-ground work.

The Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office participates on the Science and Data committee of PMEPE, and is the Service's Pacific Southwest regional representative to the partnership.

The California Fish Passage Forum



The mission of the CFPF is to protect and restore listed anadromous salmonid species, and other aquatic organisms, in California by promoting collaboration among public and private sectors for fish passage improvement projects and

programs. Species of concern include (but are not limited to): Coho and Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, and Pacific Lamprey.

The CFPF works to coordinate and streamline permits required for restoration, and assist private landowners, community groups, and public agencies in efforts to remove migration barriers and restore currently inaccessible habitat. The Forum also seeks long-term funding for fish passage projects, and conducts workshops that provide design, a prioritization framework, and project implementation assistance to landowners and local agencies.

The Arcata FWO is the Service's Pacific Southwest regional representative to the partnership, and overall forum vice chairman.

The Pacific Lamprey Fish Habitat Partnership



The Pacific Lamprey FHP is a collaboration of Native American tribes, federal, state, municipal and local agencies working to conserve Pacific Lamprey throughout its range in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska. The goal of the partnership is to achieve long-term persistence of

The Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Southwest Region lead for three nationally recognized fish habitat partnerships on the West Coast.



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Pacific Lamprey and their habitats, and support traditional tribal cultural use of Pacific Lamprey throughout their historic range in the United States.

The intent of the partnership is to, where ecologically and economically feasible, maintain viable populations and their habitats in areas where they exist currently, restore populations and their habitats where they are extirpated or at risk of extirpation, and do so in a manner that addresses the importance of

lamprey to tribal peoples.

The partnership envisions a future where threats to Pacific Lamprey and their habitats are reduced, and the historic geographic range and ecological role of Pacific Lamprey are restored to the greatest extent possible.

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For More Information

Pacific Marine and Estuarine Partnership:

<http://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/>

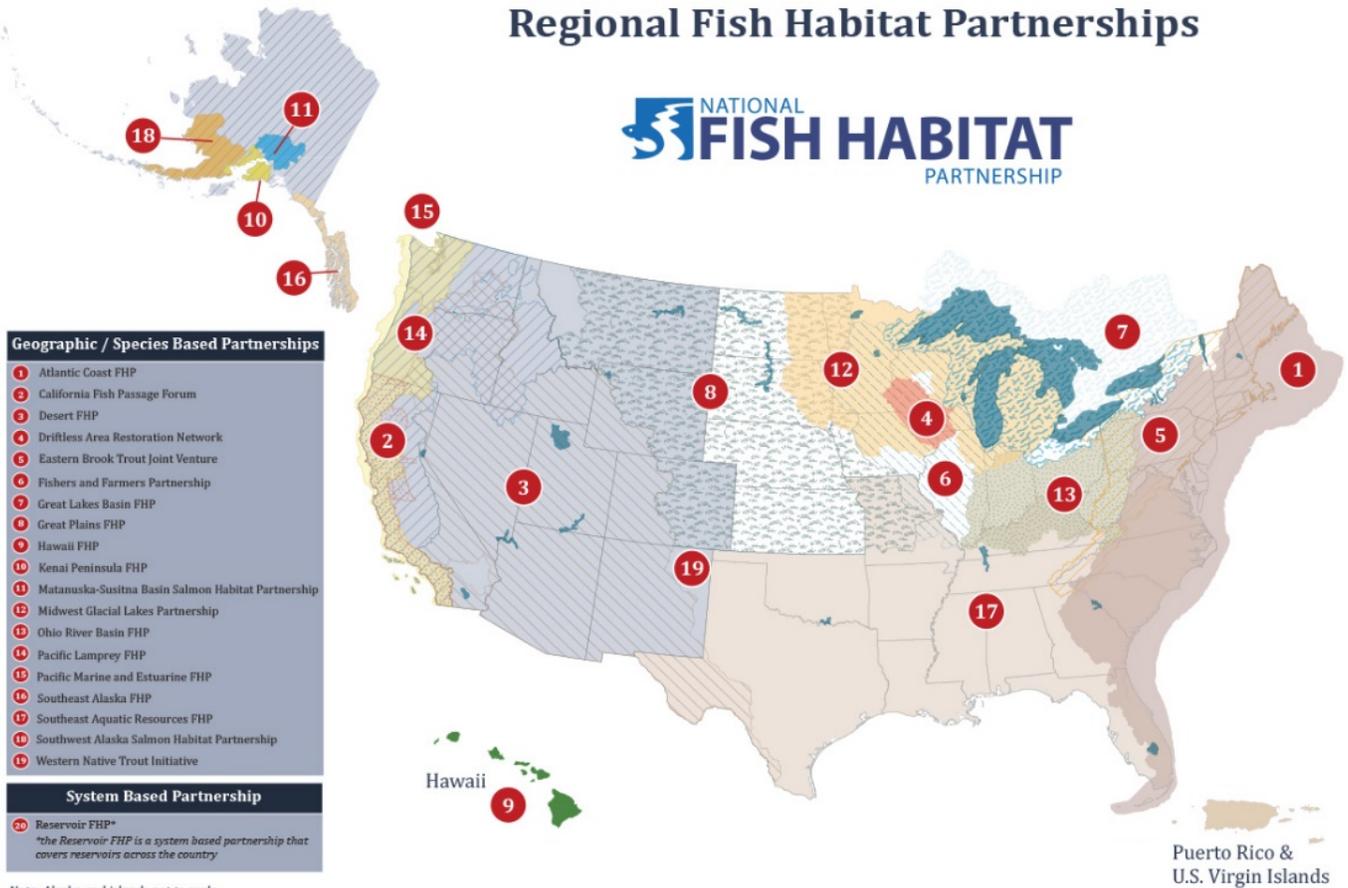
California Fish Passage Forum:

<https://www.cafishpassageforum.org>

Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative:

<https://www.fws.gov/pacificlamprey/mainpage.cfm>

Regional Fish Habitat Partnerships



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



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